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BACKSTAGE (Stahly '03) SIB, M, 30-33". Wide light violet standards (RHS 93B) are held at about 60 degrees above horizontal. Styles slightly lighter (92B) with deeper blue midrib; falls light violet (94B) with a distinct 1/8" rim of deeper violet (95A) all around; signal area freckled pale blue with green-brown throat. One or two side branches, usually five buds. Moderately ruffled. Sdlg. 95-14 (Four Winds X unknown). The definite band on the falls is distinctive. \$40.00

CARINA (Stahly '03) SIB, M, 28-30". Blossoms open a very pale green (RHS 145D) and lighten to 149D; signal area deep green. Standards are short, wide and very ruffled; falls are wide, flared and waved; feathered styles; a captivating 4" flower on a vigorous plant. One side branch, four or five buds. Sdlg. 95-12 (Isabelle X Moon Silk). This is about the same shade of green as Frosted Emerald but comes from different breeding and is more ruffled and appears to be more vigorous. \$40.00. All prices postpaid. Please see ad on page 38.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy Spring to all of you! We finally have winter's worst behind us. In some areas it has been the coldest and snowiest on record. Others have experienced continued drought and unseasonable warmth. Each time I talked to my sons in Anchorage, Alaska and Kalispell, Montana it was warmer there than it was in Maryland. They have also had a lot less snow.

Spring is on the doorstep. It's the season to garden from dawn to dusk, experience elevated heart rates in the nurseries and work on our HTH (Have to Have) list. The 2003 catalogs are arriving with lots of new and interesting introductions- decisions, decisions... We venture out Saturday morning to get the newspaper off the driveway and re-emerge after lunch, covered with dirt and in search of another hose extension to water the transplants. Gardening for me and for many of you may be an addiction but it certainly is one of the nicest ones to have.

We are all looking forward to the 2003 Siberian-Species Convention in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The plans sound wonderful and I have heard reports that the guest plants have done well and should put on quite a show for us. The AIS National Convention in Virginia also holds the promise of seeing some good Siberian bloom. Even if you are not able to attend these meetings, try to visit some local gardens. I am always amazed to see the difference in performance of Siberian varieties under the varying conditions across the country.

Congratulations to Dana Borglum whose **Lake Keuka** won the 2002 Morgan-Wood Medal. This beautiful iris was first discovered at the Portland, Oregon convention in 1994. I have written in my convention booklet, "Write to Mr. Borglum" and "Nice clean blue". Congratulations also to the Award of Merit winners: Bob Hollingworth for **Blueberry Fair** and Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks for **Riverdance**, and to the Honorable Mention

winners **Fond Kiss** and **Salamander Crossing** by Marty and Jan, **Butter and Cream** by Currier McEwen, **Dirigo Black Velvet** by John White, and **Louison** by Calvin Helsley. I am fortunate to have all of these growing in my garden and look forward to evaluating them further this season. Please stop by and see them if you are in the neighborhood.

Carol Warner

ABOUT THE SOCIETY FOR SIBERIAN IRISES:

Membership is open to all AIS members in the United States and Canada and to all iris fanciers elsewhere. Send your dues to the Membership Secretary, Linda Doffek at: 5547 Jacqueline Dr., West Bend, WI 53095-9725 .(262)334-1128 or LDoffekSSI@aol.com

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SIBERIANS REGISTRATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

From the 2002 Registrations and Introductions published by The American Iris Society as compiled by Keith Keppel, Registrar-Recorder, and catalogued by E. Roy Epperson of SSI.

AHRTALWEIN (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT509. SIB, 35" (90 cm), M. S. light wine-red, upright; F, light wine-red, white signal, semi-flaring. SSTT266: (McEwen wine red sdlg x 8253c (conversion): ("Apfelbluete", Steiger wine-red sdlg. x Wine Wings)) X wine-red sdlg. Tamberg 2002.

ALLEY OOPS (Dana Borglum, SPEC-X, R. 2000). Borglum 2002.

AMA-NO-HANE (Hiroshi Shimizu, R. 2002). SIB, 29" (74 cm), M. S. absent; F. (6) light lavender, inconspicuous white signal. Parentage unknown. Windwood 2000.

ANGENEHME SEEREISE (Artur Winklelmann, R. 2002). Sdlg. 2/94. SPEC-X (sibtosa, tet.), 34" (110 cm). L. S. and style arms light violet-blue; F. medium violet-blue; lightly ruffled. Parentage unknown; seed from T. Tamberg.

BABY AVERY (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2002). Sdlg. A4-11. SIB, 28" (71 cm). M. Pearl white self tinted lavender-pink, F. with slight olive signal. Parentage unknown.

BERLINER OUVERTUERE (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT459. SIB, 43" (110 cm), E. Large pale lavender, S. upright. 87101C (conversion): (Wide White x Lavender Bounty) X Fourfold Lavender. Tamberg 2001.

BLUE-EYED PRINCESS (Lorena Reid, R. 2001). Sdlg. 95S114EG. SIB (sino-sib), 30-36" (76-91 cm), EM. S. blue-lavender, center lighter; style arms light blue-lavender, very pale yellow midrib; F. very pale lavender with white distal area, signal large and bi-lobed, blue-lavender, with light yellow lines, white center-line; flared. Pale yellow albino: ((*I. chrysographes* bee signal x unknown) X 92S98/109-27: (Lightly Touched x 8S101-1J: (Blue Forty x Mauve Mood)). Wildwood Gardens 2002.

BOURNEMOUTH BEAUTY (Ian Smith, R. 2002). Sdlg. S/FWxl/5. SIB (tet.), 36-40" (91-102 cm). M. S. light blue-violet; style arms blue-violet; F. light and very pale blue-violet giving slightly marbled effect, white signal yellow in throat. Fourfold White X Ian.

CHINA BITONE (O. D. Niswonger, R. 2001). Sdlg. Sib.2-01. SPEC-X, 32" (81 cm), E. S. and style arms blue; F. violet. Sib.4-96: (Four Winds x *I. typhifolia*) X Sib.3-96: (Snowy Mountain x *I. typhifolia*). Cape Iris 2002.

CHINA LAVENDER (O. D. Niswonger, R. 2001). Sdlg. Sib.7-99. SPEC-X, 30" (76 cm), E. Light lavender, F. with slightly deeper center, small mustard haft area. Sib.3-96 sib X Sib.3-96: (Snowy Mountain x *I. typhifolia*). Cape Iris 2002.

CHINA WHITE (O. D. Niswonger, R. 2001). Sdlg. Sib.4-01. Spec-X, 30" (76 cm), E. White self. Sib.3-96 sib X Sib.3-96: (Snowy Mountain x *I. typhifolia*). Cape Iris 2002.

CHINESE BLUE (O. D. Niswonger, R. 2001). Sdlg. Sib.5-01. SPEC-X, 32" (81 cm), E. Light blue, F. slightly darker and with small white signal. (Esther C.D.M. x *I. typhifolia*) X *I. typhifolia* sdlg. Cape Iris 2002

CHRYSATA CHARME (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT466. SPEC-X, 16" (40 cm), EM. S. white; F. white, delicate blue line pattern; slight fragrance. Sino-sib sdlg. X *I. lactea*, light fall type. Tamberg 2001.

CLARICE ANNIE (Clarice Pye, SIB, R. 1994). Otepopo 1997/98.

CREME CARAMEL (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2002). Sdlg. S96-40-5. SIB, 29" (74 cm). M. S. cream to pale yellow; style arms white to cream, tips and midrib yellow; F. smooth pink over yellow to give caramel effect, signal yellow to deep yellow with caramel veining. Book of Secrets X Sarah Tiffney.

DIRIGO TIFFNEY PINK (John White, R. 2002). Sdlg. 97S-D3-1. SIB, 36" (91 cm). M. Rhodamine pink (RHS 62A) to phlox pink (62B), F. with off-white signal; style arms white. 94-R2-1: (Tiffney #2, Pink Haze sdlg., x unknown) X 94C-R2-2: (Tiffney #2 x unknown). Treated with colchicine.

DIRIGO VALIANT (John White, R. 2002). Sdlg. 92S-B3-1. SIB (tet.), 32" (81 cm). EML. S. and style arms blue (RHS 90C); F. dark blue (90A) with inconspicuous pale yellow signal. Harpswell Hallelujah X Harpswell Valor.

DROWSY MAGGIE (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2002). Sdlg. S95-89-5. SIB, 26" (66 cm). M. S. medium purple, slight yellow undertoning; style arms same, sides bluer; F. purple over yellow giving smoky effect, creamy yellow signal with purple veining and speckles; slight fragrance. S93-76-1, Tom Schaefer sib. X Dandy's Hornpipe. Joe Pye Weed 2002.

EMILY ANNE Robert Hollingworth, SIB, R. 1999). Windwood 2002.

FEEL THE JOY (Calvin Helsley, R. 2002). Sdlg. 02-01. SIB, 34" (86 cm), M. Light blue-violet, style arms with red-violet blush; F. with hafts brushed red-violet, slight white signal; heavily ruffled, F. horizontal. Esther C.D.M. X Just Because.

FEEL THE LOVE (Calvin Helsley, R. 2002). Sdlg. 02-02. SIB, 34" (86 cm), M. Ruffled white, F. with slight yellow signal; flat form. Esther C.D.M. X Just Because.

FEEL THE PASSION (Calvin Helsley, R. 2002). Sdlg. 02-03. SIB, 36" (91 cm), M. S. vibrant imperial purple (RHS 78B); style arms slightly lighter; F. vibrant magenta rose (80A), slight gold signal surrounded by small violet area; broad, pendant form. Jatinwane X 96-3, unknown.

FLUORESCENCE (Lorena Reid, R. 2001). Sdlg. 96S44-1D. SIB (sino-sib), 36-42" (91-107 cm), EM. S. magenta maroon; style arms maroon, magenta accents; F. bright magenta maroon, dark signal lines extending 1/3 length of F.; broad form. 92S107-2G: (Mauve Mood x Blue Forty) X Btfl40opG88-3B9: (Beautiful Forty x unknown). Wildwood Gardens 2002.

FORWARD AND BACK (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2002). Sdlg. SP94-27. SPEC (*sibirica*), 34" (86 cm), M. S. and style arms wistaria blue (RHS 92A-D); F. cornflower to bluebird blue (95A/B to 94A/B), prominent gold hafts, large white signal veined dark blue. Parentage unknown; seed from SIGNA. Joe Pye Weed 2002.

GALADRIEL (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2002). Sdlg. 97C1085. SIB, 31" (79 cm), L. Heavily ruffled white, F. with small gold signal. Just Because X Flutter By Butterfly. Windwood 2002.

GIFT OF SILENCE (James Loveland, deceased, by Nancy Price, R. 2002). Sdlg. 98-6. SIB, 36" (91 cm), M. Light pink blushed lavender, F. with short pink haft blaze. Aqua Whispers X unknown. Iris Madness 2002.

GRANNY JEAN (Cy Bartlett, R. 2002). Sdlg. C98-31. SIB, 25" (64 cm), E. S. mauve pink; F. slightly deeper mauve pink; flowers small, waved. Percheron X unknown.

HANDSOME HARRY (Louise Bellagamba, R. 2002). SIB, 36" (91 cm). ML. S. red-purple; style arms lavender; F. dark red-purple, brown signal fading tan; bloom sometimes with four petals. Parentage unknown --- possibly Jewelled Crown X President Truman.

HEATHER'S GEM (Elsie Lucas, SIB, R. 1994). Otepopo 1997/98.

HERE BE DRAGONS (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2002). Sdlg. S96-26-4. SIB, 28" (71 cm), EM. S. pale yellow highlighted darker (RHS 12B/C), warm yellow (14C/D) rim; style arms cream to yellow, deeper tips, prominent blue-violet heart; F. dark yellow overlaid blue-violet, yellow rim, warm yellow (13A-C) signal with few blue veins; slight fragrance. Sarah Tiffney X Tom Schaefer.

HOEHENFLUG (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT611. SIB (tet.), 59" (150 cm), M. S. light medium blue; F. medium blue, small white signal. Germantet One X Harpswell Velvet. Tamberg 2001.

HOHE WARTE (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT702. SIB, 59" (150 cm), M. Small-flowered near-white, tinted lavender, F. with small brownish signal. Hollingworth sdlg., tall white, X Snow Prince. Tamberg 2002.

JUGENDTRAUM (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT490. SIB, 28" (70 cm), M. Wide pinkish lavender. Mad Magenta X Silver Illusion. Tamberg 2001.

LAVENDELWEIN (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT418. SIB (tet.), 32" (80 cm), M. S. lavender; F. light wine red, brown-

ish haft. SSTT280: (Fourfold Lavender x Hollingworth D2C26) X Fourfold Lavender. Tamberg 2001.

LAVENDER FAIR (Robert Hollingworth, SIB, R. 1999). Windwood 2000.

LITTLE CENTENNIAL (Currier McEwen, R. 2001). Sdlg. S89/108G. SIB, 30" (76 cm), EML. White, F. with medium yellow (RHS 7A) signal with pale sap green (150D) veins; F. form arched downward, recurved on lower 1/3. Silver Illusion X S82/125Y: (McGarvey 74-71-21-W1 x Lavender Bounty). Earheart 2002.

LUFTSCHLOSS (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT483. SIB (tet.), 30" (75 cm), M. Large light blue, F., with white throat and small white signal. From tet. sdlgs., parentages unknown. Tamberg 2001.

#MADELEINE HAMILTON (Jennifer Hewitt, SIB, R. 2001). Registered in error; registration rescinded and name transferred.

MADELEINE HAMILTON (Jennifer Hewitt, R. 2002). Sdlg. 872/X. SIB (tet.), 34" (86 cm) M. S. violet-blue (RHS 88B) veined slightly darker, midrib white at base; style arms pale violet-blue (88C), edge and midrib deeper; F. deeper violet-blue (88A/89A), prominent white signal veined violet; S. upright, F. semi-flaring. Possibly -- Hoar Edge X Reddy Maid.

MONDSCHINSONATE (Anne-Ruth Brehm, R. 2002). SIB (sino-sib), 28" (70 cm), M. S. and style arms light yellow; F. dark yellow center, edge light yellow. Inv. Anticipation Orange; seed from Lorena Reid.

NACHTGESANG (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT481. SIB (tet.), 33" (85 cm), M. Large deep violet-blue, F. with velvet texture, small white signal. Prussian Blue X Regency Buck. Tamberg 2001.

NANCY MAY (Evelyn Beersman, R. 2002). Sdlg. E-97-7. SIB, 30" (76 cm), M. S. light red-violet, blue-violet veining and edging; style arms light blue, midrib turquoise; F. light blue-violet, edge red-violet, large white signal with violet dotting. (Mabel Coday x S. Varner S060): (Marlya x Steve) X unknown.

NAVY TRIM (Calvin Helsley, SIB, R. 1993). Helsley 2002.

NIGHT KNIGHT (Calvin Helsley, SIB, R. 2000). Helsley 2002.

NOAH PATRICK (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2002). Sdlg. S-NO3GS. SIB, 30" (76 cm), L. Blended plum, burgundy, and magenta, F. with gold and ivory signal. Parentage unknown.

NOBODY'S PERFECT (Libby Cross, R. 2002). Sdlg. 93-M-26. SIB, 32" (81 cm), ML. S. light red-violet; style arms white with blue midrib, edges flushed pale violet; F. dark red-violet, throat green; F. wide, fluted. Aqua Whispers X Lady Vanessa.

ON BROADWAY (Calvin Helsley, SIB, R. 1999). Helsley 2002.

OTEPOPO NIGHT (Gwenda Harris, R. 2001). SIB (sino-sib), 39" (99 cm), M. S. pansy (RHS 83A); style arms pansy lightening to violet purple (77A) in center; F. pansy flushed violet-black, gold haft striping deep in throat, feathered at edge. Black Garnet X unknown. Otepopo 2001/02.

OTEPOPO POPPY (Gwenda Harris, R. 2001). SIB, 30" (76 cm), L. S. violet-blue (RHS 96A) blending to orchid (77C); style arms orchid to violet, midrib violet-blue; F. violet-blue, fine greenish brown haft marking, faint white centerline; flat form. Parentage unknown. Otepopo 2001/02.

OTEPOPO SERENE (Gwenda Harris, R. 2001). SIB (sino-sib), 50" (127 cm), M. S. white; style arms light dresden yellow (RHS 5D); F. paler chartreuse yellow (1D). Anticipation Orange X unknown. Otepopo 2001/02.

PASTEL DANCER (Lorena Reid, R. 2001). Sdlg. 95S87-3G. SIB (sino-sib), 36" (91 cm), ML. S. near-white, few light lavender stitches on side edges; style arms white, slight pale lavender on sides; F. near-white, large pale yellow signal lined lavender in throat and lower edge, center clear, lavender center streak below signal; broad pendant F. 92S34-2F: (Black Garnet x 8835-90S2 mottled: (Enbee Deeaych x Cascade Creme)) X 8846-811-1opG92-3J12: (Beautiful Forty x clear yellow albino). Wildwood Gardens 2002.

PRITIAZHENIYE (Sergey Loktev, R. 2001). SPEC (sibirica),

39" (98 cm), E. S. medium blue; style arms light blue; F. medium blue, violet haft, dark venation, signal yellow subtended white. *I. siberica* X unknown. Loktev 2002.

QUIDAM (Calvin Helsley, R. 2002). Sdlg. 97-2. SIB, 28" (71 cm), M. Amethyst-violet, F. with white blaze heavily veined blue-violet; ruffled, flared. Mabel Coday X At The Ballet.

ROKU OJI (Hiroshi Shimizu, R. 2002). SIB, 28" (72 cm), M. S. absent; F. (6) medium deep blue, clear white signal area netted blue. Parentage unknown. Windwood 2000.

RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2002). Sdlg. 97B6B18. SIB (tet.), 33" (84 cm), ML. Ruffled red-violet, F. with white wire rim, gold signal with blue halo. Band of Angels X Strawberry Fair. Windwood 2002.

SENECA BUTTERFLY (Dana Borglum, R. 2002). SIB, 18" (46 cm), M. S. and style arms blue-purple; F. white, blue-purple veining and distal end, hafts old gold. Shaker's Prayer X self.

SENECA COLORPLAY (Dana Borglum, SIB, R. 2002). SIB, 20" (51 cm), M. S. red-purple, red toning; style arms pearl, red-purple edges, purple midrib; F. red-purple redder toward edge, white spray signal with old gold line; ruffled. Parentage unknown.

SENECA KALEIDOSCOPE (Dana Borglum, R. 2002). SIB, 33" (84 cm), EM. S. red-purple; style arms light red-purple, midrib darker purple; F. red-purple with extensive much lighter veining, few darker veins in center and at haft. Parentage unknown.

SHAPE SHIFTER (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2002). SPEC-X, 36" (91 cm), M. S. white; style arms white with yellow midrib, long feathered white crests; F. pale primrose yellow, pseudacorus-type dark maroon signal, lime green centerline; foliage dark blue-green. Adrenaline Rush X *I. pseudacorus*.

SIBIRISCHE NACHT (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT417. SIB (tet.), 30" (75 cm), M. S. dark wine red; F. dark wine red to blackish purple, small white signal. Wine purple sdlg. X SSTT315 (sectorial chimera): (Jamaican Velvet x

("Apfelbluete", Steiger wine red sdlg. x Butter and Sugar)). Tamberg 2001.

SIBTOSA DUCHESS (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2002). Sdlg. SSTT476. SPEC-X (tet.), 36" (90 cm), EM. S. and style arms white; F. light lavender-pink, small brownish signal. Converted lavender sibtosa sdlg. X Lucky Lilac. Joe Pye Weed 2002.

SIBTOSA KING (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT554. SPEC-X (tet.), 32" (80 cm), M. Large deep violet-blue, F. with small white signal. SSTT262, deep blue converted tet. sibtosa, X Regency Buck. Tamberg 2001.

SIBTOSA QUEEN (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT523. SPEC-X (tet.), 41" (105 cm), EM. S. and style arms white; F. lavender-pink, small brownish white signal. Converted lavender sibtosa sdlg. X Lucky Lilac. Tamberg 2001.

SPORTING CHANCE (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2002). Sdlg. SP94-58-1. SIB, 26" (66 cm), EM. S. blue-violet; style arms pale blue-violet; F. deeper blue-violet (RHS 93B) veined darker (93A), white signal with dark blue veining; foliage variegated. *I. sanguinea nana alba* X Snow Prince. Joe Pye Weed 2002.

TANZ NOCHMAL (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg. SSTT307. SIB, 18-31" (45-80 cm), M & RE. Ruffled medium blue, F. slightly mottled, small white signal. Blue Reverie X SSTT199: (SSTT164: (Ewen x white sdlg.) x SSTT179 conversion: ("Milky Way" x Cambridge)). Tamberg 2001.

TEMPLE DIGNITY (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2002). Sdlg. SB-2000. SIB, 36" (91 cm), M. Deep violet-lavender self, F. with slight creamy tan signal. Parentage unknown.

TWELFTH KNIGHT (Carol Warner, R. 2002). Sdlg. 12. SIB (tet.), 32" (81 cm), EM. S. deep purple; style arms reddish purple. midrib blue, wide, serrate; F. deep purple, with blue wash, bright white rim, green throat, large white sunburst signal. Parentage unknown. Draycott 2002.

UNCORKED (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2002). Sdlg. S96-73-

1. **SIB**, 25" (64 cm), E. S. pale blue over pale yellow, yellow central vein; style arms pearly lavender with blue midrib, heart and tips yellow; F. yellow overlaid blue, shoulders darker, rim yellower, blue lightening with age, large yellow (RHS 11A to 12A) signal with slight blue dotting. S94-57-1:(S92-65-1, Sarah Tiffney sib. x S86-2-1:(Creme Chantilly x Warburton sdlg. inv. Atoll, Ruffled Velvet, Butter and Sugar) X Tom Schaefer. Joe Pye Weed 2002.

VELVET PRISM (Carol Warner, R. 2002). Sdlg. 10. **SIB** (tet.), 29" (74 cm), M. S. blue-violet; style arms purple, midrib blue; F. deep blue-violet with thin white edge, bright light blue halo wash, signal white dotted blue. Parentage unknown. Draycott 2002.

VIEL CREME (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2001). Sdlg, SSTT503. **SIB** (tet.), 39" (100 cm), M. S. white; F. cream white, throat light yellow. SSTT278: (8378: (white sdlg. x (Dreaming yellow x self)) x Dreaming Orange) X "White Ruffles", sib to Tanz Nochmal. Tamberg 2001.

WINCHESTER BLUE (Heather Collins by Gwenda Harris, R. 2001). **SIB**, 22" (56 cm), M. S. violet-blue (RHS 96C), deeper veining; style arms pale violet-blue, midrib turquoise; F. violet-blue, hafts marked brown, rounded white ray pattern in center. Parentage unknown. Otepopo 2001/02.

WORTH THE WAIT (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2002). Sdlg. S90-11-2. **SIB**, 34" (86 cm), L & RE. Dark blue-violet (RHS 89A) self, F. blaze hidden except for deep blue flash. Devil's Dream X Sailor's Fancy. Joe Pye Weed 2002.



<u>SIBERIAN POPULARITY POLL</u>	<u>2002 VOTES</u>	<u>'01 RANK</u>
1. FOND KISS (Schafer/Sacks '99)	14	14
ROARING JELLY (S/S '92)	14	1
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SHIRLEY POPE (McEwen '79)	5	11
SNOW PRINCE (Tiffney '90)	5	...
TIFFANY LASS (McEwen '90)	5	...

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10. BLACKBERRY JUBILEE (S/S '97)	4	...
CARELESS SALLY ((Schafer/Sacks '96)	4	11
CARMEN JEANNE (Helsley '96)	4	...
CHILLED WINE (Hager '81)	4	...
DAWN WALTZ ((Schafer/Sacks '98)	4	...
GOLDEN EDGE (McEwen '92)	4	...
HARPSWELL SNOWBURST (McE.'91)	4	...
LADY VANESSA (Hollingworth '86)	4	6
LAUGHING BROOK (Waite '84)	4	...
LAVENDER FAIR (Hollingworth '00)	4	...
LEE'S BLUE (Bauer/Coble '94)	4	...
LORENA CRONIN (Cronin '96)	4	...
MAGNUM BORDEAUX (Bauer/Coble'00)	4	...
MAIRI'S WEDDING ((Schafer/Sacks '99)	4	...
MYSTIC LAGOON (Willott, A. & D .'91)	4	...
REPRISE (Warburton '87)	4	12
TURN A PHRASE ((Schafer/Sacks '00)	4	...

- *B/C = Bauer/Coble*
- *Holling. = Hollingworth*
- *McE. = McEwen*
- *S/S = Schafer /Sacks*



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2003 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 2003)
- * 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
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(207)892-4057
Bloom: 5 – 20 June
Afternoons by Appointment!

Earthart Gardens
Sharon Whitney
1709 Harpswell Neck Rd.
Harpswell, ME 04079-3303
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for an appointment
ertheart@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
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(207)345-9532
Tedwhite1@aol.com
Bloom: Mid-June/Mid-July

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Bloom: Mid-June – Mid-July

Andrew and Ellen Gallagher
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(603)752-5731
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Bloom: Late June/early July

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

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Dana and Sylvia Borglum
Borglum's Iris Gardens
2202 Austin Rd.
Geneva, NY 14456-9118
(716)526-6729
Syllborg@aol.com
Bloom: June

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

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Bloom: June

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

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Bloom: Early May to Early June

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Bloom: Early May – Early June

Nicholls Gardens
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(703)754-9623
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Bloom: May

Region 5 (SC,GA,FL,PR)

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Bloom: Late April thru May

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Bloom: Early June

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Bloom: June

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Bloom: Late May – Mid-June

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Bloom: Mid-May – Mid-June

Ensata Gardens
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Ensata@aol.com
Bloom: Mid-May – Mid-June

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East Williamston, MI 48895
(517)349-8121
cyberiris@netscape.net
Bloom: Early to Mid-June

Region 7 (TN,KY)

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

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2303 Stoneybrook Court
LaGrange, KY 40031
(502)222-2210
Bloom: May

Region 8 (MN,WI)

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15980 Canby Avenue
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(507)334-2807
Bloom: Mid-May – Late June

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Bloom: June

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(763)420-4876
jworel@aol.com

Region 9 (IL)

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Bloom: Mid - Late June

Region 11 (ID,MT,WY)

Ken & Carol Coleman
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Boise, Idaho 83705
(208)336-3052
ciris@qwest.net
Bloom: June

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

Region 13 (AK,OR,WA)

Fran Hawk
518 NE 88th Street
Seattle, WA 98103
(206)633-4240
Bloom: Mid-May – Mid-June

Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden
(Terry & Barbara)

608 NW 119 St.,
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(360)573 4472
Aitken@flowerfantasy.net
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Bloom: mid to late May with
rebloom in June and July. We have a
new Siberian planting with a north
exposure which may extend our
bloom well into June.

Tom and Ellen Abrego
Chehalem Gardens
19105 NE Trunk Rd.
Dundee, OR 97115
(503)538-8920
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Bloom: May

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irishud@mail.earthlink.net

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harold@directcon.net
Bloom: first two weeks of May

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Bloom: usually June (some
times late May)

Region 16 (CANADA)

Leroy Kriese
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(250)766-1394
ambrosia@silk.net
Bloom: May & June -
Peak early June

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Bloom: Early to Mid-June

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Bloom: Early to Mid-June

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(905)853-5209
dlouis@dynamicmicro.on.ca
Bloom: Mid-June

Henry Pauls
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Chilliwack, BC
Canada V4Z 1E8
(604)858-9549
Bloom: May 15 – July 1

Region 17 (TX)

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mikesmom@ix.netcdom.com
Bloom: Late May thru June

Region 18 (KS,MO)

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ThomasPGormley@aol.com
Bloom: May

Jim & Doris Loveland
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Fenton, MO 63026
(314)349-4977
IRISROT@aol.com
Bloom: early to late May

Richard & Barbara Nicodemus
Nicodemus Iris Garden
Rt. 1, Box 297
Buffalo, MO 65622
(417)345-8697
Bloom: Mid-May thru June

Region 20 (CO)

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Bloom: First two weeks of
June

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koekkoek@mtcnet.net
Bloom: Last week of May –
Mid June

Duretta Niemeyer
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Ankeny, IA 50021
(515)964-7830
Bloom: Last week of May –
Mid-June

Barrett & Lynn Stoll
Walnut Hill Gardens
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Atalissa, IA 52720
(319)946-3471
walnutl@netins.net
Bloom: 20 May – 10 June



BEARDLESS AND BORDERLESS
SIBERIAN & SPECIES IRIS CONVENTION

We are into the big countdown to this summer's siberian and species iris convention in Hamilton, Ontario. The Steering Committee is on task and each person is working hard to make sure that this convention will be one for the record books.

History

Region 2 (New York State) is perched on the border of Canada, separated by the Niagara River – which, you may be aware, ultimately goes over a large cliff and entertains both countries mightily. Anyway, so there we are, a handshake away...with iris lovers on both sides. For us, the division between the two countries blurs and we share opportunities like special speakers, judges training and garden visits. So when the question of a siberian iris convention was pitched 5 years ago, it seemed a wonderful opportunity to work together. Region 2, one of the oldest AIS regions, has a good network of capable people and a healthy treasury, but we do lack the size of gardens conventioners are used to. Region 16 (Canada) has an abundance of large and lush gardens, but has fewer members and not as much experience organizing this type of event. **But** together we are unbeatable. A group of committed and enthused irisarians met to look at the possibility and the ultimate decision was that we are better together than either region alone and that we would give it all we had. The convention would actually take place in Hamilton, due to the world-class Royal Botanical Gardens, and the Steering Committee would be comprised of folks from both sides of the border. We each put funds in the kitty and agreed to a meeting schedule. We soon included species irises as well and Maureen Mark coined the slogan that we believe encapsulates the spirit of this enterprise, "Beardless and Borderless".

That Pesky Border

As you might imagine, our biggest challenge has been the fact that most members of SSI and AIS live in the United States and that there is a border to consider. An additional challenge is the fact that we use different currencies. But, we are resourceful and creative and we have managed to work out a plan so that travelers from the US will find the experience enlightening and seamless. We have had the good fortune to have David Schmidt from the RBG on our committee and he and Peter Weixlmann worked out a scheme for the transportation of US plants.... Peter would receive and care for them and when a significant number were collected, David would carry them across the border with the proper paperwork and take care of them from that moment. It was a horticultural ballet that worked beautifully, and will work in reverse when the plants need to go home.

As for the currency, we decided early on that since the convention IS in Canada, the currency used would be Canadian. Region 2 set up a US account with seed money so that we can draw expenses when needed, but otherwise, the treasury is managed by Sandy Ives in Canada... keeping careful track of fluctuations in value and our budget – no easy task in itself. Furthermore, we have decided that we can support and educate any US attendees on conversion factors so that they can assess value for bidding in the auctions or even buying one of our fabulous "wearables".

The Plot Thickens

So that was all five years ago... and now we are three months away! The plants are growing happily in our convention gardens; the RBG, Chapman's Iris Garden, McMillan's Garden and the University of Guelph Arboretum. The gardeners are working hard after a brutal winter to get their gardens in top form and the rest of us are dotting "i's" and crossing "t's" and trying to anticipate every eventuality. Many reservations are in, and we are thrilled to have conventioners coming from as far away as Germany and the United Kingdom. We have even released "official" clothing, the Iris Wearables ranging from golf shirts to denim shirts, windbreak-

ers to sweats. Every conventioneer is sent ordering information directly, but – as with everything else – Chris Hollinshead has put together a wonderful display on the website with a printable order sheet, too.

The Website

The Beardless and Borderless website should be considered the "meeting place" for all things to do with the convention. Chris has considered everything from nearby places to see (do you know that Hamilton is only an hour from the exciting city of Toronto? And in the other direction, Niagara Falls?), weather and brief garden descriptions, but also has posted many pictures of the guest irises to whet your appetite. You owe it to yourself to take a look at <http://members.rogers.com/iris2003/>

So Now What?

Join us! We have worked hard and we are anxious to show off. As of this writing, there is still room for more and we encourage you to belly up and come to Canada. The convention itself is ambitious, although only a "mini". For the low price of \$200 Canadian, \$135 US, we are offering two banquets one with a program by Canadian hybridizer Monique Dumas-Quesnel of Quebec and the other with a twist to break the ice. We have two days of garden tours, a live and silent auction, classroom judges training by Carol Warner and garden judges training as well. There is an optional Niagara Falls trip on Thursday morning... and lots of local things to do and see if you have the notion to make this your vacation.

The Pitch

So, it seems to us that this is a wonderful opportunity – especially at a time when we need to transcend borders. We're braced and we're ready.... So don't hesitate for another minute....See you in Hamilton.

Kathy Guest / irisborer@aol.com

FAVORITE SIBERIANS FOR 2002

by *Barbara Schmieder, Massachusetts*

Only 37 people voted this year which was quite a decrease from last year's total of 131. Votes came from 17 states and Canada, Belgium, New Zealand and Russia. 190 varieties got at least one vote and wonderful comments were sent in by several. I would like to especially thank Andrey Trezhenkov from Moscow, Russia who grows many Siberians and sent in enough comments to have his own article in this issue.

This year I hope that many of you will take notes on your Siberians while they are blooming and vote your Popularity Poll and send lot of comments.

- **Brian Harris**, New Zealand: Siberians thrive in this part of New Zealand, midway down the South Island. **STRAWBERRY FAIR** (Hollingworth '94) gave a magnificent bloom display in 2001 (this report came in too late for including in the Spring 2002 bulletin) and deserved top spot. We have imported many recent new introductions in 2001 from the USA and they have settled in and are growing well.
- **Willy Hublau**, Wellen, Belgium: It is the first time that we send comments for the Popularity Poll. It has been a source of information for us since we became members of the Siberian Iris Society. For many years we were growing only a few older Sibs in the garden and thanks to the Siberian Iris Society we became more interested in this kind of iris. As real iris lovers we were busy to make an iris display garden some time ago and today we grow close to 200 Siberians irises Jeannine and I spend a lot of time with the Siberians. For us in Belgium, it is very easy to grow them, most of them grow without any problem as garden plants. Friends and visitors are overwhelmed by the beautiful flower mass and lush green leaves. It was hard to select only 15, believe me we had more than 15 valuable candidates to vote for. *The 2002 SUPERSIB was Bob and Judy Hollingworth's

CORONATION ANTHEM '90. This beauty had a splendid sprint-time bloom and at this moment (August 19), an overwhelming rebloom. Great! *Ed. note: photo by Willy of Coronation Anthem is in the inside back cover of this issue.*

- **Trevor Cole** (near Ottawa, Canada): This was not a good year for my Sibbs. The majority, all in the same bed, were moved in the fall of 2001 (and should have been done some years before) with the result that they were slow to grow this spring and none bloomed. So I would like to put in a vote for some of those that did flower in other places: **ILLINI FLIRT** (Varner '85), **LAVENDER BOUNTY** (McEwen '81), **MY LOVE** (Scheffy '48) and **ZERITA** (Scheffy '48). All older ones, I know, but I still enjoy them.
- **Ellen Gallagher**, Berlin, New Hampshire: 2002 was not a great Siberian bloom season up here in the northern White Mountains. However, the tet. **TIFFANY LASS** (McEwen '90) bloomed mightily for over 3 1/2 weeks and **ACTIVE DUTY** (Stahly '99) is a repeat bloomer here in Zone 3 and is still blooming as I write this on July 24th. But my favorite this year was **LEE'S BLUE** (Bauer/Coble '94). It is such an outstanding bloomer being so floriferous each year and the color is lovely.
- **Nyla Hughes**, St. Louis area, Missouri: We had a dry early spring and then LOTS of rain. Water-loving plants really flourished, including Siberians. (I've evidently not been watering enough in previous years.) **KING OF KINGS** (Varner '83) is vigorous, floriferous and distinguished. It clumps rapidly and is sturdy right through neglect. **PINK HAZE** (McGarvey '80) is always so pretty but doesn't always bloom well for me (mediocre care) but this year it looked good. **WHERE EAGLES DARE** (Helsley '95) has been outstandingly regal in navy blue in several gardens in the past few years in Missouri and Illinois. **ROARING JELLY** (Schafer/Sacks '92) love its form and color but it seems to take hot and dry less well than some. I like *I. typhifolia* because its bloom is so early and it's made a nice little blooming clump in high shade in a difficult spot. *Ed. note: I wish I could have made Nyla's comments into an article this time since there was so much more.*

- **Dorothy Willott**, northern Ohio (Zones 5/6): We were especially impressed with **RIVERDANCE** (Schafer/Sacks '97) and **SHIPS ARE SAILING** (Schafer/Sacks '98) which we got last year and this year had nice clumps with many bloomstalks. Others that one of us would have liked to vote for were **HIGH STANDARDS** (Hollingworth '87), **LILTING LAURA** (A.M. Miller '90), **ROANOKE'S CHOICE** (McGarvey '76) which is very late blooming, **SHAKER'S PRAYER** (Warner '90), **LINDA MARY** (Cooper '90), **TURN A PHRASE** (Schafer/Sacks '00), **MESA PEARL** (Bauer/Coble '94) and **FORREST MCCORD** (Hollingworth '83). **CORONATION ANTHEM** (Hollingworth '90) sent up one repeat bloomstalk this year.
- **Marshall Goforth**, South Carolina: I grow over 100 Siberians in my garden and we have had a drought over three years but the Siberians are doing fine! **EVER AGAIN** (McEwen '92) and **CORONATION ANTHEM** (Hollingworth '90) are the best in my garden.
- **Janis Holdrige**, Seymour, Wisconsin (Zone 4b): Since I didn't participate in last year's poll mainly because I didn't feel I had enough exposure to different varieties. This year I feel more confident in two varieties I picked are worthy of listing. The first one, **DEAR DELIGHT** (McEwen '75) is one of my all time favorites. The second one is **SHIRLEY POPE** (McEwen '79) - can't beat that navy color. Since all my clumps are rather young I am looking forward to next year for they will be old enough for me to make a good judgment. Anticipation!
- **Caroline Stalnaker**, Strasburg, Virginia: I'm still stuck on the old ones but Mesa Pearl (Bauer/Coble '94) was fabulous this year.
- **Jeff Dunlop**, Maine: Last season we actually saw some nice rebloom on 15-20 cultivars. This is unusual for our garden due to our relatively hot and dry conditions. Quite an enjoyable event.
- **Kathy Marble**, Harvard., Mass.: **PENNYWHISTLE** (Schafer/Sacks '00) is my favorite.

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE(LY) SIBERIANS

by Andrey Tzeschenkov, Moscow, Russia

1. **PERCHERON** (Warburton '82)
2. **SPRINGS BROOK** (Warburton '88)
3. **FOUR WINDS** (Stahly '91)
4. **LEE'S BLUE** (Bauer/Coble '94)
5. **MAD MAGENTA** (Warburton '87)
6. **SUPERACT** (Blyth '94)
7. **ROSY BOWS** (Bauer/Coble '00)
8. **HARPSWELL VELVET** (McEwen '91)
9. **LEMON VEIL** (Bauer/Coble '00)
10. **WALL STREET BLUES** (Aitken '95)
11. **TRIM THE VELVET** (Schafer/Sacks '95)
12. **ILLINI VALOR** (Varner '92)
13. **PLEASURES OF MAY** (Schafer/Sacks '95)
14. **WELFENSCHATZ** (Ahlburg '94)
15. **LAUGHING BROOK** (Waite '84)

This bloom season was very difficult because we only had, during April to the end of the first 10 days of July, three small rains. The weather was very dry and hot as in the 1972 season.

Bloom season was very long - more than one month - and began June 2 with flowers of **SHAKER'S PRAYER** (Warner '90). Then came: **CHINA SPRING** (Bauer/Coble '99), **LORENA CRONIN** (Cronin '96), **FLIGHT OF BUTTERFLIES** (Witt '75), **INDY** (Hollingworth '85) and **HELIOTROPE BOUQUET** (Hollingworth '86).

I vote in bulletin only those Siberians which bloomed a very long time and very abundantly and looked nice. But some of the very best were Schafer/Sacks. S/S have outstanding hybridizers' command working only with diploid Siberians. All their introductions are very nice irises but some of the best this year were: **BLACKBERRY JUBILEE** '97, **CARELESS SALLY** '96, **DEVILS' DREAM** '90, **OFF SHE GOES** '98, **RIVERDANCE** '97, **ROARING JELLY** '92 and **TRIM THE VELVET** '95.

Bee Warburton's Siberians are as good as they were many years ago. She was a very talented hybridizer, very nice were these Siberians of hers: **MAD MAGENTA** '86, **PERCHERON** '82 and **SPRINGS BROOK** '88. They bloomed a very long time and for the first time I saw **TWEED** '83 with flowers of very nice form.

A discovery for me was H. Shidara's Siberians with Japanese flower form: **RIGUKI SAKURA** '88 - very nice pink color - and **PARASOL** '97 with large and very flat flowers of good form.

I also saw for the first time (in my not very big field) many varieties with flowers of very nice colours or very interesting colour combinations: **CHEERY LYN** (A.M. Miller '91), **ILLINI VALOR** (Varner '92), **JAYBIRD** (Hager '82) and **LANG** (Bacon '91), **MEMPHIS MEMORY** (Varner '90), **LEMON VEIL** (Bauer/Coble'00), **ROSY BOWS** (Bauer/Coble '00) and **SUPERACT** (Blyth '94). There were outstanding-looking flowers on **GOLDEN EDGE** (McEwen '92) and on clumps of his **HARPSWELL VELVET** '91. T. Tamberg's tetraploid Siberians have to be popular for their outstanding quality. He is a great modern hybridizer and these are the favorites of his in my garden: **PLISSE** '95 and **SILBERKANTE** '93 (outstanding with very wide edge around falls and wonderful substance).

I think Sino-Siberians are popular for their very nice and unusual flower forms and signals and their later blooming. There we must greatly thank Lorena Reid, outstanding hybridizer, for her very long work totalling more than 30 years. In the end of the season, **BERLIN DARK MANTLE** (Tamberg '88) was mystic.

Now I grow more than 300 (320-330) Siberians and so I can say about my Siberian display garden in Russia that this makes a great and fantastic world. I feel Siberians are becoming more popular in all countries.

The 'Bloody' Iris Society

by Robert Pries, Missouri

At the risk of tons of hate mail, I will point out that this is the Bloody Iris Society. You ask what is he saying? Well there are three species of iris in the subseries Sibiricae: *I. typhifolia*, *I. sibirica* and *I. sanguinea*. *Sanguinea* literally means bloody Iris. It refers to the bracts right under the flower that are often but not always stained purple red. All the advanced hybrids that are so popular in the Siberian Iris Society are essentially selections and re-selections of *I. sanguinea*. I have to submit to the fact that Isabella Preston, the great Canadian hybridizer, in the 1950's did a great deal of experimental work with crossing *I. sibirica* and *I. sanguinea* and the resulting hybrids are quite famous. Yet if one traces back parentages of the most current hybrids it seems like *I. sanguinea* predominates.

Indeed. I suspect that many of the modern hybrids have no *sibirica* at all in their backgrounds. Since the plants we know as the modern Siberian Iris are mostly *I. sanguinea* I propose that this is the Bloody Iris Society. (Of course I am kidding when suggesting that name.) But every time I see a cultivar listed as *I. sibirica* I grit my teeth. *I. sibirica* and *I. typhifolia* have had only limited effect on the hybrid gene pool.

You may ask how could so many people could be so wrong for so long. The answer is very simple. At one time *I. sanguinea* was not recognized as a separate species. Those that did know of it considered it a variety of *I. sibirica* var. *orientalis*. To make things even more confusing when variety *orientalis* was elevated to the species level it was later discovered that the name *orientalis* had been used earlier for the *Spuria* that was known as *Ochroleuca*. Today we call *I. ochroleuca*, *I. orientalis* and *I. orientalis* became *I. sanguinea*.

But my main complaint still stands. Most gardening books still speak of plants as *I. sibirica* Caesar's Brother. If this is a hybrid then it should have an X-file name. It is customary to give hybrids a spe-

cial epithet with an x in front of it. For example hybrids of *I. versicolor* and *I. virginica* are called *I. xrobusta*. The x part of the name is not italicized. To my knowledge there is no botanical name for Siberian hybrids. Perhaps if many of them are really pure *sanguinea* we should see them written like *I. sanguinea* Caesar's Brother but in my mind they should almost never be addressed as *I. sibirica* if they are not that species. It would be preferable for Lists such as the Hardy Plantfinder to just use the horticultural term, Siberian Iris, rather than get fancy and list all the hybrids under *I. sibirica*.

Now back to our bloody bracts. Just to make things interesting not all *I. sanguinea* have this supposedly definitive trait. Often the bracts are simply green. It is much harder to distinguish *I. sanguinea* when it has the green bracts from *I. sibirica*. Other characteristics, branching, shape of flowers, and patterning of the flower color can enable the experienced botanist tell them apart but these characters are much harder to describe. Because of this there have been misidentifications galore. For example there are two dwarf cultivars that have been widely circulated; *Siberica Alba Nana* and *Sanguinea Alba Nana*. Both are *I. sanguinea*; one has bloody bracts the other green, hence the confusion. I have never seen a white dwarf *I. sibirica*.

I am sure all these points sound like knit-picking to many and even to me. But as members of the Iris Society it seems we should demand some sort of accuracy when it comes to speaking about our chosen plants.

Growing Siberians In Extreme Drought

by Lynda D. Love, Colorado

I grow Siberian irises on the high plains of Colorado, at about 5400 feet elevation in Zone 5. Having lived in the Denver area for the past 24 years, and having dealt with the area's fickle weather (hail, late frosts, early heat waves, late or early snows, etc.), it was no real surprise that I can add drought to the list as well. The state's drought has deepened over the past few years, leaving no part of the state unaffected. According to the National Weather Service (NOAA), we are now in an extreme category drought.

In a normal year, Denver receives about 15.8 inches of precipitation. Last year, in 2002, we received 7.5 inches of precipitation which is 8.3 inches below normal, and the lowest amount in a single year since records have been kept beginning in 1872 (Go to: www.crh.noaa.gov/den/index.html) By contrast, Phoenix, Arizona (think cactuses and desert) receives 7.6 inches of precipitation in a normal year! It is under these conditions that I am growing Siberian irises.

My garden is irrigated by a sprinkler system, but I anticipate water restrictions again this year. Even though the state's snowpack is creeping up to 85% of average, this will still not be enough moisture to fill storage reservoirs that are only 43% full. It is those storage reservoirs that provide drinking water for the city and irrigation water for my garden. Last year in Denver, outside watering ceased on October 1st. Since then, I have done some limited watering by moving a hose from plant to plant (we are allowed to water trees and shrubs). But winter watering is a difficult thing to do for many reasons and I was only able to water some of the Siberians at the beginning of February, when they had already gone without precipitation for two months (an unusual occurrence).

It is the lack of winter precipitation that concerns me at this point. From the end of November through the beginning of February the garden received no measurable precipitation. Some fellow iris

friends asked me how my plants are doing. With regard to the Siberians, I honestly can't say. I hope there was enough moisture in the soil to tide them over until the snows returned in February.

Last summer I began a three-part reorganization of my entire backyard garden. Phase one involved the demolition of a large iris bed and the installation of an even larger planting bed with a path meandering through. The entire bed was covered with shredded cedar mulch. Drought tolerant shrubs and plants were planted throughout, along with about 30 Siberian irises. These were older varieties that had already been growing in my garden and were moved to make way for the new planting. Phase two was supposed to happen this year but has been put on hold because of the drought.

Most Siberian iris varieties bloom shorter than their registered height in my garden. Some varieties bloom a few inches shorter than registered height, while a few bloom in as little as half their registered height. This used to concern me, but then I realized that at least the plant is blooming-- and blooming well and above its foliage, even if it's not blooming at its registered height. Last year's bloom season was especially bad for short bloomstalks and short foliage. (But then again, I had better repeat bloom than I ever had before too!)

One other factor I have to deal with is alkaline soil. I amend my clay soil (its specific pH is unknown) with lots of sphagnum peat moss, compost, and alfalfa meal. On the positive side, there are no iris borers where I live nor is there acid rain.

There are many tetraploid Siberian irises that I enjoy. All of the following are by Bob Hollingworth. **BLUEBERRY FAIR** and **STRAWBERRY FAIR** are favorites in my garden. **HIGH STANDARDS** is a tall and dramatic garden presence. A newer favorite tetraploid is **EMILY ANNE** and **SOMEBODY LOVES ME** is trying to increase, but the grass is crowding in. Finally, **CORONATION ANTHEM** is a reliable rebloomer in my garden.

As much as I love the tetraploids, I also love the diploids for their delicate beauty. I have almost all of Dana Borglum's Seneca series and they grow well for me. **LAKE KEUKA** is another favorite diploid. **OFF SHE GOES** and **ROARING JELLY** are two Schafer/Sacks varieties who are happy in my garden. **SWEET SURRENDER** is a favorite magenta diploid.

There are a great many newer plants that I want to try, including polypetal Siberians, newer Schafer/Sacks varieties and newer tetraploids. But it has been difficult to look at the catalogs this year, due to the drought. I can't justify ordering new plants if I don't know if I'll be able to water them or not. Oh well, there's always next year.

So with all my current obstacles, why do I still love Siberian irises and want to grow more of them in my garden? Because when it hails (and I live in a hail belt), the Siberians make it through, but the bearded irises are shredded. Because Siberian irises suffer less frost damage than bearded irises when a late frost hits. Because Siberians can be mulched to keep in moisture and hold down weeds. Because Siberian iris clumps don't have to be divided every three years in July's heat. Because Siberian iris foliage stays neat and tidy all summer and turns a beautiful bronze color in the fall. And finally, because there is still nothing like the eye-catching beauty of a mature Siberian iris clump in the garden.

Morgan-Wood Medal

by Clarence Mahan, Virginia

This medal is restricted to Siberian (SIB) irises. It is named in honor of F. Cleveland Morgan (1882-1962) and Ira E. Wood (1903-1977).

F. Cleveland Morgan was a pioneer Canadian breeder of Siberian irises and a founding member of AIS. Some of his magnificent cultivars still enhance gardens around the globe. Three of his best known irises are **CAESAR**, **CAESAR'S BROTHER** and **TROPIC NIGHT**. Educated in England and Switzerland, he was a director of the Henry Morgan Company and a patron of Canadian arts.

Morgan's association with the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts spanned a period of forty-five years including 8 years as president of that institution. The museum held a special exhibition in 1961 to display more than six hundred works of art that he had donated. AIS instituted the Morgan Award for Siberian Irises in 1961 which was the predecessor of the Morgan-Wood Medal.

Ira E. Wood, who was known as Sandy to his friends, and his wife Betty were both scientists who worked for Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey. They shared their iris hobby and were active in the activities of AIS and the Society for Siberian Irises. They often undertook iris society projects as a team and one of these was the production of the *Handbook for the American Iris Society Members and Officers*. In 1974, AIS awarded them both the Distinguished Service Medal.

Wood hybridized Siberian irises but he introduced only one cultivar, **ONG'S HAT**. He also served as a director of AIS and as its second vice-president.

2006 INVITATION TO SIBERIAN HYBRIDIZERS

by Chad Harris, Washington

The Greater Portland Iris Society will host the Siberian convention along with the American Iris Society Convention in Portland, OR in May 2006. Siberian hybridizers are invited to send guest Siberian irises of recent introductions or seedlings under serious consideration.

Shipment will be accepted:

September 1, 2003 thru October 20, 2003

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Chad Harris

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Photographs: We are requesting that hybridizers send a 35 mm color slide or digital image of their submissions. Mark clearly with hybridizer's name and name or seedling number of the iris. These slides will be shown at the Siberian Convention for auction purposes. Slides and/or CD's will be returned after the auction.

Guidelines: Up to seven divisions of each variety may be submitted. Two will go to the guest gardens of the Siberian Convention and be entered in the Siberian Convention booklet. The rest will be planted in the AIS guest beds and entered in the AIS Convention booklet. The name of the variety or seedling number must be clearly marked on each division. In addition, a packing list with the following information must be enclosed:

1. Hybridizer name and address
2. Name or seedling number of variety
3. Description, distinguishing characteristics and bloom season: E,M,L
4. Year of introduction, if applicable

If a guest seedling is named subsequent to the convention, it is the responsibility of the hybridizer to notify the convention. This is done through the Guest Iris Chairman of the Siberian convention no later than January 1, 2006.

A receipt will be sent to all contributors. Shortly before convention, contributors will be asked for instructions regarding disposition of guest plants. Options are: destruction; donation to Siberian Convention for auction or return. Failure to reply by June 15, 2006 will be interpreted as permission to destroy all seedlings and distribute named varieties as such: one to garden owner and the rest to the Greater Portland Iris Society for distribution to Region 13 Clubs. Returns will be sent in the fall of 2006 postpaid except to foreign addresses.

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