

Region 2 of the American Iris Society

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'Blissful' (P. Black, 2016)

WHO WE ARE

Region 2 of the American Iris Society

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Siberian 'Sylvia's Love'
(S. Borglum, 2007)

RVP Message

Greetings, Iris Lovers



Just as my irises were showing themselves for the 2022 season, I was off to Las Cruces, New Mexico for the AIS National Convention in April. Even in New Mexico it was too early for all but the earliest bearded iris. There were great opportunities to see Arils and Arilbreds that love dry heat and sandy soil. They were spectacular. The members of Mesilla Valley Iris Society had a well-organized and interesting variety of activities and programs. It was also a great social event, meeting hybridizers from across the country and growers with expertise in every class and size.

My garden wasn't the best this year. There was the weather, time away when the garden needed attention, and the fact that my age has caught up with me too quickly. Health issues are making it impossible for me to function affectively. Thanks to the help of good friends and neighbors I was able to keep going through another season. I can only hope for another year with the ability to work in my garden. Not being able to tend my irises would break my heart. I will treasure my years of contribution to AIS and GRIS (Greater Rochester Iris Society). But it is clear that the time has come for me to step away from the position of RVP to focus on my health, my family and what gardening I can do at home.

I leave you with a few random ideas.

"Is the American Iris Society more about irises or the society?" This is a question we all should ponder. I have thought that learning about new cultivars was our mission. But this is only part of it. It is also part social. Communicating as a group with common interests is a challenge. The COVID years made it more so. Is there anything that we can do to improve this? I know that we have people with the energy and creativity it will take to move forward.

I don't grow irises just to look at them. Sharing my irises in bloom is the highlight of my social year. It's a time when friends from various milestones in my life come together. For example, I was invited to a third-grade student's bar mitzvah. Years later that same student, and family, came to see my irises. Friends from my life at church and social justice organizations have come to my garden along with friends from high school. Some of these people I may see only once a year, but it is my garden that brings us together.

I would encourage more people to share their gardens with other AIS members or other gardeners, in person or virtually. There are many ways in which to do this. If you are technology averse, there are probably family members and friends who would be glad to help. I would be glad to help as I'm able. One example: if you have Facebook and a smart phone, you can live stream your garden.

Show your joy! Welcome new attendees:

I have been asked why people show up for a presentation and never return. This is not a phenomenon unique to the AIS. I have often attended a meeting and left feeling not welcomed, not included. After one meeting I called up an attendee and asked, "Why didn't you return? You have some great ideas to contribute." Her response was, "I was told, 'Maybe you should wait a bit before you contribute. The people here have much more experience. You should wait until you've been to a few meetings.'" Often, we think we are welcoming, but it may be perceived in a different way. It turns out she did have experience to share with the group, but, sadly, she never returned.

Your input is always important. Would it be helpful to develop a survey, especially for new members? It might include questions on areas of interest, ideas for programs, a "what might you share?" question, comfort level with various social media options, and an open-ended request for "other ideas". Should we expand our programs beyond irises? What programs might we develop with other horticultural groups, schools, and educational organizations?

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your contributions and I wish you great joy in every season!

Neil Houghton, President, and AIS Region 2 RVP (nhoughtonirises@gmail.com)



Upcoming Zoom Meetings

All AIS Region 2 members will receive via email a notification of each meeting with instructions for pre-registration. Included in the email will be the agenda.

Join us! It couldn't be easier to stay in touch with your Region and the AIS.

All meetings start at 7:00 pm Eastern Time (US & Canada)

September 14, 2022 – Board Meeting – Everyone is welcome to attend.

October 12, 2022 – Annual AIS Region 2 Board Meeting - Everyone is welcome to attend!

October 22, 2022 – Annual AIS Region General Meeting – ****Start time is 10:30 am ET****.

More details and the agenda are on page 7.

November 9, 2022 – Topic TBD

December – Due to the holiday season, no meeting is planned.

Editor's Message



I would like to start by welcoming the new AIS members who are joining us because they took advantage of the AIS membership drive. Welcome! For you this will be your first edition of the Newsletter for Region 2 of the American Iris Society. Hope you enjoy it!

AIS Region 2 grew by 35 members during the AIS membership drive. Some members joined us by signing up with their local Affiliate (WNYIS, ONIS, and GRIS) while others joined us when they signed up with an AIS Section such as the Tall Bearded Iris Society (TBIS), the Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS), and the Aril Society

International (ASI). It was a tremendous offer! Glad to see iris lovers took advantage of it!

What will you find in this newsletter? Well...the newsletter is currently published twice a year, March 1st, and September 1st. In each edition you will find information about Affiliate events such as when and where their flower shows, and rhizome sales will be held...you won't want to miss these! You will also find Regional business such as information about our Annual Meeting, Committee reports, minutes from previous meetings and information on Judges Training (JT). In each edition I try to have a personal interest story such as members success stories and visits to other member's gardens. Of course, if you have something you want to share, submissions from all and sundry are welcome!

In this edition you will find information on our upcoming Annual Meeting on October 22, 2022. This is in keeping with our Bylaws which state members must be given at least 30 days advance notice. In 2020 we switched to zoom meetings and have found them very successful. There is also an article on a Judges' Training session held in May plus information on a new session being offered in September. There are also reports from our Treasurer, Membership Chair, Affiliate Chairs and more.

If you are interested in previous editions of the newsletter, they can be found on the American Iris Society Iris Encyclopedia in the *Ben R. Hager- Sidney P. DuBose Memorial Online Iris Library* through this link, [Region2Publications < Hist < Iris Wiki \(irises.org\)](#),

Welcome to the group! We hope you find something that interests you, or perhaps something that informs or maybe even something that just plain makes you smile!

Until next time...*Kate* (just1moreiris@gmail.com)

(Pictured above, IB 'Precious Little Pink' (Byers, 1995) – the first reblooming iris to rebloom in my garden this year. With three months of autumn weather still to go, fingers crossed for more!)

AIS Region 2 Calendar

Upcoming Events At-A-Glance

September

September 11 at 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm - In-Garden Judges' Training (JT) session

Master AIS Judge, Chuck Chapman will give JT on Reblooming Irises in his garden.

Location: Chapman Iris, 8790 Wellington Road 124, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 6H7.

Contact: Chuck at chuck@chapmaniris.com. Details starting on page 18.

September 11 at 2:00 pm - Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)

Regular Meeting – Maureen Dunphy will give a presentation on landscaping with native plants.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Avenue, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

Contact: Cara at thehutchings@mac.com. More details on page 11.

September 14 at 7:00 pm -Region 2 Board meeting

Contact Neil Houghton (nhoughtonirises@gmail.com) to pre-register for this zoom meeting.

October

October 2 at 1:30 pm - Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS)

Awards Ceremonies and General Annual Meeting.

Location: Julia B. Reinstein Library, 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227.

Contact: Marilee at farmare@aol.com.

October 9 (or 16 – to be confirmed) at 2:00 pm - GRIS Annual Business Meeting

After the meeting will be a presentation on what to do in the garden in the fall.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Avenue, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

Contact: Cara at thehutchings@mac.com. More details of page 11.

October 12 at 7:00 pm - Region 2 Annual Board Meeting via Zoom

Annual business meeting for the Board. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Neil Houghton (nhoughtonirises@gmail.com) to pre-register.

October 22 at 10:30 am - Region 2 Annual General Meeting via Zoom

Annual business meeting for the General membership followed by an informative presentation on irises. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Neil Houghton (nhoughtonirises@gmail.com) to pre-register. More details on page 7.

October/November – TBD – ONIS Annual Business Meeting

Contact Terry at tlaurin@rogers.com if you are interested in attending.

November

November 9 at 7:00 pm (tentative) – Region 2 Board Meeting via Zoom

Contact Neil Houghton (nhoughtonirises@gmail.com) to pre-register for this zoom meeting.

AIS Region 2 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 10:30 AM (ET)

Once again, this year's Annual General Meeting will be held via zoom. Mark your calendars!

During the meeting our Treasurer will give her annual report and present the budget for 2023. Committee Chairs will give their annual reports and the distribution of the Region 2 show awards will be finalized for next year's flower shows. Members will also vote on the nominations for the Board of Directors (see list on next page).

A copy of the minutes from last year's annual meeting, can be found on the AIS Region 2 website, [Meetings \(aisregion2.org\)](https://aisregion2.org/Meetings).

At twelve noon, after a break, join us for a thought-provoking presentation on irises given by an expert in their field. Members will be notified of the details once they are finalized. They will also be outlined on the AIS Region 2 website, [Meetings \(aisregion2.org\)](https://aisregion2.org/Meetings).

A request for you to register in advance of the zoom meeting will be emailed to all Region 2 members before October 15th. We hope you will join us!

General Meeting Agenda

Call to Order and welcome – Neil Houghton. RVP

Roll Call - Kate Brewitt, Secretary

Additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 16, 2021, AIS Region 2 General Meeting

Treasurer's Report – Annette Kuhn, Treasurer

Committee Reports Archives - Dorothy Stiefel

Awards & Exhibitions – Marilee Farry

Judges Training – Wendy Roller

Membership – Marilee Farry

Newsletter Editor – Kate Brewitt

Technology Consultant – Neil Houghton

Webmaster - Kate Brewitt

Unfinished Business

New Business

1) Budget for 2023

2) Show Dates and Awards

3) Vote on Officers

Adjournment



Nominating Committee Report

by Cara Hutchings, Assistant RVP and Committee Chair

According to the By-laws of Region 2 of the American Iris Society, all officers are elected annually and can serve no more than three consecutive years except for the Treasurer and Secretary. The Nominating Committee will be submitting the following nominations to the AIS Region 2 Board of Directors for their approval at their Board meeting on October 12, 2022.

Regional Vice President (RVP) – Cara Hutchings (GRIS)

Assistant Regional Vice President (Assistant RVP) – OPEN

Secretary – Benjamin Morris

Treasurer – Annette Kuhn (WNYIS)

Once approved, voting will take place during the AIS Region 2 Annual General Meeting on Saturday October 22, 2022.

Nominations for any office may be made from the floor at the General Meeting, but nominees must be present and must agree to serve. If there are nominations from the floor voting will be done by roll call.

Treasurer's Update Region 2 of the American Iris Society

Submitted by Annette Kuhn, Treasurer

As of July 31, 2022, Region 2 of the American Iris Society currently has \$9,323.49 in its checking account.

Since January 1, 2022, we have received \$17.75 in revenue from Amazon Smile. We have expended \$720.90: RVP 2022 National Convention registration - \$359.00, Zoom Meeting annual renewal - \$149.90, 2021 Fall meeting speaker fee - \$200.00 and bank charges - \$12.00.



Enjoy the convenience of online shopping and support Region 2 at the same time. If you already shop on Amazon through **AMAZON SMILE** you can have 0.5% of eligible purchase prices donated to Region 2 of the American Iris Society.

Use this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1743524> to log directly into the **AMAZON SMILE** page for Region 2 of the American Iris Society. There is no cost to Region 2 and no additional cost to you. It is a win-win situation.

If you already shop at Amazon, go one step further and shop at **AMAZON SMILE**. More details are available on the Amazon Smile website. Note, this offer is available to US residents only.

Membership Report

Region 2 of the American Iris Society

Compiled by Kate Brewitt for Marilee Farry, AIS Region 2 Membership Chair

As of July 31, 2022, in addition to four affiliate memberships (Capital Hudson Iris Society, Greater Rochester Iris Society, Ontario Iris Society, and Western New York Iris Society) and five organizational memberships (Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, Cornell University Library, Jardin Botanique de Montreal Bibliotheque, and the Royal Botanical Garden) there are 112 members of the American Iris Society who reside in Region 2.

The following individuals have joined since November 1, 2021. We would like to welcome:

S. Adler – Buffalo, NY	V. Gaitskell – Oakville, ON	D. Murphy – Campbellford, ON
K. Allen – Middle Island, NY	D. Gray – Cheektowaga, NY	J. Reitkel – Rochester, NY
V. Ames – Williamsford, ON	K. Granger – Fergus, ON	J. Rachfalowski – Midhurst, ON
J. Babulski, Cheektowaga, NY	A. Hassenfratz – Lancaster, NY	A. Remmes – Hillsdale, NY
J. Baehre McMenami – Dorchester, MA	G. Knowles – Mono, ON	G. Stark – Ottawa, ON
P. Bartholomew/J. Pecora – Victor, NY	C. Krzal – Cheektowaga, NY	A. Tarantino – West Seneca, NY
J. Borgesen – Honeoye Falls, NY	M. Kwiatdowski – Olean, NY	M. Thant – Buffalo, NY
J. Brothe – Newburgh, NY	J. Lefemina – Holbrook, NY	D. Thiergartner – West Hurley, NY
V. Carr – Cheektowaga, NY	J. Mackintosh – Queensbury, NY	V. Tucker, Nepean, ON
M. Dunphy – Honeoye Falls, NY	R. Martin – Geneva, NY	M. Walter – Lancaster, NY
J. Farry – Cheektowaga, NY	G. McClellan – Bloomfield, NY	T. Wardell – Plessis, NY
	E. Miehowski – Amhurst, NY	

Now You're a Member Are You Interested in Participating?

The Region is always looking for fresh and exciting ideas. There are numerous ways you can participate. You can become a Board member or a Committee Chair. You can write articles for the newsletter or help at an Affiliate event. If you are interested in getting more involved with Region 2, contact one of the Officers or Chairpersons listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Do you know when your AIS membership expires?

Your membership status can be found on the AIS website through this link: [Web Based Lookup – American Iris Society \(irises.org\)](https://www.irises.org). If your membership is expiring, go to www.irises.org and renew online with PayPal. It is that easy to keep your AIS membership up to date.

Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)

Do you like irises?

Do you like to meet and chat with other gardeners?

Do you like to share your gardening experiences?

If you like to do any of these things, CHIS is looking for volunteers to help coordinate our events. If you live in Eastern Central New York, the upper Hudson River Valley, or the Greater Albany Area you may be interested in giving a helping hand.

Meetings are usually held on the third Sunday of the month from September to April at the East Greenbush Community Library in East Greenbush, New York. Events include meetings, a perennial sale, flower show and barbeque, an iris rhizome sale and, with enough interest, a bus trip. Please contact one of the officers if you would like to join us.



CHIS members enjoying the Doldrums Party held in February 2020.

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Iris Show Chairs: Kathryn Mohr - kemohrke@aol.com – 518-952-4995

Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)

Submitted by Cara Hutchings, Affiliate Chair

The Greater Rochester Iris Society has been having a good year, and we hope to continue with our success during the remainder of the year.



At our first meeting in March our speaker was Diane Henderson, a local garden authority, who gave a talk on hummingbirds. It was very interesting, and I personally learned a lot. It helped me when I finally saw a hummingbird in my garden for the first time this year; I was able to identify it!

Our meeting in April was also very engaging, as Neil Houghton, AIS Region 2 RVP, gave a presentation about this year's AIS National Convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico. It gave us insight into the happenings at a convention. It was nice, too, that Neil was able to connect with my in-laws who also attended the convention.

We had our annual picnic at Neil's house, where we recruited two new members. Altogether, during the AIS free membership drive, we added six new members!

Our sale this year was a great success. We didn't have as much product to sell as we have had in past years, but what was there sold well. We also recruited two new local members!

Our next meeting is September 11th and will include a talk by one of our new members on planting for native pollinators. Maureen Dunphy, who will be giving the talk, will also give us some information on spotted lanternfly (*pictured right*) and Asian jumping worms, those nasty beasts that are become quite the problem.



Our last meeting of the year will be October 9th (or 16th, we have yet to finalize it). This meeting we will be our annual business meeting and include a discussion on what to do in the garden in the fall. Hopefully, everyone's new irises will be planted by then.

I'm sure we will have more to add to our meeting as we go along.

GRIS Officers:

President: Cara Hutchings - thehutchings@mac.com

Vice President: Neil Houghton – nhoughtonirises@gmail.com

Secretary/Treasurer: Nate Hutchings - thehutchings@mac.com

Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS)

Submitted by Marilee Farry, Affiliate Chair

WNYIS has been a busy organization during 2021-2022. Since the last newsletter, we have grown in many ways. We changed our meeting format: business first and then teaching and fun. We gave presentations on various classes of iris; providing handouts at every meeting on the presentation subject matter, including "What do you do in your iris garden this month? We developed a WNYIS brochure which includes a calendar of meeting dates, presentations, and location of our meetings.

The AIS membership drive in the spring worked positively with our local push to recruit new members. We recruited twelve new members, more than doubling our numbers! Other recruitment strategies included handing out brochures, placing ads in newspapers, and having talks on irises and our local society given by our president. During the summer, there were Open Gardens which gave visitors the opportunity to view Ensata and Louisiana irises in bloom. Unfortunately the one planned for Spuria irises had to be cancelled when there was no bloom. Prior to the iris and perennial show, we had demonstrations on design and how to enter an iris and perennial show.

At the June 4th Iris and Perennial Show, judges included Wendy Roller and Donna Lowry from GRIS and two National Garden Club judges. Additional judges came from WNYIS. The winning irises were from many different classes while the winning perennial was an Allium. David Baehre won the Best in Show with 'Kiss the Girl', a Siberian iris; the first runner-up with 'Bashful Love', a tall bearded iris; and the second runner-up with 'Sea Krill', a species-cross iris. He also won the Silver medal with 21 first place ribbons. Wendy Roller won the Bronze medal with 10 first place ribbons and the Region 2 Magdalen Award with 'Brown Berry', a border bearded iris. Chris Krzal won the Best Design Award. Michael Roller won the Best Seedling Award. It was a fun show, and we recruited two new members! *(More details on page 14 - ed.)*



A Room with an Iris View!

On July 30th we had a picnic/cookout meeting at which time we planned the details for the August Iris Sale. Both were attended by most of the members with the iris sale resulting in two positive outcomes: our society achieved its goal to raise funds needed for the upcoming year plus we recruited two new members.

Busy time! Now we are planning another brochure and calendar of events for 2022-2023.

Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at the Julia B. Reinstein Library, 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 starting at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

WNYIS Officers:

President: Marilee Farry – farmare@aol.com

Vice President: Ida Blasak – iblasak7113@gmail.com

Secretary: David Baehre – dwbfarm@gmail.com

Treasurer: Annette Kuhn – akuhn43@yahoo.com



*Top left to right - Marilee, Evelyn, Dave, Maria at the WNYIS Flower show
Below – Dave Baehre, AIS Silver Medal recipient with 21 first place ribbons*



2022 Awards and Exhibition Report

Compiled by Kate Brewitt for Marilee Farry, AIS Region 2 Awards and Exhibitions Chair

Western New York Iris Society, June 4th

Best Specimen of Show: Siberian 'Kiss The Girl' exhibited by David Baehre

The Magdalen Award (highest placed median iris): BB 'Brown Berry' exhibited by Wendy Roller

Mary Pat Engel Awards: (best pink iris) TB 'Bashful Love' exhibited by David Baehre



SIB 'Kiss The Girl'
(Schafer/Sacks, 2004)



BB 'Brown Berry'
(Willott, 1987)



TB 'Bashful Love'
(Blyth, 2015-16)

Best Design of Show – Open Division: Chris Krzal "Happy Birthday To A Four-Year-Old Child" (*pictured right*)

Best Seedling – Michael Roller - exhibited by Wendy Roller on his behalf.

Best Perennial of Show: Allium exhibited by Marilee Farry

Silver Medal: David Baehre with 21 – 1st place ribbons

Bronze Medal: Wendy Roller with 10 - 1st place ribbons

Join us for the Awards Ceremonies on October 2nd at the Julia B. Reinstein Library, 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY starting at 1:30 pm.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARDS RECIPIENTS!

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society, the Greater Rochester Iris Society, and the Ontario Iris Society, cancelled their flower shows this year. They hope to be back in 2023!

Median Iris Judges' Training Event

May 25, 2022

By Wendy Roller, AIS Region 2 Judges' Training Chair

My husband and I live in the Town of Greece, a suburb of Rochester. Our house sits on an average-sized lot with three mature trees in the front yard - a red maple, a pin oak, and a pink dogwood. In the backyard is a very old crab-apple tree, a shed, a vegetable garden, and some raspberry bushes. I grow spring and summer bulbs (including *I. reticulata* and Dutch Iris), various perennials and wildflowers, and over 190 varieties of irises and beardless iris seedlings. The garden areas are located along one fence line, beside three foundation walls, and in two modest gardens in the midst of the lawn. All garden areas are maintained with concrete block or black plastic landscape edging.



IB 'Dazzling' (Black, 2008)
Photo © Wendy Roller

Four Region 2 judges traveled a fair distance to obtain two hours of in-garden Judges' Training in my yard on a cool spring day. Since everyone present was an AIS master judge, the training event concentrated on "discussing the changes in or new additions to the in-garden median iris sections of the recently updated AIS Judges' Training handbook." Some of the changes/additions to the handbook have been made to address the different species of irises being used today in hybridizing the various median iris classes. Advancements continue to be made in the types of stalks, the number of branches and the total bud count available in each of these classes. More precise formulas have also evolved for judges to use when comparing stalk height and blossom size proportions. These formulas will be especially useful when evaluating the rigidly defined miniature tall bearded iris and border bearded iris classes.

After finishing our discussions, we walked the gardens to observe iris clumps that exhibited the various characteristics we had discussed in the handbook. One standard dwarf iris was still in bloom, the intermediate and miniature tall bearded irises were in full bloom, and several of the border bearded irises were in bloom or exhibited fully developed stalks with buds showing color. With 6-inch rulers and yard sticks in hand, we observed iris clumps, counted plant increases, compared stalk heights with the height and width of individual iris flowers, and counted the numbers of potential buds. In all, there were about 38 varieties of irises in bloom that day.



IB 'Backlit Beauty' (Tasco, 2010)
Photo © Wendy Roller

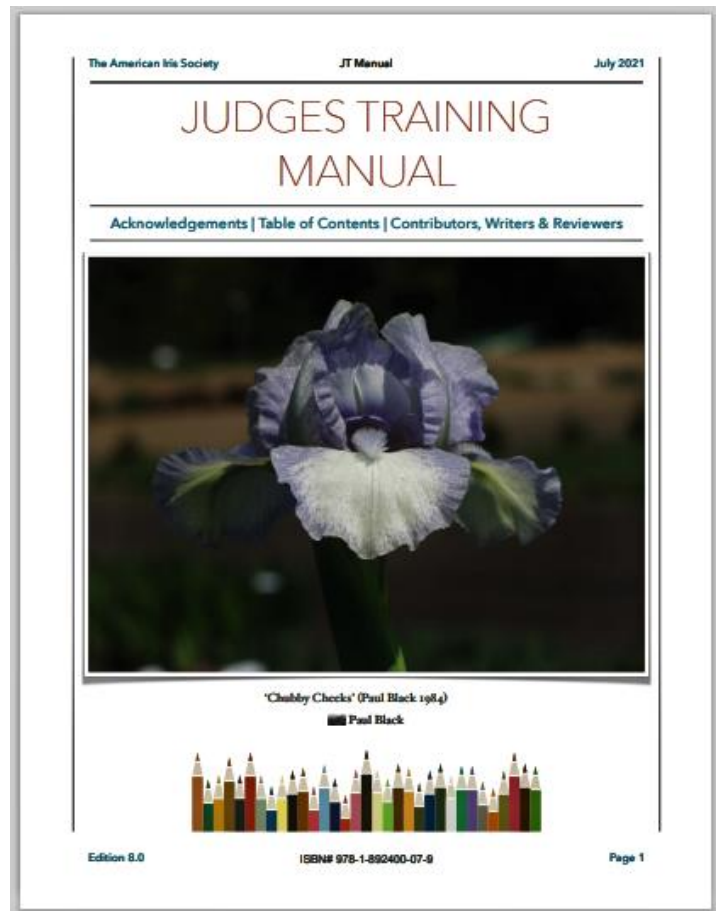


IB 'Red Hot Chili' (Sutton, 2008)
Photo © Wendy Roller

Becoming an accredited AIS judge is a great way to learn about the characteristics of a good garden iris. It's easy and fun. For more details on how to become a judge use this link to go to the judges page on the AIS website. [Judges – American Iris Society \(irises.org\)](https://www.irises.org/judges).

The 8th edition of the Handbook for Judges and Show Officials is available as a pdf through the AIS Iris Encyclopedia (WIKI) at no charge, [Info2021AISJudgesHandbookWithColor < Hist < Iris Wiki \(irises.org\)](https://www.irises.org/Info2021AISJudgesHandbookWithColorHist%3C%3E%20Iris%20Wiki).

Paper copies of the handbook are available through the AIS Storefront., [AIS Storefront – American Iris Society \(irises.org\)](https://www.irises.org/Storefront).



Judges' Training Report

Submitted by Wendy Roller, AIS Region 2 Judges' Training Chair

REGION 2 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY – JUDGES and STUDENT JUDGES Status Roster – as of July 1, 2022

<u>Active Master</u>	<u>Garden / Exhibition</u>	<u>Candidate for Judgeship</u>	<u>Retired Master</u>	
David Baehre	Marilee Farry	Annette Kuhn	John Colley	Maria Gerbracht
Joanne Bassett	Jinny Missons		Donna James	Maureen Mark
Kate Brewitt	Suzanne Perry		Daniel P. McMillen	Gloria McMillen
Chuck Chapman			James McMillen	Vaughn Sayles
Terry Laurin			Helen B. Schuler	Kathleen Shadrack
Donna J. Lowry			Dorothy Stiefel	
Wendy K. Roller				
Janette Smith				

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

During the period August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022, Region 2 accredited judges and student judges collectively earned 16 hours of credit for attending or presenting in-garden training sessions held within the region. Region 2 accredited judges and student judges also collectively earned 24 credit hours for attending AIS classroom sessions via zoom which aired from the states of California, Nebraska, and Texas.

A summary of the Judges' Training sessions offered within Region 2 during the last year is as follows:

- In May, AIS Master Judge Kate Brewitt presented a one-hour in-garden Judges' Training session on standard dwarf bearded irises and a one-hour in-garden Judges' Training session on intermediate bearded irises at Aurora Borealis Iris Garden, located in Aurora, Ontario, Canada.
- In May, AIS Master Judge Wendy Roller presented a two-hour in-garden Judges' Training session on median irises in her home garden in Rochester, New York.

UPCOMING 2022 IN-GARDEN JUDGES' TRAINING SCHEDULED IN REGION 2

Start the 2022/2023 Judges' Training period with an in-garden session on Reblooming Irises. On Sunday, September 11th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm Chuck Chapman, AIS Master Judge, will give two hours of in-garden Judges' Training on '*Reblooming Iris*' at Chapman Iris Farm. The farm is located at 8790 Wellington Road 124, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 6H7. To find the location on Google Maps, etc., use *Erin, Ontario* as the search location.



SPX 'Eternal Summer' (Chapman, 2012) in bloom at Chapman Iris Farm

In addition to this being a good opportunity to receive in-garden Judges' Training, Chuck states the program is good for anyone interested in extended bloom in their gardens. This means you don't have to be a judge to take advantage of this session...and as a non-judge, there's no test, although you are welcome to take it should you want to see if you remember what you learned.

During the session the following topics will be discussed:

- (1) the quality of rebloomers currently available on the market
- (2) plant maturity and bud set
- (3) different types of rebloomers
- (4) how to determine maturity and how to determine when bud set occurs
- (5) iris culture necessary for good rebloom

Chuck suggests the following resource as reading material prior to the course:

https://www.academia.edu/6028995/Photo_Credits_page_20_Four_Genetic_Types_of_Rebloomers_By_Chuck_Chapman

Chuck assures us there will be some irises in bloom, however, he will not be able to give a better estimate until closer to the day. As of the middle of July, there were nine cultivars in bloom with more on the way. Current weather conditions suggest good fall bloom. The garden is in agricultural zone 4 (a cold pocket in the middle of agricultural zone 5 in surrounding areas).

A selection of reliable agricultural zone 4 reblooming iris will be potted up for sale at this session. Contact Chuck at chuck@chapmaniris.com for a listing of the available cultivars.

- A. If you live in Canada, contact Chuck ahead of time to let him know of your intended order. That way enough potted plants can be made available.
- B. If you live in the United States, plant orders will need to be handled differently. To cross the Canada/United States border with plant materials: (1) a phytosanitary certificate is required and (2) all irises must be "bareroot." The cost for the certificate is \$15.00 per car. Chuck will need a minimum of ten days advance notice to arrange for the certificate and to prepare the irises to meet United States "bareroot" border crossing requirements.

To register for the session, or for additional information, please contact Chuck Chapman at chuck@chapmaniris.com.

***Please note that specific requirements must be followed to cross the United States/Canada border. The online site you will need to access is labeled "ArriveCan." The required application must be completed 72 hours prior to your entry into Canada.**

Join the American Iris Society

The AIS has a new membership category. With a 'Full Membership', you will receive the benefits of both the 'Basic Membership' and the 'E-membership'.

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Go to the AIS website, [AIS Members – American Iris Society \(irises.org\)](https://www.irises.org) for a list of additional membership types. There is also a link that allows you to pay for your membership with PayPal.



2023 AIS National Convention Grapevine, Texas April 12 - 16, 2023

The 2023 National Convention will be held in [Grapevine, Texas](https://www.grapevine-texas.com). The convention hotel, Courtyard by Marriot, is accepting reservations. Details can be found on the convention website, along with other up-to-date information, such as fees, gardens, and programs, [2023 AIS CONVENTION - Iris Society of Dallas \(irises-dallas.org\)](https://www.irises-dallas.org)

Attendees will visit five gardens over two days. Two of those gardens belong to Texoma Rainbow Iris Society (TRIS) members: Judy Schneider's *The Shady Spot* in Whitesboro and Dell Perry's *Seandel Iris Gardens* in Plano. The other three gardens are Connie Ford's garden in Gun Barrel City, Bonnie and Hooker Nichols' *Hillcrest Gardens* near Terrell, and Mike and MaryEllen Reed's garden in Farmer's Branch.

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Did you know that each Affiliate has its own webpage on the Region 2 website?

Did you know previous editions of the Region 2 newsletter are online?

Here are some links that you may find useful.

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Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)
[CHIS \(aisregion2.org\)](https://aisregion2.org)

Ontario Iris Society (ONIS)
[ONIS \(aisregion2.org\)](https://aisregion2.org)

Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)
[GRIS \(aisregion2.org\)](https://aisregion2.org)

Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS)
[WNYIS \(aisregion2.org\)](https://aisregion2.org)



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You can also find the American Iris Society Online:



American Iris Society Website: [American Iris Society \(irises.org\)](https://irises.org)

AIS Iris Encyclopedia [WebHome < Main < Iris Wiki \(irises.org\)](#)
including the Ben R Hager – Sidney DuBose Memorial Online Iris Library

[The American Iris Society - YouTube](#) contains past webinars, including Judges' Training sessions, presented by the AIS.

[World of Irises \(theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com\)](https://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com)

The American Iris Society can be found on social media,

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