

The Irisarian



Region 7
The American
Iris Society

Fall 2023

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RVP's Corner by Caroline Winters

THE FINAL HOORAH

I remember it like it was yesterday. I was in my new house after Chuck died, so it was after August 14th, 2017. That was three days after what would be our last WTIS rhizome sale. The flippers wanted possession of our old house on July 10th and they were shocked when I refused and told them they had to wait until after the iris sale was over. All of you understand. Nancy Maynard was sitting to my right in the chair and ottoman. It was too early for the NFL season to have started, so our annual good-



natured competition between my Cowboys and her Giants had not yet begun for the year. She had been with me so much while packing up the old house and was there with me for the days before, during and after the move. What began for Nancy and me at some meal at some regional meeting long before that turned into a precious friendship than sustained me through the worst time in my life.

But back to the story.

The phone rang. It was Janet Wilson. Wanting to know if I would accept the nomination to become the Assistant RVP for the region and then to become the RVP in three years. I asked her if I could ponder on the possibility. So Nancy and I had long talks about it. Two widows sitting together in my den. Discussing what our lives had shifted into. How things were going to be. What the regional meetings meant to us. And our wellbeing. All those people. Chuck would have loved to have been the RVP. We knew at what point he retired and we could travel without the confines of vacation time, that regional meetings leaving on Fridays would be completely do-able. I thought taking the job would honor a vision we had for our lives later on. Nancy and I talked about timing. I was 61 when Janet asked so I would be 67 when the job was done. That seemed to be pretty good timing.

We talked about the people. How folks we met at meetings, sat with at meals, rode with on tour buses, stayed up late with long after the meeting business was done had turned from acquaintances to people who were precious to us. How any one of those people would be up to any job at any meeting when things needed doing. Cause that's how we roll. (I've never had to load or unload a car with Earnie and Evan around.) The time we arrived at Henry Horton and the ice maker was not on and Linda and Larry drove into town, buying and manhandling enough ice for all of us for the whole weekend. How everyone just grabs pots of iris arriving for the fall auction to get people's cars unloaded. The massive amounts of supplies the Dyersburg girls store and schlep to all the potluck meetings. The list goes on.

And so the next day, I called Janet back and said yes. Knowing I would never have the computer skills that she had. Knowing that nothing I ever did was finished yesterday, as our wonderful webmaster Scott Hall does now. Knowing that I did not have all the skills for the job. But I knew that I could make everyone feel welcomed. And that y'all would fill in the rest. Because that's what we always do. We lovingly and graciously do whatever needs getting done.

On September 30th , I will pass the gavel on to Lorene. She has mad computer skills, handling that job for the entire AIS. She is the master of the detail. And she will be a wonderful all-around leader for our crew. It is hard to fathom that six years have passed since Nancy and I sat in my new den discussing the future. Oh how I miss her so often. And all the other precious friends who have passed away in the last six years.

Last spring, we decided to attempt to have a winter potluck meeting and enough people signed up that we did meet at Montgomery Bell for the weekend. We had a blast celebrating Mardi Gras with seven new people in attendance. One of those people was Deborah Baker, who was a relatively new member of our WTIS club – now our fully involved treasurer and get-things-done girl. When Saturday night dinner was done, we all gathered in the suite to have dessert. Deborah sat on the floor and talked all night to Bob Strohmman, just soaking up his knowledge and learning all sorts of good stuff from one of the long-term masters. It was a special vision for me.

Last night in our WTIS meeting, Deborah was leading our discussion and addressed the two people who were at our meeting for the very first time. She said “I want to tell you what another regional person, Denise Flowers, told me: ‘Come for the flower. Stay for the friends.’” And so it goes with another generation. Another person came to a local meeting, decided to try a regional meeting and has a full-on love of all things iris. And all these wonderful people. For those of us who attend not only our club meetings, but the regional meetings as well, that’s just how it all plays out. It has been a wonderful six years. Covid made it some crazy years. But the people made the job possible. The people made it wonderful and delightful. And raucously hilarious at time. Upholding in grief at times for quite a few of us. How full my life has been because of you. What a blessing you are. I have incredible friends all over Tennessee and Kentucky who I love dearly. BUT - I never would have known any of you without the existence of a flower. Come for the flower. Stay for the friends. Let it be so.





**REMINDER FROM YOUR RVP
DEADLINES FOR AUGUST 1ST**

AIS TALL BEARDED SYMPOSIUM

Send to Caroline Winters by text, email or snail mail – postmarked by August 1st

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AIS OFFICIAL BALLOT

Vote online at <http://www.voteirises.org>

Or mail postmarked by August 1st to:

Michael Reed

AIS Awards Chair

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JUDGES' ACTIVITY REPORT

Postmarked by August 1st and send to:

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THE IRISARIAN

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I. spuria “musulmanica”, SPEC, A. Fomin 1909



“Ramblin Man”, BB, Larry Lauer 2005



“Who’s Ya Mama”, LA, Joseph Musacchia 2015

From the Editor by Susan Driver



Greetings from Middle Tennessee

What a great Spring and Summer it has been so far. Not so much for the bloom season for me, since I lost a lot of irises due to the December freeze. But, you have to look at the bright side; now I can buy new ones and reacquire some old favorites. I received one box from the HIPS sale yesterday, and am expecting another one, plus a shipment from Schreiner's next week. Happy planting!

The iris shows are behind us, and now we look forward to rhizome sales. And of course, there will be potted iris at the Fall meeting, as well as lots of iris-related items in the live and silent auctions.

This year will be quite a change from our usual Fall meeting at Barren River Lake State Park, but change is good, right? Wherever we gather promises to be a fun time for all.

This will also be a change for our board, as Caroline's term is ending as RVP. We appreciate all that she has done for Region 7 these past three years. Especially with the impact of COVID. It was not an easy decision to cancel our regional meetings for an extended period, but I think that we have a new-found appreciation for our activities and our friendships now that they have resumed. And check out our Roll Call page.....we have new clubs!

The Fall meeting will be here before we know it. Please make plans to attend, especially if you have never been to a regional meeting. Take a break from your usual routine, get away for the weekend and come make new iris friends. We do a little bit of business, and some judges training on Sunday morning. But mostly we have a lot of fun. Come join us!

Susan

Region 7 Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Dates	Location	Hosted By	Judges' Training Speaker
Fall 2023	Sep 30-Oct 1	Fairfield Inn & Suites	ETIS	Jim Hedgecock, Spurias

Minutes from the
AIS Region 7 Spring Meeting
May 13, 2023

Minutes from the AIS Region 7 Spring Meeting, May 13, 2023, held at the Hampton Inn in Lexington KY. Caroline Winters RVP called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm which was hosted by the Bluegrass Iris Society. Caroline welcomed all those in attendance which were Susan Driver, Denise Flowers, Belinda Carroll, Sue Ann Barnes, Mary Ann Duncan, Jim and Marilyn Vernon, Lorene Crone and others.

Brenda Batson read the minutes from AIS Region 7 Fall Meeting from September 24, 2022 held at Barren River State Park.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vernon Treasurer

Previous balance as of December 31, 2022. \$14,748.45

Income from Winter Pot Luck and donations. \$1,031.00

Expenses from Dawn Boyer Judges training,

Susan Driver (AIS Convention), and Lake Benson. \$3,034.77

Ending Balance as May 1, 2023. \$12,744.68

AIS Judges Report and Training: Lorene Crone

Lorene said as of now we have 32 judges, 6 apprentices, and 8 judges retired. The list of those judges retired are Eleanor Boyson, Linda and Larry Browning, Carol Ann Carney, Mrs. Don King, Caroline Nave, and Mary and Jerry Phillips. Lorene also added that Bob Strohman is now an Emeritus Judge. This prestigious award is given for long service in and out of local region, and is appointed by the AIS Board of Directors. Lorene was asked about the status of Darnell Hester which was that he had resigned from the board but is still a judge.

Youth and Awards Report: Denise Flowers

Denise said we have two youth from our Region 7 who received awards they are Lilly Young 14 years old from Greenville, and Wyatt Willis 7 years old from Dyersburg. She discussed the importance of getting our youth involved and submitting their names for these awards. But just as difficult is getting nominees for the other awards. You can go on the Region 7 web page and read what these awards involve. Caroline said she will send an email to club presidents asking for nominations for these awards with a deadline of July 1st.

New Business: Caroline ask "do we want to go to Lake Benson again remembering the rising cost of State Parks especially in Tennessee"? Discussion was the high cost of Henry Horton State Park of \$1,000.00 a day for the meeting room. Lake Benson was discussed at length concerning the beds are not stacked bunk beds but regular twin beds, clean and a nice meeting hall and no further in millage than Henry Horton. Mary Ann Duncan made the motion to vote on going back to Lake Benson Christian Camp in Bon Aqua TN for Winter Pot Luck, this motion was seconded by Jim Vernon, the board voted unanimous yes to go back to Lake Benson for Winter Potluck 2024.

Caroline advised us we are needing a nominating committee to work on a slate of new officers for Region 7 board consisting of three members from different clubs. Jim Vernon and Mary Ann Duncan volunteered with Belinda Carroll as chair. Also discussed the great job Scott Hall is doing as our Region 7 Web Master.

Old Business: Caroline discussed again the need for clubs to volunteer to host a Spring or a Fall Meeting stating all clubs should take their turn at hosting. Clubs hosted last as follows:

Lebanon 2014

Murfreesboro 2016

Louisville, & Nashville 2018

Jackson 2019

West TN & Greenville 2022

Bluegrass & Knoxville 2023

Caroline said the Smokey Mountain Club is a new club and needs time to get established before going into the hosting rotation. Susan Driver from the Murfreesboro club said she would discuss with Phil Williams and bring it up at their next meeting the possibility of Murfreesboro hosting. It was discussed we should make a call to Lebanon to see if they could host a meeting since they last hosted in 2014. Caroline suggested if a garden is needed to have judges training we could ask if we could use Iris City Garden and stay in a hotel in Dickson which that could be an option. Stephanie Plummer president of MTIS in Nashville, suggested she will bring it up at their next general meeting to see how it is received to host a meeting. Jim Vernon and Ginny Russell also from the Nashville club suggested fall of 2025 may be a possibility for MTIS to allow time to prepare. Denise Flowers said Jackson could do fall of 2024. Caroline stated but that still leaves Spring of 2024 with no one to host. Jody Nolin said that other regions have had the same problems and one year they toured gardens and had judges training in one of the gardens as a one day event. Jim Vernon discussed the cost of bringing in people for Judges Training. Could we bring in local people that would not be so costly. Sue Ann Barnes suggested taking the new handbook and dividing a section among a panel of judges with each one speaking maybe only 10 minutes or so, to not overwhelm any speaker. It was suggested that this could be done for only one meeting a year to help with cost.

Caroline said that was all she had on her agenda and ask if there was any other business we needed to cover. Ginny Russell stated that she needed to give up her position as Membership Chairman due to her difficulty with not being able to type right now with both hands. Caroline said she would find someone to fill this position.

Caroline called for any other discussion, none was made, Jim Vernon made the motion to adjourn, Mary Ann Duncan seconded the motion. Caroline adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Batson

Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT
A.I.S. REGION 7
May 1, 2023**

Previous Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$14,748.45**

Income:

3/4/23	Winter Potluck Auction and Donation	\$335.00
3/4/23	Winter Potluck Room payments	\$546.00
3/27/23	Donation Twin States Iris Society	\$ 50.00
3/29/23	Donation Evan Underwood	\$100.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,031.00**

Expenses:

3/4/23	Lake Benson Winter Potluck	\$865.50
3/5/23	Dawn Boyer Judges Training (Hotel)	\$342.37
3/5/23	Dawn Boyer Judges Training (Flight)	\$962.41
3/5/23	Dawn Boyer Judges Training (Honorarium)	\$200.00
3/27/23	Caroline Winters (Winter Potluck Expenses)	\$124.27
4/30/23	Susan Driver (AIS Convention Expenses)	\$540.22

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$3,034.77**

Ending Balance as of May 1 31, 2023 **\$12,744.68**

Respectfully Submitted by

**James D Vernon
Treasurer**



YOUTH

Youth members!! What a year we have had here in Region 7. We had our youth enter iris shows! We had two winners from the Ackerman Essay Contest! We also had winners in the 2022 AIS Photo Contest!

The 2023 photo contest is currently open until August 1! So, now's the time to decide which pictures you took during bloom season! You might have a Youth Winner on your camera!! In late winter the AIS coloring contest, will be announced so watch your mailbox for the Iris Fan that will have all the information about it! Be sure to enter all of these contests!! If you want to see what else is out there for the youth visit the <http://aisyouth.com/wordpress/> There is also a page that shows how you as a Youth Member can earn an AIS Patch!



CONGRATULATIONS TO LILY YOUNG AND WYATT WILLIS, SECOND PLACE WINNERS IN THE ACKERMAN ESSAY CONTEST!!!

Plant A New Iris Garden! Ackerman Youth Essay Contest 2023!

I don't have to pretend! I did move into a new house with no irises. All my irises at my old house were lost when we moved last year.

My uncle gave me 4 big planter boxes, so I used one of those as my iris bed. I really didn't pick irises because of their colors, I picked them because of the names. "Firefighter" (Hugh Stout 2018) my favorite went right in the middle. Flames of Fire, Fire Breather, Fire Danger, and Cowboy Campfire were planted all around Firefighter. Then I added Smoking Embers, Up in Flames and Dangerous Fire. These were just a few of my new ones. This year I am thinking of adding a couple of water names.. Cause every firefighter needs water.

As for companion plants. I don't know what they are called but they look like little flames, and they bloom all summer. I think they would look fun with the irises. They come in different colors. Reds, oranges, yellows, and pinks. But I don't want pink in my iris beds. I don't like pink.

I have other iris in my other beds but the first box is my favorite. I really want them to bloom so I can enter the iris show this year.

Wyatt Willis, Age 7, Jackson Area Iris Society



Pictures taken at the Spring Regional meeting, courtesy of Wyatt Willis, Age 7, a member of the Jackson Area Iris Society

Bill Brimm

"Gigi", the giraffe



Groundhog in live trap

DO YOU REMEMBER?



J AIS SHOW







Jackson Area Iris Society Show Results

April 29, 2023

Show Chairs: Belinda Carroll & Lorene Crone

Best in Show: "Thornbird", (exhibited by Nancy Thompson)
1st Runner Up: "Home Of The Blues", (exhibited by Nancy Thompson)
2nd Runner Up: "Roy Davidson", (exhibited by Denise & Mike Flowers)
3rd Runner Up: "Marry The Night", (exhibited by Nancy Thompson)
4th Runner Up: "Dog Rose", (exhibited by Denise & Mike Flowers)
Silver Award: Denise & Mike Flowers
Bronze Award: Scott Hall
Honor Court: "John Wood", (exhibited by Denise & Mike Flowers)
"Nestucca", (exhibited by Deborah Mell)
"Kiss The Girl", (exhibited by Nancy Thompson)
"Peach Sorbet", (exhibited by Scott Hall)
"Iko Iko", (exhibited by Scott Hall)
"Gilded Girl", (exhibited by Wyatt Willis)

Number of entries: 62 + 4 seedlings

Number of Exhibitors: 12

Artistic Design Division IV

*Indicates best design in show

Spring

#1 Belinda Carroll-2nd place
#2 Deborah Mell-3rd place
#3 Denise Flowers-4th place
#4 Sue Ann Barnes-1st place

Summer

#1 Deborah Mell-4th place
#2 Denise Flowers-1st place
#3 Belinda Carroll-3rd place
#4 Sue Ann Barnes-2nd place

Fall

#1 Deborah Mell-4th place
#2 Lorene Crone-3rd place
#3 Nancy Thompson-1st place*
#4 Lynn Warner-2nd place

Winter

#1 Sue Ann Barnes-3rd place
#2 Deborah Mell-4th place
#3 Lynn Warner-1st place
#4 Denise Flowers-2nd place

Miniatures - Holidays Through the Year

#1 Nancy Thompson-1st place
#2 Belinda Carroll-judged
#3 Lorene Crone-3rd place
#4 Sue Ann Barnes-2nd place

The Middle Tennessee Iris Society held its annual show on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the St. Joseph Church Parish Life Center in Madison, TN (Davidson County). With the theme "Garden Glory," 15 exhibitors showcased 87 entries that included a variety of bearded and non-bearded, historic, classic, novelty, species, and Siberian irises. Judges for the event included: Susan Driver, Evan Underwood and Caroline Winters. Show Chair was Stephanie Plummer and Co-Chair was Marilyn Vernon. The winners included:

Queen of Show: "Marry The Night", exhibited by Sue and Layton Gossage

1st Runner Up: "Calling Cadence", exhibited by Carrie Suchman

2nd Runner Up: "Roy Davidson", (also Best Beardless) exhibited by Marilyn and Jim Vernon

3rd Runner Up: "Winterfest", exhibited by Marilyn and Jim Vernon

4th Runner Up: "Slovak Prince", exhibited by Sue and Layton Gossage

Best Historic: "City Of Lincoln", (1936) exhibited by Jana Sharooni

Best Collection: "Quaker Lady", exhibited by Kate Gibson, Youth Division

Best Bearded, not a TB: "Dark Design", exhibited by Rebecca Gibson

Best in Show Youth: "Jewel Of Omar", exhibited by Kate Gibson

Best Seedling: exhibited by Brenda Batson

Silver Medal: Sue and Layton Gossage

Bronze Medal: Marilyn and Jim Vernon

Queen's Court: "Latest Fashion", Sue and Layton Gossage; "Wizard Of Odds", Marilyn and Jim Vernon; "Fashion Diva", Sue and Layton Gossage; "Don't Doubt Dalton", Marilyn and Jim Vernon; "Thornbird", Sue and Layton Gossage; "Dancing Ghost", Sue and Layton Gossage; "Stole The Show", Sue and Layton Gossage; ; "Wings Of Peace", Marilyn and Jim Vernon; "Lady Jane", Sue and Layton Gossage.





Best of Show "Marry The Night"



"Winterfest" and "Calling Cadence"



"Roy Davidson" and "Slovak Prince"



Blue Ribbons



SPRING REGIONAL MEETING AND IRIS SHOW

May 13, 2023 Lexington, KY Jane Hellmann, Show Chair Silver Medal: Greg Beavers

Best in Show: "Gypsy Romance", exhibited by Greg Beavers (also Best Purple & Best Dark)

1st Runner Up: "Witty", exhibited by Greg Beavers (also Best Median)

2nd Runner Up: "Habit", exhibited by Greg Beavers (also Best Bi-color)

3rd Runner Up: "Carnival Clown", exhibited by Greg Beavers

4th Runner Up: "Dividing Line", exhibited by Rita Adkins

Best Historic: "Crystal Glitters", exhibited by Rita Adkins

Best Orange: "Wild", exhibited by Jane Hellmann

Best Yellow: "Happy Pal", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer

Best Red: "Sultan's Palace", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer

Best Blue: "Breakers", exhibited by Kathryn Bowers

Best Pink: "Still The One", exhibited by Rita Adkins

Best White: "Bonus Lite", exhibited by Sue Kirkman

Best Beardless: "Jeweled Crown", exhibited by Rita Adkins

Best Ukrainian Color: "I. Spuria Musulmanica", exhibited by Michael & Lisa Kuduk

Best Design: Exhibited by Barbara Dunlap

People's Choice: "Above All Things", exhibited by Barbara Dunlap

Entries: 174 horticulture and 8 designs

Exhibitors: 22



"Gypsy Romance"



"Witty"



"Habit"



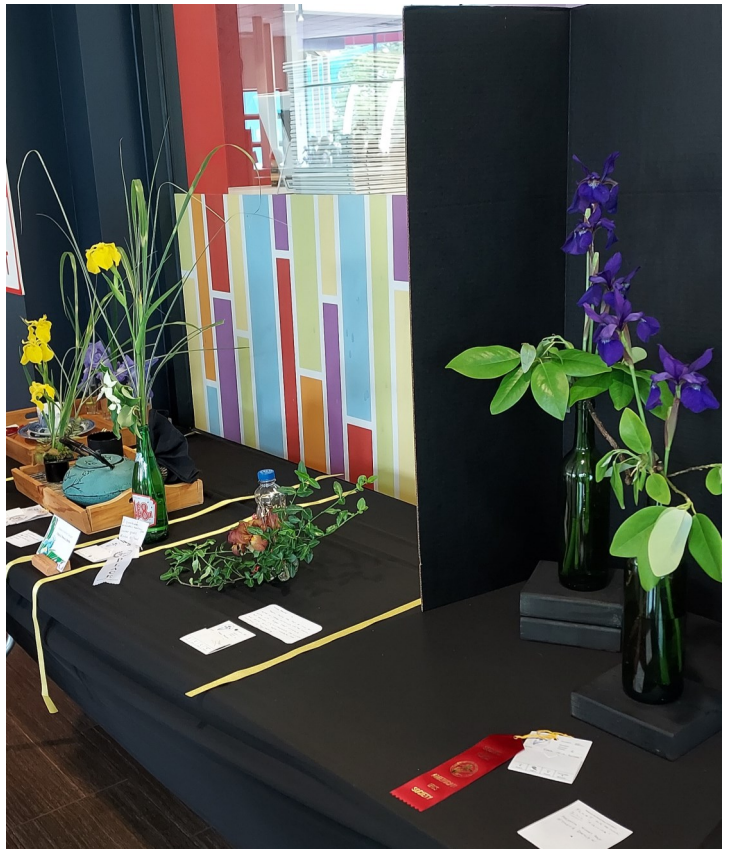
"Carnival Clown"



"Dividing Line"



Seedlings



Design Class



A BRIEF LOOK AT REGIONAL GARDENS IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON, KY



Royal and Barbara Dunlap's



Jane Hellmann's



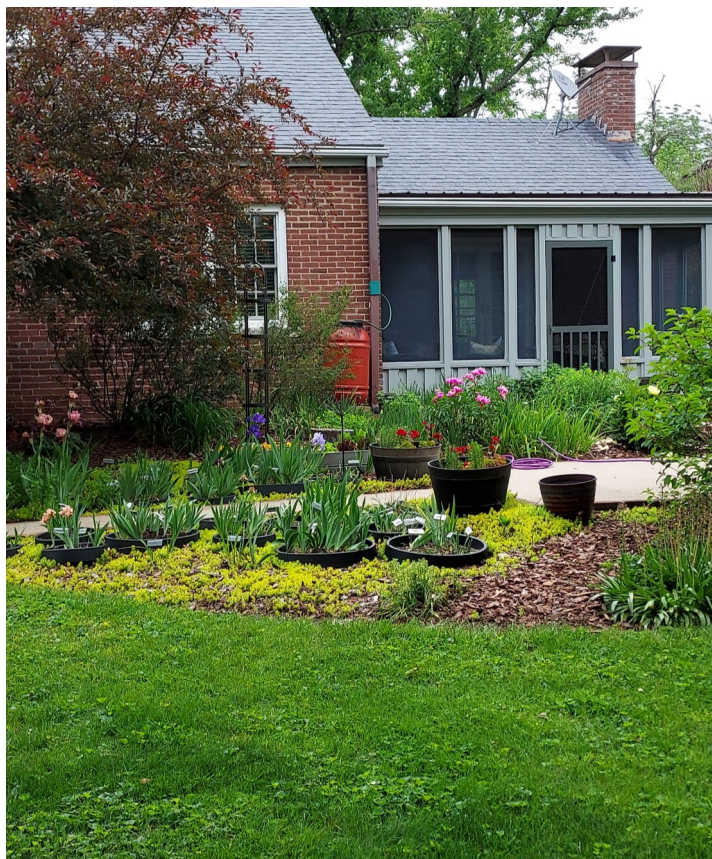
David Cupps'



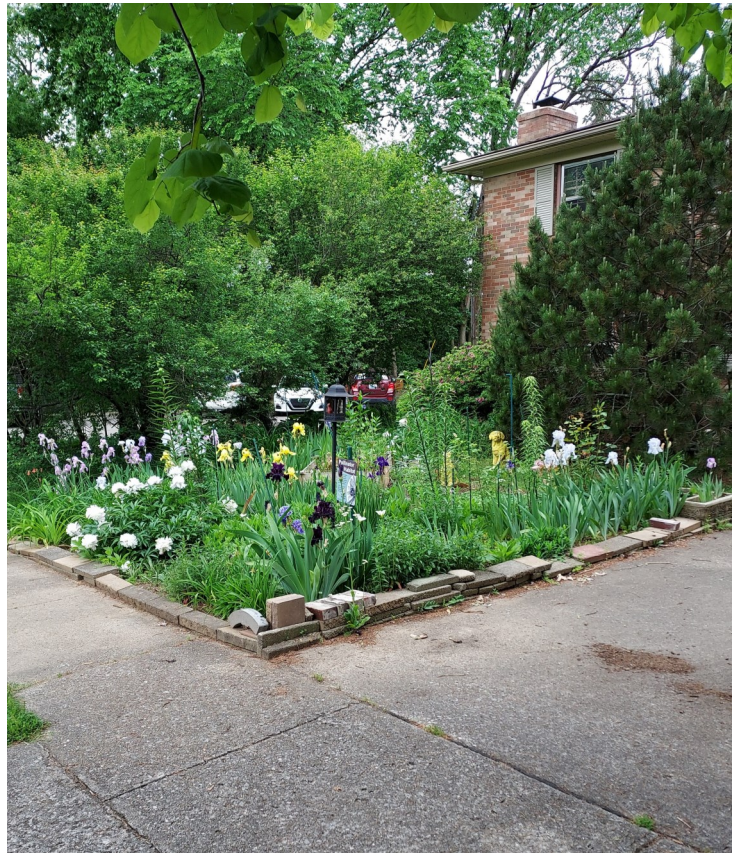
University of Kentucky Arboretum Club Garden



Diane Feam-Desrosiers'



Mary Lynne Lange's



Sally Wasielewski's



Kathryn Bowes'



Rich Rosen's



Graham Rowles'

IN MEMORIUM



Jill Evelyn Watson

March 30, 1946 - March 29, 2023

Mrs. Jill Evelyn Watson, age 76 of Smithville, passed away Wednesday, March 29 at the Webb House in Smithville. She was a member of the Smithville Church of Christ, the Mid-State Iris Association, and the Dekalb Co. Community Choir.

She was born on March 30, 1946 to her parents, Ralph and Ruby Eley Snell who preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by a sister, Jewel Kendrick, and 2 brothers-in-law, Ronald Kendrick and Jerry Brown.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Russell Watson of Smithville, 1 daughter, Kelly (Andrew) Evans of Crockett Mills, 3 sons, Kurt (Emily) Watson of Lascassas, Kyle (Jennifer) Watson of Columbia, and Craig (Abigail) Watson of McMinnville. 8 grand-

children, Robyn, Kate, Joy and Claire Evans, Lillian & Everett Watson, and Britton and Ruby Watson. 4 sisters, Joy Brown of AL, Joan (Bob) Dixon of IN, Jan (Jim) Brantly of IN, Jerrilyn (Richard) Kelly of AL. 4 brothers, Tom (Jincy) Snell of TX, Ken (Susan) Snell of GA, David (Jane) Snell of Ripley and Jonathan (Lea) Snell of AL. Several nieces and nephews also survive.



REGION 7 ROLL CALL

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GREENEVILLE IRIS SOCIETY

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Church, Greeneville, TN

JACKSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

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Meetings: 2nd Sat in Feb, Mar,
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SMOKEY MOUNTAIN IRIS SOCIETY

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Meetings: 4th Thurs of Feb-Oct.
Food, fun and friendship starts at
5:30, meeting at 6 p.m. at Jeffer-
son City Public Library

MIDDLE TN IRIS SOCIETY

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TWIN STATES IRIS SOCIETY

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Meetings: For 2018, Feb24, Apr
21, Aug 25 and Oct 27; 1 p.m. at
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WEST TN IRIS SOCIETY

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2023 Region 7 Judges

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2023 Total 32 (*includes retired judges who are still eligible to judge on a panel with other accredited judges)

**A.I.S. REGION 7
FALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30—October 1, 2023**

**Fairfield Inn and Suites Knoxville Clinton
130 Tanner Lane
Clinton, TN 37716**

**Speaker: Jim Hedgecock (Near Kansas City)
"Spuria Irises"**

Meeting Registration

Registration fee is \$40.00 per person

Make checks payable to East Tennessee Iris Society and send fees to:

*Raymond Simpson
PO Box 20825
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(865)368-7060
Email: easttnirissociety@yahoo.com*

Meals

Your registration covers our Saturday dinner.
Fairfield provides registered guests with free breakfast.
All other meals at your own expense. Restaurants are nearby.

***Hotel Reservations**

Call 865-269-3254 and mention group code #ETSI or click the link below (link is only good for Saturday night). If you want to come in early for this event you will need to call to book other nights.

Book your group rate for ETSI

Our group rate expires September 10, so be sure to reserve your room before this date.

Breakfast is included in this rate. **The rate is \$109 USD per night.**

Note: UT has a home game this weekend with SC, so the area will be lively. If you are choosing to come in early, do know I called the Fairfield Inn & Suites on 2/22/23 and was able to get a reservation for Friday, September 29 and 30th, but you need to call soon. Do not delay, as many hotels have an agreement with UT to hold their rooms until closer to the date before they will release them back to the general pool.

IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Traditionally, the fall iris auction is Region 7's biggest fundraiser of the year.

We are looking for you to donate:

- * Fun stuff,
- * Baked goods,
- * Iris stuff, and most importantly,
- * Iris rhizomes/potted iris.

Additionally, the families of Nancy Maynard and June Richards have shared Beloved iris belongings that will be in the auction as well.

If you are thinning out your garden, consider potting up a few rhizomes to bring.

If you were gifted with a bonus iris that's not to your taste, we want it!

If you are not digging this year, send in an order to donate to the auction.

We can use lovely items for the silent auction as well.

Come to the meeting and get in a crazy bidding war with one of your friends, or someone who may become a dear friend.

Add a few new special flowers to your garden and/or take home a new iris-related Item or memento of a dear friend that you can't live without.

Potting rhizomes for the auction is a help to your gardening buddies (especially for the shorter growing season areas in the north and eastern parts of Region 7), but potting is not a requirement.

Please email the names of all rhizomes you bring to Betty Kidd (bettyjkidd@gmail.com), so they can share photos and descriptions <https://wiki.irises.org/>

MOST OF ALL, COME JOIN US!



Region 7 Fall Registration Form September 30-October 1, 2023

Please print and fill out for each person attending.

Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Region you're from: _____

Any questions? Contact Barb Pappenfus at 651-442-1584 or bpappenfus@hotmail.com

Tentative Itinerary

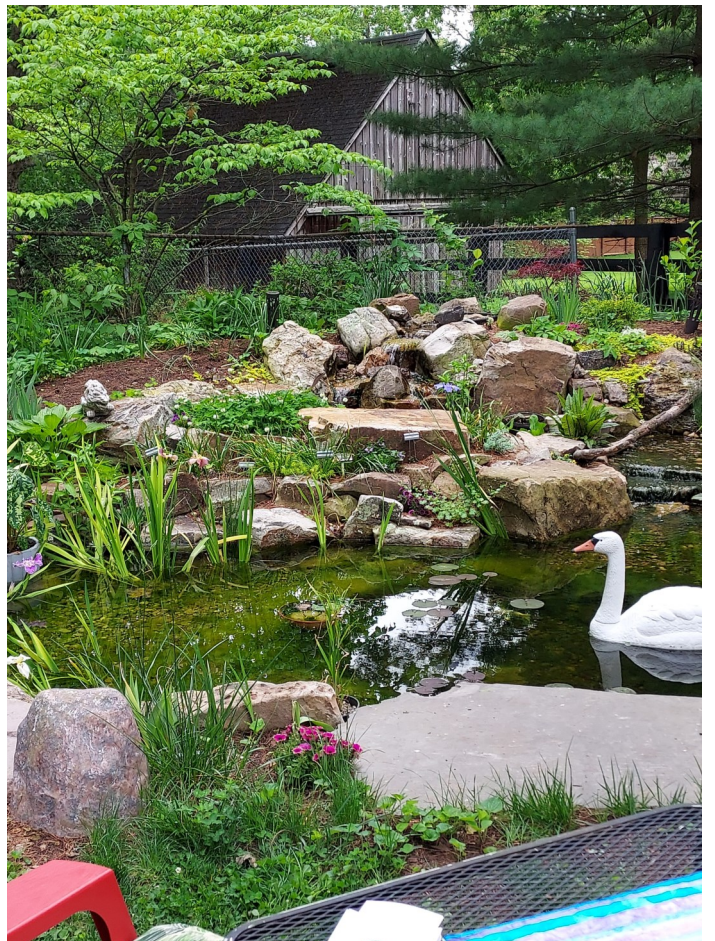
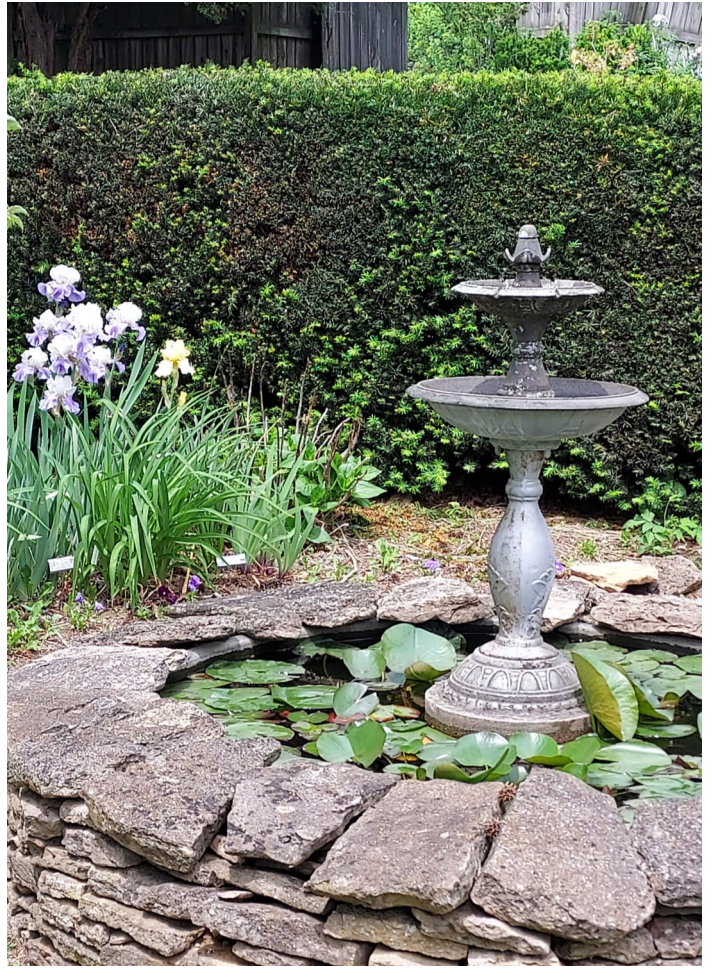
Board Meeting - Saturday 9/30 at 12:30 p.m.

Rhizome and Potted Iris Auction - Saturday TBD, probably 2:30 p.m.

Awards Banquet - Saturday evening

Dessert Potluck - After the banquet

Judges Training - Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m....(Note: Lodge checkout 11 a.m.)



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AIS Region 7 website: aisregion7.org

