



# Iris Gleanings

## Join us!

GOIS meets on the second Monday of the month. (March, April, May, June, September, October, & November)

At

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

925 S 84th Street  
Omaha, NE

**Doors Open at 6:30 PM**  
**Program begins at 7:00 PM**

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## From the President

*Ahh Fall, it's a bittersweet season for the gardener. Chores are nearly done, the weather is beautiful, and for the irisarian, a bonus; we get to enjoy the fall reblooming varieties coming into flower just as the rest of the garden fades into the background.*

*Our iris year is drawing to a close as well. We'll have our final program of the year this month, Gary White will speak to us on Clematis. November is our Thanksgiving potluck and*

*the end of our GOIS year. Remember that guests are always welcome and friends and family are especially appreciated at our Thanksgiving potluck. Plan to attend both events .*

*Thank you to the members who completed our survey at the last meeting. We will have it available again at the October meeting so that we can take your wishes into consideration for the upcoming year.*

*October 17th is our final*



*garden clean-up at the Mahoney display garden. Plan to join us as we get the beds ready for winter.*

*Linda*

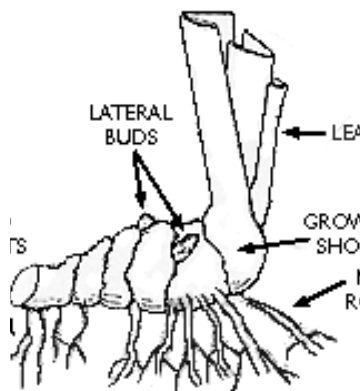
## Garden Marker Bonus Program

GOIS has signed up with Kincaid's Plant Markers "Grow Your Rewards" program to help our members purchase quality plant markers for their gardens. Kincaid produces stainless steel plant markers that have proven durability.

As a member of the rewards program you can receive a \$0.50 discount on every bundle of 25 markers purchased. GOIS in turn will receive an annual rebate check of \$0.50 for each bundle of 25 markers purchased by club members. Members can combine their orders to get the most favorable pricing and if there is enough interest we will submit a club order to save even more on the per/marker price.

Just include the GOIS code: IRIS-GOIS at check-out. We'll have information at the next meeting or read more at: <http://www.kincaidplantmarkers.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/PDF-Brochure-July-2014-2.pdf>

## Back to Basics



**IRIS RHIZOME**

*Iris Rhizome*

Hopefully you've gotten all your iris purchases in the ground by now. If not, it is time to get them into the garden or to nurture them in pots over the winter. They need time to get themselves established before the hard freezes come next month.

If you've expanded your collection to include some reblooming varieties you should have started to see some bloom. Golden Encore and Queen Dorothy were both blooming as of Labor day at our display garden. Immortality and Bountiful Harvest have been spotted around town

blooming gamely in the hellstrips that many perennials eschew. Watch your reblooming clumps closely for the emerging bloom-stalks. You may wish to cover anything that is putting up stalks on those evenings when frost warnings have been issued.

If you do have reblooming varieties you can help the Reblooming Iris Society by reporting what and when rebloom occurs in your garden. Simply send your general location (City, State), Variety, and Date to Wayne Messer at: [wrmesser@gmail.com](mailto:wrmesser@gmail.com). He'll post to the Region 21 website

so iris hybridizers and collectors of remonant varieties can monitor the performance of their cultivars.

October is perfect for planting the minor bulbous *Iris Reticulata*, *Danfordiae*, and Dutch iris. They tend to be inexpensive, care-free, and quite lovely in the early Spring garden.

If you have new plantings you may want to consider adding mulch after the ground freezes. It's the freeze/thaw that is hard on overwintering iris and a little mulch applied judiciously can help.

2015 Sass Medal Winner

**Man's Best Friend**

**Paul Black**



## Garden Angels Needed

As you all know gardening can be work, sometimes a lot of work .

Our display garden is no different but suffers from an additional complication in that it is always in the public eye. Hundreds of visitors stroll, roll, and stop to photograph our garden at Mahoney State Park during any given week. Routine garden

maintenance therefore is a must .

We are looking for a dedicated group of volunteers to be our "Garden Angels".

Are you one of those folks who hate to see a weed? Think that a tidy garden is as close to heaven on earth as you can get? Then this group is for you!

We'll be asking for teams that can work together either on weekends or during the week to help keep our display garden looking its best.

We'll have sign up sheets at the next meeting to develop the teams. Volunteers don't need experience just a willing heart and the desire to help.

## Upcoming events

**October 12th**, “Clematis for the Garden” by Gary White. General Business meeting. Dues for 2016 are due this month.

**October 17th**, Garden Clean-up at Sass Memorial Display Garden. Meet at 8:30 AM at Mahoney Park to trim foliage and get the garden ready for winter. Bring gloves, scissors or pruners, trash bags and rakes, hoes, or cultivators for removing debris and final weeding.

**October 26th**, Executive Board and Cabinet meeting. Farmhouse Café, 5:30 PM

**November 6-7**, GOIS hosts the AIS Fall Board meeting in Omaha. Volunteers for treats and hosting needed.

**November 9th**, Thanksgiving Potluck. End of year review and sign up for next year’s committees.



*October Hospitality*

*Di Semper*

*Phyllis Randall*

## In the Garden...

*Fall is the time of year when we can relax a bit, pull a few weeds, and truly enjoy the beauty of our gardens.*

- *Weeds are still your enemy. Pull out those weeds and/or treat perennial weeds with an herbicide.*
- *Protect reblooming stalks from frost/freezes to keep your bloom going into November*
- *Plant bulbous iris at the fronts of your borders to give a splash of iris color early next Spring.*

# Greater Omaha Iris Society

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We're on the web:

[www.greateromahairissociety.org](http://www.greateromahairissociety.org)

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## *Stay Current and informed*

### GOIS Dues

- Single AIS Member \$3.00
- Single non-AIS Member \$10.00
- Family AIS Member \$5.00
- Family non-AIS Member \$15.00

Dues for 2015 can be paid at the October and November meetings. Pay John Randall at a meeting or mail payment to John at:

22871 Kane Avenue  
Glenwood, IA 51534

And remember guests are always  
welcome at GOIS events.  
Bring a Friend!

### American Iris Society Dues

- Single Annual \$25.00
- Dual Annual \$30.00
- Triennial Single \$60.00
- Triennial Dual \$75.00
- Single e-Member \$15.00

Visit [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org) to learn more  
about the AIS and its affiliates.

