

The Lincoln Iris Society's

Rainbow Messenger

A More or Less Monthly Publication for Anyone who Loves Irises!

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President's Message

David Lionberger

It was good to see such a big turnout for the June meeting. Good programs and good food make an enjoyable evening. Thanks to Herschel Staats for his informative presentation about honey bees. Herschel answered many good questions from the audience, especially from our youth members. I wouldn't be surprised if a few new beekeepers appear from some of the younger set. The Show Committee Report by Jenny Cich was well presented and resulted in two changes for future shows. You will find all information pertaining to the report and show changes in the Minutes include in this issue. Our annual rhizome sale and auction is scheduled this month on the 29th. This is always a fun event that provides opportunity for fellowship and valuable contact with the public. LIS members are encouraged to interact with sale and auction attendees. Remember when we were new to iris gardening and be generous with helping and sharing the knowledge you have obtained by experience. Our Spring Show resulted in several new members and the Sale/Auction event has the potential to attract new members as well. We are a cheerful, friendly, well organized, knowledgeable group from which the love of iris shines brightly. This is the environment in which the "iris virus" thrives and readily seeks new hosts! Pass it around!

President's Quote

"Until we are pushing up daisies, it might be good to remind ourselves daily that everything's coming up roses – for me and you."

Gina Barreca

Meeting

Date: Monday, July 24, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church
1015 Lancaster Lane Lincoln, NE**

**Program: LIS Sale Preparation
Presented by Mark & Jenny Cich and others**

Hosts: Melinda Holcombe

Pot Luck Supper reminder – bring a dish to share and your own service. Drinks will provided.

Questions about Iris or LIS

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REGION 21 FALL MEETING

Pam Messer

Date: August 11-12, 2017

The meeting is Saturday. An optional pre-meeting tour is Friday afternoon. The Welcome Reception and Affiliate Roundtable Discussion is Friday Eve.

Location: Kearney, NE

Registration Fee: \$10

Country Inn and Suites Hotel **AIS Region 21 Block** Deadline: July 20

Judges Training Presenter: Jean Morris

Topics: Tall Bearded Irises (2 hrs)

Ethics (1 hr)

The registration form is also included in the March Region 21 Bulletin, which was mailed earlier this year and is available on the Region 21 website: www.aisregion21.org

GREATER OMAHA IRIS SOCIETY

Iris Rhizome Sale

Friday, July 28th 2:00-7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

925 84th St (84th & Pacific)

Omaha, NE

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

Judy Douglas has been looking at suitable facilities for our annual holiday dinner. She will discuss this topic at this month's meeting.

HISTORIC RHIZOME SALE

The Historic Iris Preservation Society's annual Rhizome Sale begins on July 22 for HIPS members and July 25 for non-members. Over 700 varieties of bearded irises will be for sale! Many of the irises in the sale are hard to find. Most are historic irises, though there are some moderns on the list. Here are the main points:

- Irises are \$6.50 each, minimum purchase of four. Price includes shipping via Priority Mail.
- A list, with photos, will be placed online at the HIPS website by July 17: www.historiciris.org
- HIPS members may order beginning on July 22 at 8am Central Time.
- Non-members may order beginning on July 25 at 8am Central Time.
- A spreadsheet with the available quantity of each variety will be posted before the sale opens. As irises are sold, the quantities will be adjusted.
- Irises are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Get your order in early!
- Once you are finished ordering, let us know via e-mail and we will send you a PayPal invoice. You may pay with a credit card even if you do not have a PayPal account. Payment is due within 48hours of the invoice, unless you alert us that you are sending a check.
- We will not ship your irises until we receive your payment, so it helps to order and pay as soon as possible.

Not a HIPS member? Join online for priority purchasing! Membership is only \$13 per year and includes two issues of our journal, *ROOTS*, access to the member areas of our website, and timely updates of iris news and events. Electronic memberships are only \$10.

For complete detail and links to the iris lists and sale spreadsheet, visit www.historiciris.org and click on the sale banner.

Thank you and enjoy the sale!

Cathy Egerer
HIPS President

Lauritzen Gardens
**ANTIQUÉ &
 GARDEN SHOW**

100 Bancroft Street - Omaha, Nebraska 68108 - 402-346-4002 omahaantiqueshow.org

June 23, 2017

Mr. Dean Douglas
 Lincoln Iris Society
 28617 Fletcher Avenue
 Elmwood, NE 68349

Dear Dean,

Join us on Saturday, September 16, 2017 as we spend the morning with the Official Florist to the Queen of England, Shane Connolly. On this rare occasion during the 2017 Lauritzen Gardens Antique and Garden Show, we will be enjoying a lite fare while Shane presents a 90 minute demonstration and shares some of his royal experiences.

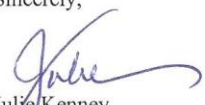
Known as the Artistic Director for Will and Kate's Royal Wedding, Shane's floral inspirations have received world-wide acclaim. He creates timeless, artisanal arrangements using local, seasonal and mindfully grown plants and flowers.

We would love to extend an invitation to attend what promises to be a morning to remember. Please consider purchasing a table or gathering a group of your friends for a no-host table for this Saturday morning lecture from 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

Shane's designs will be sure to inspire you, and we cannot wait to hear some of his fun details about Kensington Palace. Mark the date, gather your friends and prepare for a morning of stunning floral designs!

Hope to see you on September 16th,

Sincerely,


 Julie Kenney
 Sat. Hostess Co-Chairman


 Susan McGillick
 Sat. Hostess Co-Chairman


 Christine Stevens
 Sat. Hostess Co-Chairman

*Dear -
 Shane is
 awesome!*

More information can be found on our website OmahaAntiqueShow.org

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2017 Lauritzen Gardens Antique & Garden Show

Please reply by Friday, August 4, 2017

Floral Inspirations with Shane Connolly Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.	Quantity	Amount
❖ Patron Reservation* \$75 each (\$60 is tax deductible) *Includes preferred table seating & lite fare	_____	\$ _____
❖ General Reservation \$60 each (\$45 is tax deductible) *Includes table seating & lite fare	_____	\$ _____
❖ Lecture Seating \$40 each (\$40 is tax deductible)	_____	\$ _____
❖ Boutique Box Lunch pre-order & pick up following lecture \$15 each	_____	\$ _____
❖ Shane Connolly's Book \$32.10 (picked up at the lecture) "Discovering the Meaning of Flowers"	_____	\$ _____
		SATURDAY TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT & INFORMATION	TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
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Make check payable to Lauritzen Gardens or use one of the following credit cards:

Mark one: Visa MasterCard Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Sec. Code: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please list names (first and last please) of those with whom you want to be seated. Tables of 10.

Saturday Floral Inspirations
 ___ Host ___ No Host

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

LINCOLN IRIS SOCIETY 2017 SALE AND AUCTION

The annual sale and auction is the only LIS fund raiser for the entire year. It is so important that we all participate in making this a successful event. We need lots of plants, good plants, properly cleaned and labeled. If not sure of the iris name put in Bargain Bags.

We also need lots of folks to help get things done on sale day. If you do not have plants to donate, you can still help out on sale day and also be a buyer. Please save paper bags.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date-----Saturday, July 29th, 2017

Location---St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 1015 Lancaster Lane, Lincoln

Setup starts 7 PM Friday July 28th , ---- Bring iris 8 AM Sat July 29th

Iris deadline---9:00 AM (all plants must be on the tables by 10AM)

Sale starts-----10:00 AM –sharp Auction starts ----11:00 AM

Sale ends-----4:00 PM --Cleanup to follow

PLANT PREPARATION—You must know the correct name of the plant you are preparing. If you are not certain of the name, use these plants in the bargain bags.

1. After digging, label the plant with waterproof marker
2. Trim the tops back to about 6” – 8”
3. The roots should be trimmed some as well, leaving 3”-4” of root
4. Wash the plants very thoroughly. A 10% bleach dip is a good idea.
5. Maximum dip time in diluted bleach should be three minutes then rinse in clean water.
6. Place the plant with the roots up so the water will drain from it until dry.
7. Make sure the plant is clean & healthy, without leaf or insect damage.

LABELING--- Each plant is to be labeled, at home, with waterproof marker

1. The proper name,
2. The type of iris (TB, BB, SDB, etc),
3. Color of the iris,
4. Year of introduction, if known.
5. Price
6. Any other descriptive information is helpful.

(MAKE SURE YOUR LABEL IS LEGIBLE AND WITH WATERPROOF INK)

PRICING—Each plant must be priced before the sale. These prices were approved at the June meeting.

All Bearded Iris —2008-2012-\$5.00 each (2013-2017- go to the Auction)

All Bearded Iris --- 2007 & older-\$3.00 each

Bargain Bags--- \$ 8.00 --each (Normally are unlabeled iris, All iris 13/bag.)

TB & BB can be packaged together—All medians can be packaged together.

Do not mix medians and talls in the same bargain bag. Label bag contents

Example-- Bargain Bag \$8.00 —TB & BB or Bargain Bag \$8.00 --SDB

PHOTOGRAPHS-A picture is worth a thousand words. If you have photos of your plants, put your name on the back and bring them along. Put in plastic sandwich bags.

Questions: Call Mark Cich,402-525-8154 or Jenny Cich, 402-525-5047, Sale committee co-chairs.