

*The Lincoln Iris Society's*

# Rainbow Messenger

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## President's Message

*David Lionberger*

Many thanks to Bill Smith for his presentation about the Salt Creek Tiger Beetle at our March meeting. Bill is a Master Naturalist and is involved with many activities related to the environment and species of animals, birds, and insects, particularly those in danger of extinction. His presentation was informative and educational and everyone enjoyed his program. Another big thank you to Jenny Cich for her work in arranging LIS participation in this year's Spring Affair. A good deal of planning and dedication of time is involved with this type of activity and we appreciate it very much! LIS condolences are sent to the family of Dr. Garland Bare who passed away recently. Dean Douglas had a sister pass away recently, and Melinda Holcombe also lost a sister. Our deepest sympathy is extended to these LIS members who have lost their loved ones.

## President's Quote

Without a doubt, without hesitation, I choose gardening over going to the gym. I can't stand going to the gym. It doesn't appeal to me at all. Give me gardening every time.

*Mary Berry*

## Trophy Return

If you won a trophy at the 2016 LIS Show, bring it to the April meeting. We need to have them all present and accounted for at this year's show. And...if your trophy is silver, please apply silver polish and give it a good shine before you bring it in. The show staff does NOT have time to buff and polish all those trophies!

## Meeting

**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

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

**Program:** Prep for LIS Show including  
"Arrangements with Iris" by B.J. Ohme

**Hosts:** George H. Green, Heidi Brase

*Questions about Iris or LIS*

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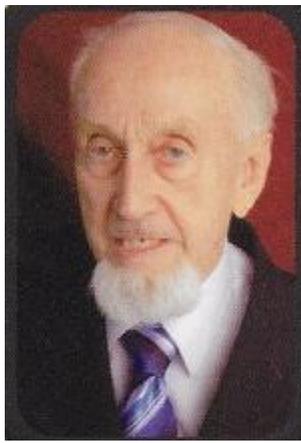
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## REQUEST FOR BLOOMSTALKS

B.J. Ohme would like for members that have iris in bloom to bring some to this month's meeting. He will need them for his presentation of "Arrangements with Iris" and he is not sure how many he will have to bring. Your help will be appreciated. Thank You!

## *Dr. Garland Bare*



Dr. Orlando Garland Bare passed away at the age of 87 at his home in Joplin, Missouri on Monday, April 3, 2017. Dr. Bare was a longtime and active member of the Lincoln Iris Society.

Garland Bare was born in Tibet and spent his childhood there with his missionary parents, Dr. Norton and Lois Bare. As a child, Garland wanted to be a naturalist, and at 16, he left home and travelled through the American Midwest as a door to door salesman for Collier's Magazine. Instead of Cornell University, studying ornithology, Garland entered Lincoln Bible Institute, in Lincoln, Illinois, where his two sisters and several cousins all attended as well. At LBI, Garland met Dorothy Dyson and they were married at the Lincoln Christian Church on January 13, 1951. That fall, Dorothy and Garland sailed for Thailand on a cargo ship, taking 49 days to make the voyage from New York to Bangkok.

After a number of years working as a missionary in Thailand, Garland was encouraged to go to medical school, then return to help the people in Thailand. So, after med school, he did return and for a time was a war zone surgeon in Southeast Asia from 1972 to 1974. After the war, Dr. Bare returned to Nebraska in the mid 1970s, and was a physician at University of Nebraska Health Services, retiring from the University in 1995. He then entered private practice with the Lincoln Family Practice Group until he retired again in 2001 at the age of 71. Dr. Bare still volunteered his time and skills as a physician on missionary trips to Russia, Romania, Honduras, Guatemala, and Haiti. Even after leaving Lincoln and living in Joplin, Missouri, Dr. Bare volunteered as a triage doctor after the Joplin tornado in 2011.

Dr. and Mrs. Bare joined the Lincoln Iris Society in the early 1990s (or maybe before), and Garland was as interested about irises as everything else he was involved with in life. His special interest was species irises. He was a long time member of the American Iris Society and of the Species Iris Group North America (SIGNA) and attended several conventions and exploration trips with the group. Dr. Bare sometimes gave programs about those irises and trips. And, he would often talk about the unusual irises he was coaxing along in his own garden, or in styrofoam cups in sheltered window wells of his home. He was also very generous in sharing those irises with anyone brave enough to try growing them. He was the only person we knew who managed to grow and keep Pacific Coast Irises (PCIs) alive through our cold Nebraska winters and hot Nebraska summers. Dr. Bare was Vice President and program chair of LIS at least a couple of terms, and we always were treated to some interesting talks of his own. He was also a past President of the Lincoln Iris Society, and was the President when we attended our first LIS show in the spring of 1994. In the years we knew him, Dr. Bare was always at LIS events, especially the show, with his grandson Rodney, helping to set up for the show, then entering his irises the following day.

In 2008, the Bares, Garland and Dorothy and daughter Grace Meester, moved to Joplin, MO to be near the Bares' son, Geoffrey. It was just prior to that move, that Garland and Dorothy were given Honorary Life Membership in the Lincoln Iris Society, in appreciation for their many years of service to the group. Dr. Bare was a gentle and compassionate soul, and will surely be missed by those of us who were lucky enough to know him.

Submitted by Gary White and Linda Rader

## **Lincoln Iris Society Show**

**May 13, 2017 Saturday, 1:00-4:30 PM**

The show this year will be held at our regular meeting place, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and is open to the public in the afternoon. We hope you all will participate by entering those perfect or not-so-perfect iris stalks from your garden and preparing stunning floral arrangements. Even if you are not entering this year, be sure to stop by the evening before, Friday May 12 to help set up and again on Saturday AM from 7:30 to 10:00 to watch everyone groom irises, assemble arrangements and to see what goes into the making of an iris show. And, of course, be sure to stick around in the afternoon to chat with visitors and share your enthusiasm for growing and enjoying irises. This is one of our two big events of the year and we want you all to be there and enjoy the day.

**Agenda:** See the timetable of events for the show day on another page in this newsletter!

**April Meeting:** The program this month will be about the show. We will have all kinds of information on the events of the day, with tips on choosing and grooming irises to win that big award. And B.J. Ohme will give a special presentation on designing arrangements to show off irises at their best. Come with your questions.

**Arrangements:** This is a great way to begin entering the show. With some accessories, creativity and a few lovely irises you may take home the top prize. A few rules: An exhibitor may enter only one arrangement per class. Irises must be the predominant flower, but you do not need to know the name of the irises. Accessories are encouraged. Other plant materials (fresh or dried) are fine, but no artificial/fake plant material, please. Leave those plastic peonies at home. To give you a head start, below are the classes for this year's Artistic Arrangements. Thanks to Eunice Cernohlavek for her creative suggestions.

### **Nebraska -- East to West -- 150 Yr Celebration**

**Class 1—Omaha and Lauritzen gardens:** Your arrangement should feature color and variety for a mantel or side table.

**Class 2—Lincoln, University of NE Sports:** Colors crimson and creams, or various shades of both. Give it height.

**Class 3—Grand Island State Fair:** Think ribbon colors, purples, blues, reds whites and even yellows.

**Class 4—North Platte Days:** In this arrangement, feature 3 different irises. Examples, bitones, broken color, plicatas, spoons, variegated, etc. Use your imagination!

**Class 5—Scottsbluff:** A beautiful sunset arrangement featuring pinks, yellows, golds, reds, purples, dark blues, browns, grays. A center showcase for the dining room table. View from all sides.

# LINCOLN IRIS SOCIETY

## Show Agenda – May 12-13, 2017

### FRIDAY NIGHT SETUP-May 12th

7:00 PM - Meet at St. Andrews Lutheran Church. Unload show materials, arrange tables, add tablecloths, place section and award sign cards on tables. Assemble vases & bases.

### SATURDAY AM May 13th

7:30 AM—10:00 AM - PREPARATION TIME Groom and prepare iris stalks, attach completed entry cards, set on placement table. Placement crew moves irises to appropriate section on show tables. Assemble arrangements and place directly on show table. Classification committee peruses show to check for mis-identified, mis-classified & mis-placed entries.

10:00 AM - ENTRY CLOSED. All irises and arrangements must be on the tables.

10:00 AM—10:15 AM - MEETING OF JUDGES, CLERKS, SHOW CHAIRMEN to preview show and determine order of judging.

10:15AM to finish - JUDGING OF SHOW. During this time, staging area to be spiffed up, materials taken to vehicles, stowed out of the way, etc.

### LUNCH

### SATURDAY PM

1:00 PM - SHOW OPENS TO PUBLIC LIS members work Greeter Table or Float around room, talk with visitors about irises, answer questions, promote Auction/Sale, hand out sale fliers, encourage everyone to vote for Viewers Choice Iris. Wear your name tag.

4:00 PM - VIEWERS CHOICE VOTING CONCLUDES Ballots counted.

4:30 PM - SHOW CLOSES

4:30 - 4:35PM - All entrants should remove any iris stalks they wish to keep.

4:35 PM - IRIS BLOOMSTALK SALE-visitors may purchase bloomstalks. ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT TO BE SOLD OR TAKEN unless by previous agreement with EXHIBITOR.

4:45 PM - Clean and Pack - Empty water from vases, return bases and vases to marked boxes. Fold up tablecloths, etc.

\*Helpful Grooming Supplies – Cotton balls, Q-Tips, tissues, sharp-pointed scissors.

\*\*Won a traveling trophy? LIS members may take theirs home, unless it needs to be engraved. See Jenny Cich to sign out your trophy!

Best of section certificates, medals and engraved trophies will be awarded at a later meeting.

Dear Affiliate President,

Welcome to another year of affiliation with the American Iris Society (AIS). Your 2017 affiliation form has been processed.

One of the benefits of affiliation is a club subscription to the AIS bulletin, The Membership Secretary needs to have the current address of the President so that the right person receives them. Thus if your club changes Presidents, please inform the AIS Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley: [aismemsec@earthlink.net](mailto:aismemsec@earthlink.net). (Note: if the President's (your) personal mailing address changes please inform Tom that he needs to update both your membership address and the affiliate address.) Also please inform your RVP of any changes.

The information collected via the annual affiliations process will be posted to the AIS website ([irises.org](http://irises.org)) under the links to the individual regions. Also affiliate iris societies with websites can have a link placed onto the AIS website. (Please contact David Cupps ([david@davidcupps.com](mailto:david@davidcupps.com)) to get your club's website added to the AIS web.)

On the Affiliate Application Form, there were 8 requirements for affiliation. For your reference, these are listed on this letter. Please keep this letter and refer to these requirements if you have questions. Also remember that you can contact me for any further help.

1. Elected officers must be current AIS members for the duration of their term.
2. A renewing society must submit an application for affiliation each year. New affiliates may join at any time.
3. All Affiliate Board meetings and Elections must follow the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order and cannot be in conflict with the by-laws of The American Iris Society.
4. All general meeting must be open to the public.
5. Any AIS sanctioned show sponsored by the Affiliate must adhere to AIS show rules.
6. The society must state its affiliation with AIS on show schedules, publications, any publicity releases, and include, when possible, an invitation to join AIS.
7. The AIS and/or the Region shall not be responsible for the debts or liabilities of any of the Affiliates, unless agreed upon in advance and in writing.
8. If an Affiliate disbands, the remaining funds (after all of the bills are paid), are turned over to the Region or an associated non-profit, subject to their by-laws.

If you have any questions about the AIS, comments, suggestions, or problems, please contact me, Jody Nolin at my email address: [jody.nolin@gmail.com](mailto:jody.nolin@gmail.com), or call me at (614) 507-0332. Also, if you are a club president without e-mail I would appreciate it if you appoint someone in your club with e-mail to be my contact.

Once again, the AIS appreciates your affiliation; the affiliates and sections represent both the backbone and future of the AIS. I look forward to working with you for another year.

All the best,  
Jody Nolin  
AIS Affiliates Liaison Chairman