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President's Message

David Lionberger

Many thanks to everyone who worked to make our 2016 Rhizome Sale and Auction a very successful event. Once again, our sale tables were well stocked with a huge variety of healthy rhizomes. The labor to dig and prepare all of those rhizomes in the heat of a Nebraska July requires a serious dedication of our members as well as a spirit of generosity to donate the hard work and the rhizomes. Our gross income from the sale and auction was \$4,849.95 compared to \$5,001.00 last year. There are still some expenses to pay before we will have the net figure. The auction was the usual highlight of the day and our auctioneer, Tom Bassitt, always makes it fun and entertaining. Tom has been our auctioneer for several years and his humor combined with his ability to keep things moving along is much appreciated. Everyone was happy to have Dean Douglas present on sale day. Dean has been our "Dean" of the sale and auction for many years and has applied his talents toward making this a profitable venture for LIS. We were also pleased to have our Region 21 Vice President, Linda Wilkie, and her mother attend the sale and we appreciate their support as always. I am always impressed with how our members accomplish the work of our events. I am confident our society is not surpassed by any others in our ability to work together and accomplish our goals with the camaraderie that reflects genuine friendship.

President's Quote

"Whilst August yet wears her golden crown, ripening fields lush – bright with promise; summer waxes long, then wishes, quietly passing her fading green glory on to riotous Autumn."

Michelle L. Thieme

Meeting

Date: Monday, August 29, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Social

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

Program: Designing Water Gardens
Presented by Karen Kurbis & Marlene Tracy

Hosts: Stan & Twila Sass
Melinda Holcombe

Ice Cream Social Reminder – bring your favorite toppings, cookies, etc. Drinks and ice cream will be provided

Questions about Iris or LIS

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AIS Photo Contest

At this writing, three of our member have been notified they have received Honorable Mentions for their entries in the 2016 AIS Photo Contest. Stan Sass received Honorable Mention for his photo of Gladys My Love and also for his photo of Edith Wolford (photos not available). Eunice Cernohlavek received Honorable Mention for her entry of a person in a garden. David Lionberger received Honorable Mention for his entry of Lois's Garden.

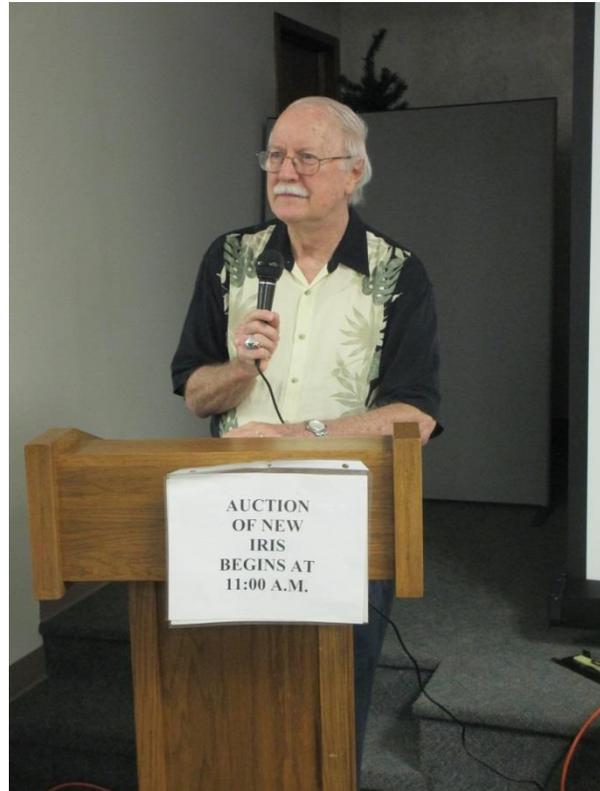


Photo by Eunice Cernohlavek



Photo by David Lionberger

LIS Sale & Auction *July 30, 2016*



Auctioneer Tom Bassitt



Rhizomes on Display

Median Iris Society Rhizomes

David Lionberger

As you may recall, LIS made a \$100.00 donation to the Median Iris Society this spring. The Median Iris Society was to ship LIS two Paul Black 2015 introductions that Paul donated in support of the Median Iris Society. David Toth suggested at one of our meetings that we hold a raffle among our members as a way to raise funds and distribute the donated rhizomes. His suggestion was readily agreed to and David volunteered to conduct the raffle. At the last two meetings, David also donated several rhizomes from his garden and the raffle generated lots of interest as well as considerable funds. Our \$100.00 donation was recovered, plus another \$100.00. David informed me at the July meeting that the Paul Black introductions had arrived plus four more which Paul has generously donated in support of the Median Iris Society. These rhizomes will be raffled at our August meeting. They are as follows:

One – Blazing Gold – IB – 2013

One – Blissful – SDB – 2016

One – Breathtaking – SDB – 2016

Two – Lucky – SDB – 2016

One – Red Ahead – ABM – 2016

Be sure to attend this month's meeting for an opportunity to obtain these introductions and support LIS. Our thanks to David Toth and his daughters, Ava and Evelyn, for conducting the raffles in such an efficient manner and for their generous donations of many beautiful iris rhizomes from their garden.

Fall Clean Up Reminder

David Lionberger

Now is the time to thoroughly clean your iris beds of dead foliage, leave and miscellaneous trash that may have blown in. The nocturnal moth that lays eggs in material that has accumulated around iris rhizomes is now active. These eggs will over winter, hatch in the spring, and become iris borers that can destroy your beautiful iris by eating the interior of the rhizome. Removal of debris is a good practice in borer control by denying the moth its preferred nesting material for its eggs. Continued diligence during the fall in keeping iris beds clean and a thorough cleaning again in the spring will be very beneficial in the control of iris borers in your garden. In the spring, two consecutive days of 70 degrees or warmer will cause the eggs laid in the previous fall to hatch. Clean beds are essential to borer control plus they are much more attractive.

Sponsored Youth Proposal

Lois Linke

The LIS membership will be voting on the proposed Sponsored Youth requirements at the August meeting. Resulting from the discussion at the July meeting, the following revisions were suggested and will be considered prior to voting.

#1 – the policy will become effective January 1, 2017

#2 – add to the list of activity choices

a. Write an article for the newsletter

b. Other related activity subject to the approval of the LIS membership or the board of directors

#3 – Rewording the last statement in the proposal as follows:

If a sponsored youth wins a first place award that is to be presented at a regional or national meeting, the LIS **may** pay the youth's registration fee.

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