

*The Lincoln Iris Society's*

# Rainbow Messenger

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## President's Message

*David Lionberger*

With the spring like weather we have had recently, I have started cleaning our iris beds. I am sure many of you are doing the same, as it is good practice in borer control. I have some reservations about the early warmth that starts our iris this soon. The success of our spring show depends on abundant blossoms, so hopefully conditions will stabilize and bring forth a normal bloom season.

Thanks to Jenny Cich and Brett Barney for their interesting programs at our last meeting.

This month's program will be interesting also, so be sure to attend.

## *President's Quote*

*Behold my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!*

*Sitting Bull*

## Welcome New Member

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## Meeting

**Date:** Monday, March 28, 2016

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

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

**Program:** Weed Control and its  
Environmental Impact  
Presented by Angie Vandersnick  
Nebraska Nursery & Color Gardens

**Hosts:** Marjorie Lionberger & Lois Linke

*Questions about Iris or LIS*

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## **Husker Lawn and Leisure Show**

LIS had an educational/information booth again this year and with the traffic passing our booth, questions asked and interest displayed, the project appears to be profitable as usual. Many thanks to Dean Douglas for chairing this event. His skills and dedication are much appreciated. Also many thanks to LIS volunteers who helped setup and take down our booth, sharing their knowledge of iris, and staffing the booth.

## **Spring Affair**

The next function on the LIS docket is the Spring Affair, which is Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23. This event will be held at The Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock Ave. in Lincoln.

LIS will have an educational information booth staffed by LIS volunteers. This is another opportunity, as the past has proven, to get the word out pertaining to the LIS show and sale, and encourage new membership. Thanks to Jenny Cich for her efforts in taking care of the details involved with our participation in this project.

## **2016 Membership Booklet**

Congratulations to Lois Linke for having her photo of the iris *Visual Arts* on the front cover of our new membership booklet. *Visual Arts* is a tall bearded Iris (Schreiner's, 1982). Photos submitted by Sally Schrader and David Lionberger grace the back cover. We thank Linda Rader and Gary White again for creating such an attractive and useful booklet.

## **AIS Youth Note**

Have you entered the AIS Ackerman Essay Contest? The deadline is April 1, 2016. This year's topic is "My Most Interesting or Exciting Iris Experience". Entries are limited to two pages. Send them to Carol Warner as an attachment to draycott@qis.net or by post to Carol Warner, 16815 Falls Rd., Upperco, MD 21155.

There is a junior division for age 12 and under and a senior division age 12-18. The winners of each division receive \$100.00 each and every youth receives a newer iris, just for participating. Put on your thinking caps and enter before the deadline!



*Voltage, TB*



*Lemon Mist, TB*