

*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*

Our October meeting was somewhat different due to locks being changed at the church, our usual meeting place. Upon arrival, it became evident we could not gain entry and all attempts to contact church officials were unsuccessful. After some discussion, it was decided we would all go to the HyVee store at 84<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege and conduct necessary business in their dining room. Mark Cich contacted the store manager and he generously offered us the use of the banquet room on the second floor. This provided us with ample room and privacy to hold our business meeting. Our scheduled program had to be cancelled and the food and drinks were also excluded. This of course was disappointing, but everyone took it all in good stride and with good cheer. At the conclusion of our meeting, Mark, Jenny, my wife, and I thanked the store manager and he was very gracious and pleased he could be of service. I met with the church pastor the next day and she was very apologetic about the situation. The new lock and security system was explained and the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of both parties. I wish to extend my personal thanks to David Toth, Sally Schrader, and Eunice Cernohlavek for their work in preparing for the meeting and their understanding of the situation. Mark Cich, as aforementioned, was instrumental in making arrangements at HyVee for the meeting room. Of course we owe HyVee a big Thank You for saving the day for us.

### **President's Quote**

*"We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress."*

*Will Rogers*

## Meeting

**Date: Monday, November 27, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. Annual Planning Meeting**

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

**Program: Hybridizing Iris for Space Age  
and Broken Color**

**Presented By: David Toth**

**Hosts: John Moss and Carla Green**

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## **2018 DUES**

It was decided by LIS members present at the October meeting to keep the current dues for the upcoming year. Dues remain at \$6.00 for the first person in a household and \$4.00 for each additional person in the household. Each household will receive one newsletter per issue. Dues are now payable for 2018 and may be given or mailed to LIS Treasurer:

Lois Linke  
103 South 36<sup>th</sup> Road  
Syracuse, NE 68446-7407

Please make checks payable to the Lincoln Iris Society. It is important for dues to be paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> so 2018 members can be included in the LIS membership booklet. In accord with Article IV of the bylaws, "members whose dues remain unpaid after January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year shall be removed from the LIS membership list without further notice."

## **NOVEMBER PLANNING MEETING**

This month's meeting is very important pertaining to our planning for 2018. I encourage all members to attend and help make 2018 another successful year. The agenda for this meeting is designated by our bylaws in Article V as follows: "At the November meeting of each year, the LIS shall form goals, designate responsibilities for the coming year, designate the nature of the program for each monthly meeting to be held, and set the dates for all tours, shows, or sales to be conducted." The election of officers will be conducted at this meeting as well as election of chair and/or co-chairs for standing committees. Heidi, our Vice President, serves as chair of the Program Committee for regular monthly meetings and would welcome suggestions for the upcoming year. Please give thought to the business mentioned and come to the meeting prepared to accomplish the required results.

## **ANNUAL DINNER**

Arrangements for the Lincoln Iris Society's annual dinner have been finalized and we hope to see many of our members there. The HyVee store at 52<sup>nd</sup> & "O" St in Lincoln will serve a buffet meal beginning at 6:30 p.m. on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The banquet room is located on the second floor and an elevator is available. As you enter the store's main door on the south side, turn to the left, or west, to access the elevator. The menu for the dinner was determined by popular vote and is as follows:

Oven Roasted Chicken  
Sliced Roast Beef with Au Jus  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Green Bean Casserole  
Tossed or Caesar Salad  
Brownie Bites for Dessert

Cost for the dinner is \$10.00 per member with LIS paying for the cost over that amount which is about one third. Deadline for registering is November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please send payment to our Treasurer, Lois Linke. Many thanks to Judy Douglas for planning and making the arrangements for another year. Judy has taken care of the annual dinner arrangements for several years and always does a good job. This year required more work than usual because a different facility needed to be found. Thank You Judy!

## **PROGRAM CHANGES**

Due to the situation at our October meeting, there will be changes in our November and January meeting programs. David Toth will present his Hybridizing Iris for Space Age and Broken Color program at our November meeting. Gary White will then present his program, AIS National Tour in Des Moines, IA, at the January meeting. Also, remember there will not be a newsletter issued in December.

*Rebloomers from Dottie Ladman's garden*



Barb's Purple Noid



Baby Blessed



Queen Dorothy

## **REVIEW OF 2017**

*David Lionberger*

Looking back through our activities and events of 2017, we can all take pride in a very successful year. Our monthly meetings were well attended and our programs interesting. The decision to establish education booths at “The Spring Affair” and “Husker Lawn and Leisure Event” proved to be worthwhile in several aspects. Both events provided exposure of the American Iris Society and the Lincoln Iris Society to the public in general and to gardeners in particular. The opportunity to advertise our upcoming spring show and summer sale/auction was beneficial toward increased attendance at both events. Our members, as usual, staffed all the time slots required and answered all questions from those that stopped at the booths. The Spring Show was a huge success with the most entries in the history of LIS shows. We enjoyed a very successful Sale and Auction with net profit topping all past Sale and Auction incomes.

LIS support and involvement with the American Iris Society projects is strong and ongoing. Several LIS members attended the 2017 National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, and several rhizomes were sent to the convention gardens by LIS hybridizers. We also donated to the Region 21 basket which was auctioned at the convention. The fact we loaned Gary White to serve as current AIS National President certainly indicates our dedication to AIS is unsurpassed.

Measuring the health of LIS into the future is achieved by measuring the growth in membership and involvement of our youth. Youth participation in our major events as well as regular meetings has increased throughout 2017. Show entries exceeded recent shows in the Youth Division. Contributions of time and labor were evident in both the Show and Sale. Youth members helped dig, clean, and mark rhizomes for the sale during hot and humid weather. Volunteer work in the Madeline Pfister Garden included spring clean up, weeding, deadheading, fall rhizome cut back and clean up. Most of our youth members enter AIS contest and essays and many are winners. We have youth members involved with hybridizing projects and the study of iris genetics. We take great pride in our youth members and their accomplishments and we appreciate their commitment to LIS and their obvious love and admiration of iris. It is commonly understood that children learn from examples they observe in the adults involved in their development. I am confident that the youth of LIS have many good adult examples to follow as they grown and mature.

The successes we achieved this year were only possible through the work and cooperation of our members. Our various committees were committed to leadership and set the bar high to reach outstanding results.

I have mentioned it before and it bears repeating – our members enjoy the camaraderie of our society and that is the engine that provides the energy to achieving set goals. An outstanding quality of our membership, and one I greatly appreciate, is commitment. I have found reliability to be common and that I can consider any job as well as done if one or a group of our members agrees to perform it.

I enjoy working with all of you and I appreciate your positive attitudes. I thank my fellow officers for their dependability and support at all times.