

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

Thank you to our volunteers that signed up to work the Husker Lawn and Leisure Show next month. There are still some time slots to be filled and the sign-up sheet will be passed around at the upcoming meeting. Everyone is invited to participate and newer members are especially encouraged to volunteer. You do not have to be an "iris expert". I have found it to be a fun experience. Don't be shy...give it a try!

President's Quote

It pleases me to take amateur photographs of my garden, and it pleases my garden to make my photographs look professional.

Robert Brault

2018 MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

Our thanks again to Linda Rader and Gary White for producing the current membership booklet. This booklet provides our members with useful information that is very much appreciated. The front cover is adorned with a photo of a Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris, Alohomora, which was hybridized by LIS Member McClain Kuhel, and registered in 2017. This iris is McClain's first registered iris and obviously a real beauty. The booklets were available at the January meeting and any member may obtain a copy at regular meetings. LIS does not mail any copies to members, but they are free at meetings.

Meeting

Date: Monday, February 26, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

**Program: Incorporating Native Plants into
the Landscape**

**Presented By: Bob Henrickson,
Statewide Arboretum**

**Hosts: Marlene Tracy, Karen Kurbis, and
Carla Green**

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SALLY SCHRADER RETIRES

After serving 38 years as Imaging Clerk of the Lancaster County District Court, Sally has entered into a new and pleasant phase of life known as retirement. Sally has been an active member of the Lincoln Iris Society since the early 1980's. Her contributions of time and talent have been a huge part of LIS success and growth. She has been a stalwart supporter of our annual Spring Show and has been on the Placement Committee for many years. Her knowledge of iris classes has insured an accurate placement of each exhibited iris in the show for proper judging. Sally has also served as chair of the Publicity Committee for years. The success of our show, sale, and auction, rely on notification to the public. This important function has been dutifully achieved by Sally each year. Moving to Oregon, in the heart of iris growing country, is her plan for the near future. We all wish Sally well with many years of pleasant retirement and our thanks for your dependable service to LIS for so many years.

KATHARINA BRASE - OVERALL WINNER OF COLORING CONTEST

You will find Katharina's entry in full color on Page 19 of Irises, The AIS Bulletin, Winter 2018 edition. This year's picture is quite intricate and challenging. Katharina demonstrates several talents in completion of a difficult subject. She possesses an eye for color coordination, balance, patience, and determination. I am very impressed with Katharina's entry and wish to again extend congratulations to her as Best Overall Winner of the Coloring Contest.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS, ARTICLE IX

"Amendments to the Lincoln Iris Society bylaws can be made, when considered and discussed at a regular meeting of the LIS, and then voted upon at the next regular meeting. Such amendments must have a two-thirds majority of those eligible voters present." Discussion and consideration to amend Article V of the LIS bylaws was duly held at our January meeting and will be on the agenda at the February meeting for further action.

SPRING AFFAIR

Jenny Cich

The Lincoln Iris Society is excited to be an educational vendor at the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Spring Affair Plant Sale April 28nd from 9 am-2 pm at the Lancaster Event Center Pavilion I, 4100 N 84th in Lincoln. **If you grow early blooming iris, our educational booth is looking for your help!** Our goal this year is to have a public exhibition display of early blooming iris at our booth. We are looking to excite people about growing these easy to care for early blooming beauties. If you have iris to display, bring them to the Lancaster Event Center between 12-2 pm on Friday April 27th or from 9-10:30 am on Saturday April 28th. We will have bases/vases available, but feel free to use your own as well. This is not an AIS judged show. In addition to bringing iris, we also need volunteers to work the booth on Saturday April 28th. Contact Jenny Cich (jennycich@gmail.com or 402-525-5047) to sign up for your preferred time to help at our educational booth or watch for the sign-up sheet at the February and March meetings. Admission to the Saturday sale is free and there is ample parking. Come and enjoy the day and help highlight early blooming iris. You may even find yourself going home with some plants or artwork for your own garden.

The following information was taken from the website for the Spring Affair <https://plantnebraska.org/connect/events/spring-affair.html>

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Spring Affair features more than 700 varieties of plants, with garden talks, concessions and vendors all under the same roof. Perennials, herbs, native plants, temperennials and vines are selected for regional suitability, uniqueness and demand and provided by Bluebird Nursery, Inc. Trees and shrubs are from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.



*Anna Smith, LIS 2014 Best of Show & Best Ensminger Iris
The iris is La De Da and IB introduced in 1998*

ANNA SMITH CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

On February 15, 2018, our Anna attained the age of 100 years. All of us wish Anna a very Happy Birthday and we hope she continues to enjoy good health. Anna is a long time member of LIS and is an Honorary Life Member. Her dedication and support over the years is legendary among our membership. In the span of her lifetime, she has seen many changes and of course has memories she cherishes. Anna was born on a farm near Milligan, Nebraska. As a young girl, she attended country school about one mile from the farm. She graduated from Milligan High School and shortly thereafter moved to Lincoln. Living with her sister, she found employment doing housework and cooking for many prominent families in the city. Her fondest memory is being the milk maid for Meadow Gold Dairy for many years. She and her horse, Dave, had a southern Lincoln route for about ten years. No matter the weather, she hitched Dave to the milk wagon and off they went. She claims Dave was the best horse in the stable and they made a perfect team. Anna can't recall missing very many days of work. She does remember one incident when the harness broke on Dave and she lost control of him. Dave took them straight back to the dairy, running stop signs all the way. Horses and cars shared the road in those days and Anna had quite a ride! During WWII, Anna worked at Cushman Motors in Lincoln where her job was making fuses for bombs. She also worked at Western Electric for several years. In the early 1960's, she moved to the Emerald, Nebraska, area where she has resided since. When asked her advice for living a long life her response was: "Eat three good meals each day and get a good night's sleep every night. Oh and dance...dance every chance you get...especially the waltz and polka!!".