

*The Lincoln Iris Society's*

# *Rainbow Messenger*

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## **President's Message**

LIS members can take great pride in the success of our beautiful show this spring. Thanks to all who participated and special thanks to our dedicated show committee. Lots of planning and work is always involved with our annual show. We are fortunate to have such skilled and knowledgeable members that work so well together.

We also wish to express our gratitude to the highly qualified judges, Carolyn Lingenfelter and Marjorie Jansen, that did an excellent job of judging our large show.

The bloom season this spring was timely and productive which certainly is a main factor of show success.

With the change of show location this year, there were a few blips but overall it was well attended and a very lovely show.

*David Lionberger, President*

## **President's Quote**

Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes.

*Author Unknown*

## **Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2015

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

**Location:** UNL East Campus Dairy Store  
38<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege St

**Program:** Ice Cream Social  
– purchase your choice

**Hosts:** Marjorie Lionberger &  
Susan Johnson Russell

## **June Program**

If weather permits, we plan to visit the Magdalene Pfister Garden located on the East Campus. It was decided at the April meeting not to have a regular business meeting in June. However, it will be necessary to discuss and make decisions pertaining to our August 1<sup>st</sup> sale/auction.

### **Questions about Iris or LIS**

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## **Lincoln Iris Society Show Results – May 16, 2015**

The LIS Show was held in mid-May this year, so that it would not conflict with the AIS national convention the following week. Usually, having it a week early would result in mostly medians, but the season was also early, so Tall Bearded irises were still more than half of the volume of the show. There were 101 TBs and 53 Historics. Most of the historics are also TBs, so a high percentage of the show was represented by Tall Bearded irises. But, many classes of irises were represented. This show was also the first to be held at St. Andrews church, a major change in location for us from the past many years at Southeast Community College. The show was very well attended and well received, and we had a record number of 24 exhibitors (incl. 6 youth), as well as a very high number of entries!! Congratulations to Marjorie Lionberger for Best Specimen of the Show with her TB entry, 'Narrow Margin'.

**Below is a summary of the results of the 2015 Lincoln Iris Society Show**

**24 Exhibitors: 18 adults** – 219 entries, **6 youth** – 25 entries.

**Total entries (244)** 224 stalks, 6 seedlings, 3 collections, and 11 arrangements

**Breakdown by Categories** - 10 SDB's, 15 IB's, 7 BB's, 13 MTB's, 101 TB's, 1 AB, 24 Siberian- and & Species, 53 Historics, (34 pre 1950 and 19 post-1949), 0 Other Irises, 3 Collections, 0 English Boxes, 6 seedling, 11 arrangements and 0 educational exhibits.

**Judges** for the show were Carolyn Lingenfelter and Marjorie Jansen, both of Norfolk, NE.

**Following are the awards chosen by the America Iris Society accredited judges:**

### **Top Awards**

Best Specimen of the Show

**Narrow Margin (TB)**

Exhibited by **Marjorie**

**Lionberger**

Best Specimen 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up

**Dividing Line (MTB)**

Exhibited by **Brett Barney**

Best Specimen 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up

**Speckled Bird (H)**

Exhibited by **Stan Sass**

Best Artistic Arrangement

**Into the Wild Blue Yonder**

Arrangement by **Sarah Green**

Best White Iris

**Spanish Peaks (H)**

Exhibited by **Dorothy Ladman**

Best Un-introduced Seedling: none

Best Bicolor Iris

**Dragon's Tooth (H)**

Exhibited by **Dorothy Ladman**

Best Miniature Tall Bearded Iris

**Dividing Line**

Exhibited by **Brett Barney**

Best Plicata Iris

**Narrow Margin (TB)**

Exhibited by **Marjorie**

**Lionberger**

Best Beardless Iris

**Coronation Anthem**

Exhibited by **Gary White**

Best Ensminger Hybridized Iris  
**Purple Streaker (TB)**  
Exhibited by **Lois Linke**

Best Historic Iris  
**Speckled Bird**  
Exhibited by **Stan Sass**

**Best of Section Awards**

Best Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB):  
none

Best Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)  
**Coney Island**  
Exhibited by **Jenny Cich**

Best Intermediate Bearded Iris (IB)  
**Honey Glazed**  
Exhibited by **Dorothy Ladman**

Best Border Bearded (BB)  
**Dragon's Tooth**  
Exhibited by **Dorothy Ladman**

Best Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)  
**Dividing Line**  
Exhibited by **Brett Barney**

Best Tall Bearded (TB):  
**Narrow Margin**  
Exhibited by **Marjorie  
Lionberger**

Best Aril or Arilbred (AB): none chosen

Best Species or Siberian Iris  
**Coronation Anthem**  
Exhibited by **Gary White**

Best Historic Iris  
**Speckled Bird**  
Exhibited by **Stan Sass**

Best Other Type of Iris: none  
Best Collection: none chosen  
Best English Box: none chosen  
Best Educational Exhibit: none

**Youth Awards**

Best Specimen-Youth  
**Pug (MTB)**  
Exhibited by **Sarah Green**

Best Tall Bearded-Youth  
**Beauty Becomes Her**  
Exhibited by **Sarah Green**

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**Ribbons** – 91 blue, 72 red, 43 white, 17 honorable mention, 15 no ribbon, 6 seedlings **Silver Medal – Dorothy Ladman** (ribbons - 17 blue, 13 red, 4 white, 1 HM) **Bronze Medal – Gary White** (ribbons - 11 blue, 10 red, 3 white, 1 HM)

**Popularity Vote (or People's Choice Award):** First Place-Montmartre (TB), Second Place-Narrow Margin (TB), Third Place-Glitter Gulch (TB)

A big thank you to our Popularity Vote tabulators, Eunice Cernohlavek & Sally Schrader, for their expertise in handling this portion of the show!

*Show information and results compiled and submitted by Lois Linke and Gary White*

### **LIS ANNUAL SALE – SAT. AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2015**

**Our 2015 Annual Sale will be held on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This is the major fundraising event that the Lincoln Iris Society holds each year. The sale will only be a success if we have enough plants to sell and enough LIS members helping to carry out all the jobs necessary in preparation and on sale day. As last year, the sale will be held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church.**

**We will need 1200-1500 plants on the tables to have a good sale. It is important to have pictures of each hybrid. Also, it is important that each member, that can, bring plants to the sale. Now is the time to look over your garden and make a list of what iris you can bring to the sale. Please be sure that you know the correct identity of each. It is very important to be sure that all iris are correctly labeled. If not sure, these can be used in bargain bags.**

**We will have Auction Iris this year from Keith Keppel's Garden as well as Thomas Johnson & Paul Black at Mid-American Garden. These are three of the top hybridizers in the country and we are so pleased to have their iris at our auction. Also, Tom Bassett again will be our Auctioneer. Tom has done a great job for LIS and we greatly appreciate his help.**

**Remember, the sale begins promptly at 10:00 AM and the auction at 11:00 AM. Mark the date and plan to be a part of this important day. Pricing and other particulars will be decided at the June meeting.**

**Thanks for your help,  
Dean Douglas**



*Best Specimen of Show – Narrow Margin (TB)  
Exhibited by Marjorie Lionberger*



*Best Ensminger Hybridized Iris – Purple Streaker  
(TB) Exhibited by Lois Linke*



*Iris Show*



*Artistic Display*





*Anna Smith and Twila Sass greeting visitors to the Iris Show*



## **Succumbing to the Iris Virus**

*Continued from the April Issue*

*David Lionberger*

You may recall the uprooted rhizomes after just having been planted. The conclusion justly arrived at, was Molly the Beagle had gently removed each rhizome in her search for the bone that the odor of bone meal demanded. Molly, the eternal optimist, evidently was convinced that a favorable bone, just had to be buried somewhere under the rhizomes. The circumference and depth of each planting site had been doubled or more.

Sufficient daylight remained for the replanting of each rhizome, which was all identified with a permanent marker. As the planning chart had already been devised, great care was taken to place each rhizome in its proper place. As there was no damage, not a tooth mark could be found, Molly was forgiven her trespass. Her obvious reaction to the situation was that it was my fault. No bone meal no problem! Her haughtiness was somewhat altered when she discovered herself sentenced to solitary confinement at the end of a chain.

Early morning found the afflicted busily constructing a temporary fence around the iris beds from old posts and used fence. This work was done in haste under the disdainful looks of Molly sitting at the end of the chain. By mid-morning a dog proof and somewhat ugly fence was completed and Molly joyfully bounded about the yard free from the despised chain.

*To be continued*

<b><u>A Reminder for LIS Shutterbugs</u></b>	<b><u>New LIS Members</u></b>
<p>With the good Iris bloom season this spring, there is no doubt many beautiful pictures were taken. If you have some and plan to enter the AIS 2015 Photo Contest, you must do so by June 30, 2015. Information on how to enter the contest, rules, regulations and awards are available on the AIS web site, at <a href="http://www.Irises.org">www. Irises.org</a></p>	<p><i>Submitted by Linda Rader</i></p>
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