

# AIS Region 21 Newsletter - May 2024

## Part II

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### Affiliate Iris Club Reports

#### Lincoln Iris Society

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**Meetings** are held on the last Monday of each month, except May and December (no general meeting). The July meeting is moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> this year.

All regular meetings are held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church,  
Lancaster Lane, Lincoln, NE

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Meeting time is 6:00 P.M. for monthly meetings.

The **LIS Annual Show** will be held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 18. Show entries are accepted from 7:30 A.M. until 10:00 A.M., then, after judging, is open to the public from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The **LIS Annual Rhizome Sale and Auction** will be held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 10:00 A.M. (with a live iris auction at 11:00 A.M.). Sale and auction is open to the public, and the sale closes at 4:00 P.M.

**Programs** are held at each monthly meeting and vary widely. Upcoming 2024 programs are:

April 29 – “Everything Compost” by Jason Hunt

June 24 – “Landscaping With Natives” by John Moss

July 22 – Rhizome Sale Preparations

August 26 – “Growing Cut Flowers for Market and Enjoyment” by B. J. Ohme  
This date is also our annual Ice Cream Social.

September 30 – “Age Of Innocence: Clinefelter Contributions” by Dottie Ladman

October 28 – LIS Annual Business and Planning Meeting.

November 25 – “Pretty Peonies” by Heidi Brase And, officer elections for 2025.

## LIS - continued

The LIS also has an iris garden, the **Magdalene Pfister Iris Appreciation Garden**, on the east campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL). This garden features Nebraska iris hybridizers and some of their introduced irises over the years. It includes mostly bearded irises, (in most of the bearded classes), but also a few Siberian irises hybridized in Nebraska. Management and maintenance of the garden has been a cooperative venture between the UNL Department of Landscape Services and the Lincoln Iris Society for several decades.

## In Memoriam

### Frederick Patrick Healey

May 19, 1942 – October 29, 2023

Frederick Patrick (Pat) Healey was born in Abbotsford, B.C., and lived there until he left to attend UBC. He received a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree from the University of British Columbia. He moved to California where he was in a doctoral program in algal physiology at the University of California (San Diego) and worked at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at La Jolla. His PhD thesis, completed in 1969, was entitled "The mechanism of hydrogen evolution by algae".



He did a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Texas at Austin until 1971 when he moved to Winnipeg to join the scientific staff of the newly opened Freshwater Institute of the Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans. He worked at the Freshwater Institute until about 1988, before purchasing and moving to a farm near Belmont, Manitoba.

Pat was an avid and superlative gardener who spent years making his property into a large garden and forested haven for many birds and animals. He created a business selling iris plants by catalogue while developing new varieties. His gardens covered many acres and provided him with both food and beauty.

Pat was a very independent person. He grew, canned, and froze most of what he needed to eat. He even made his own catsup! He worked hard on his beloved lands, moving trees, digging watering trenches, and planting many different flowers and shrubs. He would have chosen nothing better than to pass away while out in his garden, doing what he loved best.

Pat was a caring, intelligent, and warm man with a genuine love of nature. The donation of part of his large farm property to Ducks Unlimited and part to the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation to be a wildlife habitat for the public to enjoy just emphasizes his deep feelings about nature and preserving it for the future.