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From the President

There is a lot going on this year, and I hope to find more working professionals among the RIS membership. We are currently seeking the following positions: Budget Chair, Youth Chair, Program Resource Chair, and a Central Area Director to cover Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

The popularity poll and analysis are complete. The results will not be made public until the AIS board wants it published. As soon as I get permission, I will send the regional information data to the area directors and then enter it into the RIS Journal. Unless the iris was registered as a rebloomer, reblooming was excluded from the analysis. I have two people working on identifying all irises that were voted on for rebloom, or are considered novelty irises. All other iris societies will get information about the most popular in their specialties. I eventually hope to include rebloom as well.

We have been publishing monthly newsletters and hope to receive feedback from the board on where to go from here and which subjects to include. Delane Langton has done a great job, and I hope we can continue to reach others this way.

Due to personal and other factors, Rose Kinnard has resigned as our membership chair, and I want to thank her dearly for her many years of service. Jane Tibbs has agreed to take her place, and Rose will be forwarding her files to Jane.

I want to thank all those who joined the February RIS Board meeting. We had some great discussions, and we received many ideas. Our next planned Zoom board meeting will be in August, and I hope the Area Directors will send reports on what is happening in their areas, and members will also decide to attend so we can put them to work, 😊.

Anita Moran



'Blue Eyed Girl' (Thomas Johnson, 2017)

2025 Winner

Cook-Douglas Medal 2025

From The Editor

Three years ago, Microsoft discontinued MS Publisher in the fall of 2026. Since I have a standalone program, this will not affect us for at least 3 to 4 years. I have been looking for alternatives, but many are too expensive and not conducive to remote editing. Many available programs do not import Publisher files. I have been working with several, but most have a limit on the number of pages allowed in the newsletter. I will continue to investigate programs. There are several tech shows, so I might have to attend one to learn what is available. Currently, I have set up a template for the *Journal* that seems to be working, and it may be the answer we need. I am sure you will let me know.

I am changing how we report rebloom and will only post rebloom reports in the spring edition of the *Journal*, so that as growers bring up their sites, you will have a list of what is reblooming in your area. If you do not see any reports from your area, it is because I did not receive them. If the RIS does not receive rebloom information, we cannot post it for you and others to enjoy. Although I would prefer you send your rebloom report sheets to your area directors, you can also send them to me at pilmore22@gmail.com or Sarah Sue Miller at risrebloomrpt@gmail.com.

If you have a new reblooming iris, let us know how it is doing by writing a short article. Any article, short or long, would be welcome.

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/Pub/2023V100.pdf	9	0	25.81 MB	2.87 MB
/Pub/2019V94.pdf	8	0	39.92 MB	4.99 MB
/Pub/2024V103.pdf	8	0	41.20 MB	5.15 MB
/Pub/2022V99.pdf	6	0	30.34 MB	5.06 MB
/Pub/2023V101.pdf	6	0	38.63 MB	6.44 MB
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/Pub/2025V106.pdf	5	0	8.85 MB	1.77 MB
/Pub/2021V96.pdf	5	0	32.02 MB	6.40 MB

As you can see from the above, the *Recorder*, now The *RIS Journal*, is downloaded every month. Since this will be our first *Journal* edition, we will continue tracking the number pattern from the previous issues. I am hoping these numbers increase over the next few years.

Anita Moran
Acting Editor RIS Journal

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Space Age Rebloomer?

By Anita Moran



'Angel of the Pond' (Moran 2009)

I know it is a strange question, but other than pleasant accidents, I was never a reblooming nerd. I knew that bearded irises rebloom, then found out two of my *Iris versicolor* 'Forest Haimati' (Moran 2010) and 'Angel of the Pond' (Moran 2009) rebloomed. As I learned of rebloomers, I learned of the different types of rebloomers, and while working at gathering pictures of rebloomers, I noted many were broken or colored incorrectly. One trait prevails: the majority of the reblooming space age (SA) iris varieties rebloom in USDA zones 8 and 9. Still, many rebloomed in zones up to zone 4, like the border bearded iris (BB) 'Cosmic Delight' (Aitken 2013), which bloomed beautifully in USDA Hardiness Zone 4b Montana.



'Cosmic Delight' (Aitken 2013)



'Broke Again' (Tyson 2017)



'Ask and Receive' (D. Spoon 2003)



Far Left:

'Holy Fire' (G. Sutton 2000)

Near Left:

'Journey Through Time' (E. Rieniets 2020)

I expected any of the broken colored (BC) space age rebloomers to have come from the fields of Brad Kasperek, but William Tyson's 'Broke Again' (2017) and David Toth's 'Early Morning Rayz' (2019) stood out among these rebloomers. Some exceptional white SA rebloomers include 'Ask and Receive' (D. Spoon 2003, USDA 6,7), 'Holy Fire' (G. Sutton 2000, Zone 7, 8, 9), and the BB 'Journey Through Time' (E. Rieniets 2020, USDA 6, 8). 'Apollo One' (G. Sutton 1997, USDA 5, 6, 8, 9) is a beautiful



Far Left:
'Apollo One'
(G. Sutton
1997)



Near Left:
'Gladiatrix'
(Zurbrigg
2003)



'Vavavoom' (Miller 2022)



'Sails At Sunset' (Cummins 2025)

plicata that showed rebloom in a wide variety of USDA Zones. Another plicata that is so different from 'Apollo One' is 'Gladiatrix' (Zurbrigg 2003, USDA 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) with its red tones and yellow ground. I am sure many irises rebloom but are just not reported. Now that I have this insight, I will be looking for new reblooming space agers as well as broken color rebloomers, especially when they come together in the same iris.

Although they are too new to get a rebloom designation, several space age irises were eye-catching at the 2025 AIS national convention in Billings, Montana. The bright peach 'Vavavoom' (Miller 2022) drew your eye from across whichever garden it was growing in. 'Sails At Sunset' (Cummins 2025), a peach standard over lavender falls, had a matching combination of beard and flounces that was eye-catching. Neither of the previous irises is a registered rebloomer, but that does not mean they will not rebloom in some gardens. A Toth seedling 2-21-231, a lavender iris with matching flounces, showed well in the gardens, and another seedling, Toth 21-149, is a new space age broken color iris. That is another benefit of going to AIS national meetings: the opportunity to see seedlings that might rebloom. I can only hope those mentioned here develop a rebloom catalog of their own.



Far Left:
Toth Seedling
2-21-231

Near Left:
Toth Seedling
21-149

South Area Report

January 2026

At the monthly meetings of Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society, Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society, Iris Society of Dallas, and Lonestar, I have mentioned that when spring and blooming season arrive, we need to take an inventory of our reblooming irises. We want to see how the irises are doing and if they need any extra care. Also, we want to note which reblooming irises bloomed in the spring and where they are in your yard/garden, so you can check on them during the summer before they start reblooming. Maybe we could give them some water once in a while if needed.

In my own garden, I am having a wonderful rebloom season. I have 29 different varieties reblooming, and a few of them putting up several bud stalks at different times. 'Mango Parfait' (D. Spoon 2009, TB) had 5 stalks, 'Bountiful Harvest' (B. Hager 1991, TB) had 4 and 'Golden Road' (G. Sutton 1997, TB) had 4.

Gailmae C. Suite, RIS South Area Director



'Mango Parfait'
(Donald Spoon,
2009)



'Golden Road' (George
Sutton, R. 1996)



"The garden reconciles human art and wild nature, hard work and deep pleasure, spiritual practice and the material world. It is a magical place because it is not divided." —Thomas Moore

SOUTH: Rebloom Reports from South Area: Gailmae Suite Area Director

Name: Gailmae Suite		Zip Code: Venus, TX		Report Year		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		76084		2025		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JAN	FEB	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Mango Parfait	TB	D. Spoon	2009					15-Sep-25		15-Nov-25	
Bountiful Harvest	TB	Hager	1991					12-Sep-02			
Second Wind	TB	Byers	1988					27-Sep-25			
My Friend Johnathan	TB	Miller	1996						7-Oct-25		
High Ho Silver	TB	Byers	1989						15-Oct-25		
Golden Road	TB	Sutton	1996						16-Oct-25		
Desert Legacy	BB	Valenzuela	2012						15-Oct-25		
Daughter Of Stars	TB	D. Spoon	2000							15-Nov-25	
Bountiful Harvest	TB	Hager	1991							25-Nov-25	
Pleasant Pursent	TB	Stanek	2005							17-Nov-25	
September Replay	TB	Jones by Lowe	1993							17-Nov-25	
Rosalie Figue	TB	McKnew	1993							20-Nov-25	
September Fantasy	TB	Brown	1964								17-Dec-25
Eggrog	TB	Byers	1990								18-Dec-25
Starring Encore	TB	D. Spoon	2009								18-Dec-25
Autumn Tryst	TB	Weiler	1993								12-Dec-25
Fair Of Essex	TB	Zarbrigg	1980								25-Dec-25
Clarence	TB	Zarbrigg	1991								12-Dec-25
Autumn Explosion	TB	Tasco	2013								18-Dec-25
Dorothy Devenport	TB	Nichols	2003								18-Dec-25
William A Setchell	TB	Brehm	1928								19-Dec-25
Time Bomb	TB	Miller	2025								1-Dec-25
Double Day	TB	Sutton	2001								1-Dec-25
Cajun Flare	TB	Sutton	2019								1-Dec-25
Autumn Ivory	BB	Spoon	2001							29-Nov-25	
Love Goes ON	BB	Spoon	2004								10-Dec-25
Hemstitched	TB	Hager	1990								1-Dec-25
October Splendor	BB	Sides	1994								1-Dec-25
Fashionista	TB	Blyth	2005								1-Dec-25

Name: Brenda Griffin		Zip Code 79601-79607		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Abilene TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Coral Chimes	IB	Crump	2007						X
Exotic Fire	TB	Austin	1964						X
Living On The Edge	TB	Lauer	2009						X
Again and Again	TB	Innerst	1999						X
Royal Overtime	SDB	Chapman	2000						X
Plinko	MTB	Johnson	2018						X
Oklahoma Bandt	IB	Nichols	1980						X



'My Friend Jonathan'
(B. Miller, 1994)



'September Replay'
(F. Jones 1992).



'Autumn Explosion'
(R. Tasco, 2013)



'Love Goes On' BB
(D. Spoon, 2004)



'Cajun Flare'
(M. Sutton, 2019)



'Exotic Fire'
(L. Austin, 1964)



'Oklahoma Bandit' IB
(H. Nichols, R. 1979)



'Bountiful Harvest'
(B. Hager, R. 1991)



'Daughter Of Stars'
(D. Spoon, 2001)



'Plinko' MTB
(T. Johnson, 2018)



'Hemstitched'
(B. Hager, 1990)



'Doubleday'
(G. Sutton, 2001)

SOUTH (cont.): Rebloom Reports from South Area: Gailmae Suite Area Director

Name: Jodi Burton		Zip Code 75006 - 75381		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Farmer Branch TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Fiery Echo	Tb	Sutton	2013						7-Dec-25
Name: Hasppy & Gordon Carver		Zip Code 76085-76088		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Weatherford TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Baby Blessed	SDB	Zurbrigg	1979					24-Nov-25	
Name: Carrie Clark		Zip Code 76001-76010		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Arlington TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Low Ho Silver	IB	Byers						X	
Name: Hal Coggins		Zip Code 75701-75710		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Tyler TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Sugar Baron	LA	Nichols	2023				X		
Name: Sharon Cochran		Zip Code 79601 - 79607		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Abilene TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Blue Oasis	SDB	Tasco	2015					X	
Victoria Falls	TB	Schreiner	1977					X	
Name: Ophelia and David Davis		Zip Code 76006-76052		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Fort Worth TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Lord Of The Rings	TB	Sutton	2003					5-Nov-25	
Name: Pearl Doyal		Zip Code 76457		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Hico TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Earl Of Essex	TB	Zurbrigg	1980				X		
Name: Jane Galloway		Zip Code 75080-75085		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Richardson, TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Autumn Tryst	TB	Weiler	1993						X
Easter Morn	TB	Essig	1931						X
Name: Susan Buckley		Zip Code: 75080 - 75085		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Richardson TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
His Royal Highness	Tb	Byers	1987						X
Name: Kay Anderson		Zip Code 79601-79607		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Abilene TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Immortality	TB	Zurbrigg	1982			X			
Name: Diane Haldman		Zip Code 76861		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Miles TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Clarence	TB	Zurbrigg	1990				1-Oct-25		



'Fiery Echo'
(M. Sutton, 2013)

'Baby Blessed' SDB
(Zurbrigg, 1979)

'Sugar Baron' LA
(H. Nichols, R. 2023)

'Low Ho Silver' IB
(M. Byers, 1989)

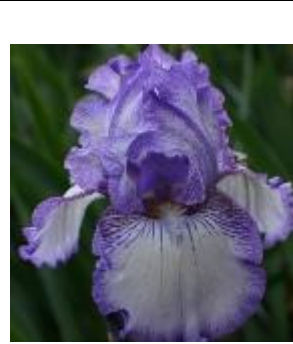


'Victoria Falls'
(Schreiners, 1978)

'Lord Of Rings'
(G. Sutton, 2003)

'Autumn Tryst'
(Weiler, 1993)

'Blue Oasis' SDB
(R. Tasco, 2015)



'His Royal Highness'
(M. Byers, R. 1988)

'Immortality'
(Zurbrigg, 1982)

'Earl Of Essex'
(Zurbrigg, 1980)

'Clarence'
(Zurbrigg, 1991)

SOUTH (cont.): Rebloom Reports from South Area: Gailmae Suite Area Director

Name: Mary Keeth		Zip Code 76009	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		Alvarado TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Itemstitched	TB	Hager	1990					21-Nov-25	
Name: Kim McGeath		Zip Code 76036	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		Crowley TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Blatant	TB	Byers	1990						X
Name: Bonnie & Hooker Nichols		Zip Code 76036	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Amethyst	TB	Black	2024	X	X				
Eleanor Roosevelt	IB	Sass	1933				X		
Name: Dana Ohanassran		Zip Code 91020-91206	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		Glendale, CA	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Clarence	TB	Zurbrigg	1990					X	
Name: Pug Parris		Zip Code 79601-79607	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		Abilene TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Clarence	TB	Zurbrigg	1990					X	
Immortality	TB	Zurbrigg	1982					X	
Bernice's Legacy	TB	Miller	2000					X	
Name: Laurie Paulson		Zip Code 76637	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		Crainsfill Gap TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Winesap	TB	Byers	1985					18-Nov-25	
Name: Joel Vanderveer		Zip Code 76053 - 76182	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		N. Richland Hill TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Total Recall	TB	Hager	1992			X			
Name: Cherish Young		Zip Code 76085 - 76088	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Date of First Freeze		Weatherford TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Istanbul	TB	Byers	1990					X	
Bernice's Legacy	TB	Miller	2000					X	
Name: Lonestar Display Bed		Zip Code 76531	Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month						
Caretaker Laurie Paulson		Hamilton TX	All Cultivars are TB unless noted						
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Autumn Tryst	TB	Weiler	1992				24-Oct-25		
Fruit Stripe	TB	Sutton	2009				24-Oct-25		

SOUTH (cont.): Rebloom Reports from South Area: Gailmae Suite Area Director

Name: McGregor Park		Zip Code 76031, 76033		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Clebone TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Autumn Nectar	TB	Crump	2011					27-Nov-25	
Name: Desiree Thomas		Zip Code 76063 - 76084		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Mansfield TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bernica's Legacy	TB	Miller	1999			23-Sep-25			
Autumn Tryst	TB	Weiler	1993			23-Sep-25		17-Nov-25	
October Splendor	BB	Sides	1994						X
Name: Laura Smargiasso		Zip Code 76031 - 76058		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Cleburne , TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
My Friend Jonathan	TB	Miller	1994	X			14-Oct-25	X	
Rosalie Figge	TB	McKnew	1993					X	
Bam	MDB	Tasaco	2017					X	
Bibbidi Bobbidi Blue	SDB	Sutton	2011					X	
Lemon Kitty	SDB	Spoon	2022					X	
Mulligan	IB	Sutton	2015					X	
Sugar Maple	SDB	Sutton	2003					X	
Coral Chimes	IB	Crump	2007					X	
Name: Dell Perry		Zip Code 75023 - 75093		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Plano TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ravenwood	TB	Lowry	1971		X				
Autumn Wine	BB	Christopherson	2003				X		
Black Magic	TB	Wagman	1935					X	
Ray Jones	SDB	D. Spoon	2011					X	
Auroralite	SDB	Weiler	1990					X	
High Ho Silver	TB	Byers	1989						X
Lady Emma	MTB	Jones	1986						X
Name: Cathy & Ken Kiester		Zip Code 76036		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Crowley TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Double Platnum	TB	Ghio	2012						X
Spring Elegance	TB	Tasco	2018						X
Garden Bride	TB	Chapman	1998						X
Dodge City	TB	Lauer	1995						X
Superstition	TB	Schreiner	1977						X
Midnight Run	TB	Sutton	2013						X
Divine Madness	TB	Tasco	2025						X
Nightbird	TB	Crump	2013						X
Dusky Challenger	TB	Schreiner	1986						X
Name: Mayna Haggard		Zip Code: 75080 - 75085		Place Date Of Bloom in Appropriate Month					
Date of First Freeze		Richardson TX		All Cultivars are TB unless noted					
Name:	Group	Hybridizer	Year	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
My Friend Johnathan	TB	Miller	1996			18-Sep-25	27-Oct-25	25-Nov-25	
Corn Harvest	TB	Wyatt	1974				8-Oct-25	25-Nov-25	
Goddess Of Yellow	IB	Niswonger	2000					29-Nov-25	



'Blatant'
(M. Byers, 1990)



'Eleanor Roosevelt'
(H. Sass, r. 1933)



'Bernice's Legacy'
(B. Miller 2000)



'Winesap'
(M. Byers, 1989)



'Total Recall'
(B. Hager, 1992)



'Fruit Stripe' BB
(M. Sutton, 2009)



'Clarence'
(Zurbrigg, 1991)



'Hemstitched'
(B. Hager, 1990)



'Autumn Nectar'
(J. Crump, 2011)



'October Splendor' BB
(G. Sides, 1997)



'Rosalie Figge'
(J. McKnew, 1993)



'Bam' MDB
(R. Tasco, 2017)

Northwest Area Report

Northwest Area
2025 Rebloom Report
Eagle Ridge Iris Gardens
Delane H Langton & Jane Tibbs

Hopefully, this is a good resource for those in northern zones interested in MORE rebloom. Lots of proven performance, year after year, familiar names return to do it over and over in our Montana Zone 4b. We are celebrating our fifth year of continuous iris bloom, from late March *Iris reticulata* all the way through freeze-up, usually November 1. We have at least one iris in bloom all year long. Our rebloom always starts with 'Autumn Jester' (C. Chapman 2000, SDB) about June 17th, just as the tall bearded irises are finishing. Obviously, we think everyone should be growing this one! We have increased stock on most items in this report and have them for sale in the rebloom category @ Eagleridgeiris.com. This rebloom report is a treasure trove of information! I've noted rebloom along with weather information. It also makes it obvious to me which iris to cross in pursuit of our goal: early, often, cold-zone rebloom with newer forms and colors. I'll talk more about that in another article.

I think we have stabilized at 100 reblooming irises each year. We had 162 the first year after bringing in 768 rebloomers, regardless of the known rebloom zone. We found many would rebloom here, but no one had tried and then reported them. Now that the wiki has current information loaded (the 2022 Cumulative Rebloom Report) and is updated immediately from Facebook posts, it is much easier to find cultivars that might work for you. Over the years, we have lost many. My theory is lots of warm zones, think USDA Plant Hardiness Zones 8 & 9, are just too hard to see rebloom, too late for our zone 4b. Our surprise snowstorms in October can kill entire clumps that are more concerned with reblooming than shutting down for our winter. Two very good iris years in a row, we have ended with 4 inches of extra moisture (typically 14" is normal). Last year, we had good snow cover in January and February and a fairly quick start to spring growth. Our greatest iris difficulty is winter-spring rot/botrytis caused by freeze-thaw cycles when the irises are winter sleeping. With a pretty quick warm-up last spring, that was kept at a minimum. August was very dry, but fall rains started in September when we received an inch spread out perfectly. You might also be interested to know that we don't supply extra water to encourage rebloom. I think I'll end there as I think about which crosses to make and watch for new rebloomers being introduced.

Northwest: Rebloom Reports from Northwest Area, Delane Langton, Area Director

Rebloom Report				Most Reliable Rebloom in Zone 4						Very Dry July and August											
Name: Eagle Ridge Iris		City State		Bilings MT 59101			Zone		4b												
Year 2025		E (1-10 of the month) / M (11-20) / L (21-31 of the month)																			
All TBs unless noted		Date of Freeze:									Month										
0							July	August			Sept			Oct			Nov				
All are rebloomers.		Class	Hybridiz	Year	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L		
Autumn Jester		SDB	Chapman	2000	X	X	X	X	X				X		X						
Lovely Again			R. Smith	1966	X	X									X						
Love Continues			B. Spoon	2016	X	X		X							X						
Returning Fancy		IB	Chapman	2020		X		X	X												
Precious Little Pink		IB	Byers	1995		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X				
Shakin' All Over			Ernst	2005	X	X															
Rose Kinard Seedling 10-		MTB	Kinnard	Seed		X	X														
Dawn Of Fall			Jensen	1976			X														
Eternal Waltz			Donnelson	1989			X														
Whisper In The Wind		TB	Johnson	2015			X	X													
September Frost		RE6	G Sutton	1998			X	X	X			XX									
Lichen			Byers	1988			X	X	X												
Langton Seedling 22RE12		TB	Langton	Seed			X	X													
Autumn Twilight		TB	Brown	1971			X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X				
Forever Royal		SDB	Chapman	2015			X	X		X	X										
Locatell Seedling 21534		TB	Lockatell	Seed			X	X		X		X	X		X						
Autumn Shower			Lockatell	2021				X							X	X					
Highway To Heaven		TB	Speer	2018				X	X		X										
Midsummer Nights Dre		IB	Baumunk	1999			X	X			X										
Glitter Repink		IB	Jedlicka	2008				X	X												
Over and Over		TB	Innerest	2001				X								X					
Again and Again		TB	Innerest	1999				X	X	X											
Violet Returns		TB	Hall	1988				X	X				X	X							
As Beauty Does		TB	Shadlow	2022				X	X	X											
Jennifer Rebecca		TB	Zurbrigg	1985				X	X	X											
Sugar Blues		TB	Zurbrigg	1985				X	X												
Cameo Blush		BB	Weiler	1998					X												
Sweet Reflection		TB	Maryott	1988					X												
Summer Waltz		TB	G. Sutton	2002					X				X		X	X					
Violet Moon		IB	Remare	2018					X												
Crockett Seedling		TB	Crockett	nr					X												
Feeling Spicy Tonight		TB	Deaton	2012					X	X	X	X	X	X							
Summer Peach		TB	Spoon	2018					X	X	X	X	X	X							
Mabel Andrews		TB	Zurbrigg	1983						X	X	X	X	X							
Corn Dance		TB	D. Spoon	2008						X				X	X	X					
Jem Appelle		IB	Tasquer	2015						X	X		X	X							
Echo Location		TB	Wilkerson	2007						X				X	X						
Innerst Star		TB	G. Sutton	1999						X	X										
Hidden Sky		TB	Lockatell								X	X	X								
Efernal Waltz		TB	Danielson	1988					X	X				X	X	X					
Echo Of Spring		TB	Price							X	X			X	X	X					
Dual Function		TB	Sutton	2018						X	X					X	X				
Get Back		TB	Lauer	2015									X	X							



'Autumn Jester' SDB
(C. Chapman, 2000)



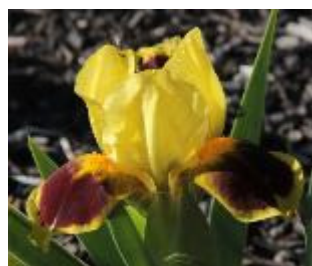
'Lovely Again'
(Smith, 1966)



'Glitter Repink'
(Jedlicka, 2008)



'Dawn Of Fall'
(Jensen, 1976)



'Brite Mite' MDB
(Aitken, 2018)



'Lichen'
(M. Byers, 1989)



'September Frost'
(G. Sutton, 1998)



'Highway to Heaven'
(Speer, 2018)



'Midsummer Night's Dream'
(Baumunk, 1999)



'Violet Returns'
(Hall, 1988)



'Sugar Blues'
(Zurbrigg, 1985)



'Jennifer Rebecca'
(Zurbrigg, 1985)



'Bolder Boulder'
(Magee 2000)



'Rust Never Sleeps' IB
(Lauer 2013)



'Fall Decor' IB
(M. Sutton 2016)



'Monster's Peach' SDB
(Moran 2022)



'Elron's Cloak' SDB
(Moran 2023)



'Pretty Girl' SDB
(D. Spoon, 2001)



'Too Cool For School' SDB
(Stout, 2017)



'Summer Fantasy'
(Brown, 1965)



'Eternal Summer' SPX
(Chapman, 2012)



'Angelic Wings'
(Miller, 1991)



'Metro Blue'
(Lockatell, 2015)



'Brite Mite' MDB
(Aitken, 2019)



'Short Stitched'
(D. Spoon, 2022)



'Mariposa Wizard' IB
(Tasco, 2004)



'Rielle' BB
(D. Spoon, 1999)



'Northward Ho'
(Zurbrigg, 1991)



'Double Shot'
(Sutton, 2000)



'Sky Willow' SDB
(D. Spoon 2005)



'Ray Jones' SDB
(D. Spoon, R. 2015)



'Biplane'
(Spence, 1987)



'Wedgwood Blue' SDB
(D. Spoon, 2002)



'Glacier King'
(Carson, 1986)



'Raspberry Frost'
(G. Sutton, 2001)



'Golden Immortal'
(G. Sutton, 1997)



'Love Goes On' BB
(D. Spoon 2004)



'Greenback Kid' SDB
(D. Spoon 2009)



'Colorwatch'
(Innerst 1987)



'Lunar Whitewash'
(Innerst 2003)

Southeast Area Report

Southeast Area Report, fall/winter 2025/2026
by Deborah Mell, SE Area Director

Reports of fall bloom were scarce for the southeast (SE) area in 2025. Donita McDonald in northeast Georgia had just one rebloomer this fall – ‘Immortality’ (L. Zurbrigg 1982, TB). Jamil Sewell in Athens, Georgia did a little better with ‘Autumn Twilight’ (G. Brown 1945, TB), ‘Blatant’ (M. Byers 1990, TB), ‘Raspberry Frost’ (G. Sutton 2001, TB), and ‘Summer Fantasy’ (G. Brown 1964, TB). Where I am in Zone 7b, west Tennessee, it was a complete wipeout with just one SDB seedling reblooming. I blame the extreme drought and very early freeze. We started freezing in October and since then have had only a couple of weeks above freezing - just enough to tease plants out of dormancy. Before the freeze we were hot and dry. I am hoping for a decent spring bloom and a better summer and fall in 2026.



‘Autumn Twilight’
(Brown, 1945)



‘Blatant’
(M. Byers 1990, TB)



‘Summer Fantasy’
(Brown, 1964)



"Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace." —May Sarton

Northeast Area Report

By Colin Campbell, Northeast Area Director

Diana Dudley, Creedmoor NC

Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) - Oct
Double Down (M. Sutton 2009) – Oct
Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) -Oct

Amy Fletcher, Haw River NC

Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001) – Oct

Cathy Price, Seven Springs NC

Elron's Cloak (A. Moran 2023) SDB - Sep
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) -Nov
Jack Loving (D. Spoon 2006) SDB -Oct
Poignant (G. Sutton 2011) SDB -Jun, Oct
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) -Nov-Dec

Anita Moran, Aberdeen MD

Dancing With the Dawn (A. Moran 2023) SDB
Monster's Peach (A. Moran R. 2022) SDB

Pat McNeal, Preston MD

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) - Jul, Sep
Autumn Jester (C. Chapman 2000) SDB - Jul
Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB – Aug-Sep
Back Again (D. Spoon 2020) – Jul-Aug
Bethany Claire (L. Zurbrigg 1985) - Sep
Billionaire (M. Byers 1987) – Aug, Oct
Blessed Again (F. Jones 1976) IB - May
Buckwheat (M. Byers 1989) – Jun, Aug
Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991) - Sep
Constant Companion (C. Marsh 1995) IB – Jun, Sep
Double Your Fun (J. T. Aitken 2000) IB – Nov
Forever Blue (C. Chapman 1997) SDB – May- Jun
Gate of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) - Sep
Glitter Repink (Jedlicka 2008) – Jul
Golden Immortal (G. Sutton 1997) – Jul
Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) - Oct
Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) – Sep
Love Continues (B. Spoon 2016) – Sep
Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) – Sep
Mango Parfait (D. Spoon 2009) – Sep
Mariposa Autumn (R. Tasco 1999) -Nov

Pat McNeal, Preston MD (cont.)

Matrix (E. Hall 1991) – Oct
Metro Blue (M. Lockatell 2015) -Sep
Oxmoor Hills (J. Ennenga 2004) -Oct
Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001) -Jul
Plinko (T. Johnson 2018) MTB -May
Priscilla of Corinth (B. Miller 1994) -Aug
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) -Aug-Oct
Short Stitched (D. Spoon 2022) -Aug
Social Graces (K. Keppel 2000) -Jul
Summer Peach (D. Spoon 2018) -Jul
Stephanie Returns (H. Dash 2024) -Oct
Black Seedling Q47-C – Jun
Grassroots (P. McNeal, reserved) - May-Jun

Isaac A., Lynchburg VA

Colorwatch (S. Innerst 1987) Oct-Dec
Eric Simpson (D. Spoon 2011) SDB -Oct-Nov
Flo (D. Spoon 2011) BB – Sep-Dec
Greenback Kid (D. Spoon 2009) SDB – Nov
Love Goes On (D. Spoon 2004) BB – Oct-Dec
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB – Sep-Oct
Mariposa Autumn (R. Tasco 1999) – Oct-Nov
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) – Oct-Nov
Violet Turner (L. Lauer 1999) – Nov

Colin Campbell, Middletown VA

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) – Jul
Amazing With Grace (J. Roberts 2013) -Nov
Autumn Jester (C. Chapman 2000) SDB – Jun
Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB -Nov
Echo of Spring (N. Price 2013) -Nov
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) -Oct
Many Mahalos (J.T. Aitken 2003) IB – May-Jun
Repetition (W. Moores 2013) – Jun-Jul

Kim Rogers, Mineral VA garden

Summer Olympics (R. G. Smith 1980) – Nov

Kim Rogers, Woodbridge VA garden

Barn Dance (M. Byers 1991) – Nov



'Double Down'
(M. Sutton 2009)



'Feed Back '
(B. Hager 1983)



'Jack Loving' SDB
(D. Spoon 2006)



'Poignant' SDB
(G. Sutton 2011)



'Dancing With the Dawn' SDB
(Moran 2023)



'Back Again '
(D. Spoon 2020)



'Bethany Claire'
(Zurbrigg 1985)



'Summer Peach'
(D. Spoon 2018)



'Social Graces'
(Keppel 2000)



'Eric Simpson' SDB
(D. Spoon 2011)



'Flo' BB
(D. Spoon 2011)



'Amazing With Grace'
(Roberts 2013)

Northeast (cont): Rebloom Reports

Ginny Spoon, Cross Junction VA

Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) -Oct
 Durham Dream (L. Zurbrigg 2000) - Oct
 Eric Simpson (D. Spoon 2011) SDB -Nov
 Faithful and True (D. Spoon 1997) -Oct
 Fall Primrose (G.P. Brown 1953) - Sep
 Gate of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) -Oct
 Giggler (D. Spoon 2001) SDB -Oct
 Hilda's Gift (D. Spoon 2002) MDB -Nov
 Jack Loving (D. Spoon 2006) SDB -Oct
 Kind Candace (D. Spoon 2012) – Sep
 Lemon Candy (D. Spoon 2022) BB -Oct
 Mango Parfait (D. Spoon 2009) -Nov
 Margaret Wilson Thomas (D. Spoon 2009) -Oct
 Midsummer Night's Dream (L. Baumunk 1999) IB -
 Nov
 Misty Twilight (M. Byers 1988) -Oct
 Momma Rosemary (D. Spoon 2012) – Sep
 Northward Ho (L. Zurbrigg 1991) – Oct
 Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001) -Oct
 Persimmon Pie (D. Spoon 2000) BB -Oct
 Pretty Girl (D. Spoon 2001) SDB -Oct
 Raspberry Frost (G. Sutton 2001) -Nov
 Ray Jones (D. Spoon 2011) SDB -Oct
 Roney's Encore (D. Spoon 1997) -Nov
 Rosalie Loving (D. Spoon 2003) SDB -Nov
 September Sailor (G. P. Brown 1960) -Nov
 Sky Willow (D. Spoon 2005) SDB -Nov
 Sonata in Blue (R. Smith 1994) -Nov
 Sugar Blues (L. Zurbrigg 1985) - Nov
 Summer Fantasy (G. P. Brown 1965) - Sep
 Summer Peach (D. Spoon 2018) – Jun
 Tenderly (D.C. Nearpass 2000) -Nov
 Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) -Oct
 Twiggy (D. Spoon 2004) BB -Oct
 Zee (D. Spoon 2004) – Sep
 Zurich (M. Byers 1990) -Nov

Phil Yowell, Spotsylvania VA

Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) -Nov
 Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB -Oct-Nov
 Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) -Oct-Nov
 Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB – Aug, Oct-Nov
 Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001) – Sep-Nov
 Perfume Counter (L. Zurbrigg 1972) – Oct-Nov
 Queen Dorothy (E. Hall 1984) -Oct-Nov
 Lockatell Seedling 23024 -Oct-Nov
 Yowell Seedling 03-GEYS – Sep
 Yowell Seedling 21-04-A – Oct

Lois Rose, Partlow, VA

Liquid Amber (G. Spoon, 2003) Nov
 Golden Encore (Jones 1973) Oct
 Renown (Zurbrigg, 1992) AUG, Nov
 September Buttercup (Brown 1962) Aug
 Rosalie Figge (McKnew, 1991) Nov (burned by
 frost)
 Lockatell 21221 (BB) Oct-Nov
 Soda Fountain Shuffle (Lockatell 2015)Oct
 Iceland (Byers 1991) Nov
 Lockatell 21429-9 Sep, Oct
 Queen Dorothy (Hall 1984) Sep, Oct
 Mother of Dragons (D. Spoon 2021) Nov
 Senorita Frog (SDB) (D. Spoon 2002) May
 [spring 4/4]
 Repetition (Moores, 2013) Aug
 Hidden Sky (Lockatell 2021) Nov



'Durham Dream'
(Zurbrigg 2000)



'Giggler' SDB
(D. Spoon 2001)



'Liquid Amber'
(G. Spoon 2003)



'Hilda's Gift' MDB
(D. Spoon 2002)



'Kind Candace'
(D. Spoon 2012)



'Lemon Candy' BB
(D. Spoon 2022)



'Misty Twilight'
(M. Byers 1988)



'Persimmon Pie' BB
(D. Spoon 2000)



'Tenderly'
(D.C. Nearpass 2000)



'Twiggy' BB
(D. Spoon 2004)



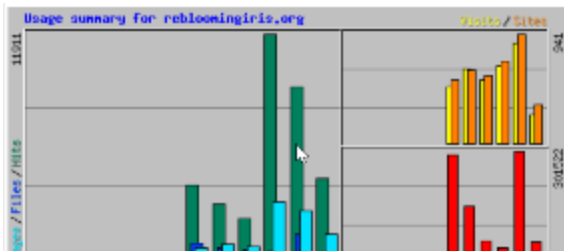
'Hidden Sky'
(Lockatell 2021)



'Mother of Dragons'
(D. Spoon 2021)

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RIS Website report



Since the new website was launched, we have seen steady growth in traffic.

Some traffic has come from unresolved or unknown internet servers. Our host, Acorn, has protected our website with its significant scrutiny.

Top 14 of 14 Total Countries							
#	Hits	Files	KBytes			Country	
1	7454	51.70%	881	43.50%	241242	80.01%	Unresolved/Unknown
2	1303	14.29%	315	22.73%	21352	7.08%	Commercial (com)
3	298	3.27%	178	12.84%	38748	12.85%	Network (net)
4	31	0.34%	6	0.43%	16	0.05%	Non-Profit (org)
5	12	0.13%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	Address Routing (arpa)
6	3	0.03%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	Bulgaria
7	3	0.03%	3	0.22%	5	0.02%	China
8	3	0.03%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	India
9	2	0.02%	2	0.14%	3	0.01%	Anguilla
10	2	0.02%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	European Union
11	2	0.02%	1	0.07%	2	0.00%	British Indian Ocean Territory
12	2	0.02%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	Cambodia

From what I've seen, the Reblooming Iris Society website reaches many countries, not just the USA and Canada. The one person from Canada apparently likes to spend time on our site.

Many people spend their time downloading pictures and newsletters. Just for kicks, I investigated the time of day most people visited the site. Apparently, noon is our busiest time for visitor arrivals.

Top 10 of 266 Total URLs By KBytes						
#	Hits	KBytes				URL
1	29	0.32%	53328	17.69%		/img/Winterberry17.jpg
2	10	0.11%	29804	9.88%		/Pub/2025V107.pdf
3	1	0.01%	13139	4.36%		/img/Dramaqueen_Moran.png
4	67	0.73%	10320	3.42%		/RIS_Head_Home2.png
5	1	0.01%	9823	3.26%		/img/Iris_laevigatae_SPEC_MottledBeauty_Moran.jpg
6	1	0.01%	9735	3.23%		/Pub/2022V98.pdf
7	1	0.01%	9633	3.19%		/Pub/2024V104.pdf
8	2	0.02%	9343	3.10%		/img/NinjaWarrior_Miller2016_Moran.JPG
9	1	0.01%	9289	3.08%		/Pub/2021V96.pdf
10	2	0.02%	8828	2.91%		/img/PerryDyer_Black2017_Moran3.jpg

Please let Dave and me know if you find errors on the website. Remember, once those errors are corrected, you will need to refresh the page.

Anita Moran

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RIS Journal Report

Three years ago, Microsoft discontinued MS Publisher in the fall of 2026. Since I have a standalone program, this will not affect us for at least 3 to 4 years. I have been looking for alternatives, but many are too expensive and not conducive to remote editing. Many available programs do not import Publisher files. I have been working with several, but most have a limit on the number of pages allowed in the newsletter. I will continue to investigate programs. There are several tech shows, so I might have to attend one to learn what is available. Currently, I have set up a template for the journal that seems to be working, and it may be the answer we need. I am sure you will let me know.

I am changing how we report rebloom and will only post rebloom reports in the spring edition, so that as growers bring up their sites, you will have a list of what is reblooming in your area. If you do not see any reports from your area, it is because I did not receive them. If the RIS does not receive rebloom information, we cannot post it for you and others to enjoy. Although I would prefer you send your rebloom report sheets to your area directors, you can also send them to me at pilmore22@gmail.com or Sarah Sue Miller at risrebloomrpt@gmail.com.

If you have a new reblooming iris, let us know how it is doing by writing a short article. Any article, short or long, would be welcome.

March Top Ten Download From RIS Website:				
/Pub/2025V107.pdf	52	0	252.36 MB	4.85 MB
/Rebloom_Chart_2025.xlsx	21	0	236.33 KB	11.25 KB
/Pub/2023V100.pdf	9	0	25.81 MB	2.87 MB
/Pub/2019V94.pdf	8	0	39.92 MB	4.99 MB
/Pub/2024V103.pdf	8	0	41.20 MB	5.15 MB
/Pub/2022V99.pdf	6	0	30.34 MB	5.06 MB
/Pub/2023V101.pdf	6	0	38.63 MB	6.44 MB
/Pub/2022V98.pdf	5	0	35.89 MB	7.18 MB
/Pub/2025V106.pdf	5	0	8.85 MB	1.77 MB
/Pub/2021V96.pdf	5	0	32.02 MB	6.40 MB

As you can see from the above, the Recorder, now The RIS Journal, is downloaded every month. Since this will be our first Journal edition, we will discontinue tracking the number pattern from the previous issues.

Anita Moran
Acting Editor RIS Journal

Reblooming Iris Society
Spring Meeting, February 11, 2026 via Zoom
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm PST.

In attendance: Anita Moran, John & Carolyn Honnette, Les Burgard, Delane H. Langton, Jane Tibbs, Chuck Chapman, Nancy King, Sarah Sue Miller, Riley Probst. (I missed some of the names.)

MINUTES from previous meeting – Claire Schneider

Motion 1: to approve the minutes of the fall meeting, October 16, 2025

Motion by Nancy King and seconded by Delane H. Langton. Motion approved. There were no corrections. The minutes from October 16, 2025, will go into the next RIS newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Anita Moran

Currently, the RIS is looking for people to fill these positions:

Budget chair, Youth chair, Program Resource chair, and a Central Area Director to cover Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

The popularity poll has ended and analysis is completed. The results won't be made public until they have been published in the spring issue of the AIS *Bulletin*.

The RIS monthly newsletter (via Constant Contact) has been sent to members. Anita would like to hear feedback about the newsletter.

Rose Kinnard has resigned the position of membership chair and will be replaced by Jane Tibbs.

VP REPORT – Delane H. Langton

Delane asked for ideas and articles for the monthly newsletter. He mentioned that one of the ongoing articles in the newsletter is about promoting sources for obtaining reblooming irises. A current article is about Riley Probst and his reblooming program. Future possibilities would be Ginny Spoon and Chuck Chapman.

As northwest area director, Delane is responsible for collecting rebloom data. However, no one has submitted any data. Not sure how to proceed with this.

John Honnette suggested that instead of asking people to report all their rebloom data, which can become overwhelming, we ask people to report only the rebloom of irises that are not registered as rebloomers. Also, it would be very useful information to know which irises that are registered as rebloomers, that do rebloom in the north, colder climates. A good idea would be to include their USDA Plant Hardiness Zone. It would be wonderful if all the area directors could relay this change in reporting to all their members.

Sarah Sue Miller, who is analyzing the total rebloom data, has focused her report on the rebloom of irises in new areas and the new introductions that are reblooming. We already know what reblooms. What we want to know: which irises are reblooming in new areas and the newest irises that might not be registered as rebloomers but are reblooming.

Delane has been recording the rebloom of irises that he sees on *Facebook*. He asked that anyone else who sees a notice of a rebloom on *Facebook*, please report this to Delane. This information should also go to Sara Sue Miller.

Spring Meeting, Feb 11, 2026 via Zoom MINUTES (cont.)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Les Burgard

Les sent Anita the treasurer's report for the third quarter.

Regarding the 4th quarter:

The balance on October 1 was \$8,778.78

The deposits in the 4th quarter were \$1,511.00

The balance at end of December was \$10,289.78

Deposits since \$337.00

Current balance is \$10,626.78

BUDGET REPORT

Les reported that he has written very few checks.

Anita shared a proposed budget. There were no changes or suggestions made to it.

WEBSITE REPORT- Dave Banks

Dave was absent, so Anita presented this report.

Since the new RIS website was launched, there has been steady growth in traffic. Apparently, someone in Canada spends a great deal of time on the RIS website. Many people download pictures with most of the traffic occurring around noon.

The host is Acorn. They have been doing a good job with security, keeping out the bots.

Please let Anita and Dave Banks know if you find errors on the RIS website.

Because the program for working on websites is being discontinued, Anita is looking for a new program.

RIS JOURNAL – Anita Moran

This is a new name, replacing the name "Reblooming Iris Society Recorder".

Because Microsoft has discontinued "Publisher," Anita is looking for a new publishing program that will meet the needs of the *RIS Journal*. Please send articles and photos to Anita for inclusion in the *Journal*. Articles can be short or long. On each photo, be sure to include the name of the photographer so proper credit can be given to the photographer.

REBLOOM CHECKLIST EDITOR – Sarah Sue Miller

Sarah Sue has received all the 2025 reports. She expressed sympathy for the area directors who lack reports. She has cross-referenced all the reports except for Texas. From all the reports submitted except Texas, Sarah Sue has found 158 unique iris names, 26 are newly reported as rebloomers. The next challenge is working with the wiki, aligning the RIS data and the Reblooming Checklist with what we find on the wiki. A final rebloom report will be ready soon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Looking to fill the RIS officer and chair vacancies. The committee will be able to use the RIS membership list. Three people on this committee: Delane H. Langton and John Honnette (board members) and Nancy King (a general RIS member).

In addition to filling vacant positions, volunteers are needed to assist the webmaster and Journal editor.

In the ZOOM CHAT:

- Ginny Spoon will not be updating her website.
- Gailmae would like to know what happens in the RIS Zoom meeting. A suggestion is to include the minutes in the monthly newsletter.

- Les is having difficulty getting into the RIS website. He can see the AIS website but not the RIS website and wonders what the problem is. Anita will check into this, maybe sending Les a new link. Anita said, Google is not picking up HTML.
- Mary Platner volunteered to invite people to become area directors.
- If you are not receiving the link to the RIS Zoom meeting, send an email to Anita asking to be included in the RIS group.
- Currently, RIS does not have an award for an outstanding reblooming iris. A suggestion: create an award for the iris that wins the most Best in Show awards at fall shows in one year. The actual award could be a plastic trophy or an engraved plaque. Certainly, this iris should be recognized in the RIS newsletter. Adam Cordes collects AIS show reports. His 2025 report of show winners will be published in the winter edition of the AIS Bulletin. Someone could go through his report, looking for the iris that won the most Best in Show awards in fall shows.
- Good sources for purchasing reblooming irises: Fleur de Lis (Riley Probst), Chuck Chapman, Winterberry, Sutton's Iris Garden, Beehaven Iris Garden (Honnette), Eagle Ridge Iris Garden (Delane H. Langton).

OTHER

Delane said he will be conducting judges training sessions on reblooming irises in Virginia and Seattle. He has registered his programs with the AIS speakers program list.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm PST

Respectfully submitted
Claire Schneider

Reblooming Iris Society Fall Meeting via Zoom, Oct 16, 2025 MINUTES

In attendance: Anita Moran, Delane H Langton, Jane Tibbs, Claire Schneider, John & Carolyn Honnette, Jennifer Fernandez, Cynthia Brush. (Ten people had registered for this Zoom meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm Pacific daylight time.
A quorum was present – four board members.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion 1 to approve the minutes from the fall 2024 RIS meeting.
Motion by Delane H Langton and seconded by John Honnette. Motion approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anita Moran explained that she will be very hands on with the RIS, sending out frequent update emails about what is going on. Two RIS board meetings a year are planned: one in mid-October and one in March. Anita would like to see more people attending these meetings because more people will mean more ideas.

Help wanted ads are in the newsletter for open positions.
Directors are invited to write articles for the Recorder, telling what is going on in their area. Those articles would be appreciated but are not required.

Sarah Sue Miller has digitized the rebloom data which means all the data can be sorted for specific purposes. Anita requested that AIS judges in RIS volunteer to conduct JTs and programs about reblooming irises. Anita does have a rebloom program that can be used.

Regarding communication, the best way to contact Anita is via text.

The deadline for the March issue of the newsletter will be February 1 and for the September issue will be August 1.

BUDGET

A digital copy of the proposed budget for RIS was shared with the membership. Anita explained the categories of expenditures. This budget is a proposal and cannot be enacted until there is more money in the treasury. There were no changes or suggestions made to this budget.

MEMBERSHIP

Anita will ask Rose to start a new list of members. Anita sent a letter to dropped members asking them to rejoin RIS. She will repeat this process every two years.

WEBSITE

The new RIS website is open, but is still under construction.

Dave has been working the RIS website and covering its expense.

Motion 2 to repay Dave for his website costs for the last year in the amount of \$408.

Motion by Claire Schneider and seconded by John Honnette.

Amended: after receipts have been received by Anita. Motion approved.

Anita has registered the RIS website as a non-profit with Acorn as host. The domain name is Rebloomingiris.org. The plan is to find someone to organize an online auction of bags of irises. For example, a bag of five or seven reblooming irises. To make this work, RIS needs a PayPal account to collect payments. RIS could model this after the Dwarf Iris Society online sale.

RIS COMMUNICATION

About Constant Contact. Delane volunteered to use Constant Contact for a monthly news note sent to all the RIS members. For example, a quick article about a particular iris. This will keep everyone connected to RIS.

Rebloom Reporter will publish all kinds of information: poems, photos, cute sayings, iris bloom news. Anita has written permission to use photos of various hybridizers and members of AIS. Of the 230 members in RIS, only six lack an email address. Anita recommends that all issues of the newsletter be emailed digitally and none will be printed. It was suggested that members without access to the online newsletter visit a local library where computers are available for reading online newsletter.

Motion to purchase two hard drives

Motion 3 by Delane Langton and seconded by Claire Schneider. Motion approved.

About the *Reblooming checklist*. The printed checklist books are almost irrelevant because this information is now available on a flash drive and in the *Iris Encyclopedia* (the wiki). Anita announced

there will be no more printed checklists. Because it is digital, the checklist can be updated every year. There aren't that many new reblooming irises every year to add to the checklist. Rather, we are seeing new zones where a cultivar reblooms. This information will be added to the checklist and to the wiki.

Delane has been collecting rebloom data from the various Facebook pages. Hybridizers are hesitant to register an iris as a rebloomer even though the iris does rebloom. It turns out that some cultivars coming from the north might take a few years to become acclimated to a southern zone and rebloom. And vice versa. Gardeners need to be a little more patient. Delane mentioned that dividing a reblooming iris every two years can promote rebloom. There is much to learn about the effect of fertilization, how much and when, on rebloom. John shared that he fertilizes three times a year: Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, and Labor Day.

On the rebloom report form, replace the X with the date of the first appearance of a rebloom. Currently, the form is in EXCEL and PDF. A suggestion was to have the form available as a Google doc. Replace "frost" with "freeze". Recommending the use of an iris incubator in Zone 4 which is either a large round rock or a brick. Recommending the application of ice in Zone 9 to Siberian irises.

About the tri-fold. Download it and customize it to promote RIS in your own affiliate, show, and sale.

RIS OPEN POSITIONS

- Central Area director for AIS Regions 18 & 21 which includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota.
- Newsletter editor. Anita has been filling this position temporarily and would mentor the new editor.
- A judges training chair to manage JT session on rebloom and maintain a list of judges willing to present a JT on rebloom.
- A youth chair
- An iris resource chair to keep a list of rebloom programs and people willing to present those programs.
- An auction manager who will set up an online auction of reblooming irises. This is an important position because it will be the primary income source for RIS.
- A budget person.

Next RIS meeting will be in March.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Schneider
RIS secretary

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Happy Spring, everyone. I would like to introduce you to the new Reblooming Yearly Report Sheet.

I believe it will be much easier to use, since you only have to enter the date you first see the bloom. In other words, just put the number of the day of the first bloom. If your iris reblooms after a lull in bloom, say three to four weeks later, add that number. Unlike the last version, this data can be used not only by the Reblooming Iris Society, but also for AIS at large.

This is called phenology data. Phenology is the study of the timing of recurring biological events, like plant flowering. It helps scientists understand ecosystem health, track climate change impacts, and inform agriculture and resource management, with data collected through citizen science (that's us). Blooming, or in our case, reblooming irises, are very sensitive to small variations in climate, especially in temperature, humidity, and moisture load throughout the year. Phenological records can be a useful proxy for temperature in historical climatology for local growers, regional, and national growers.

Unlike the previous data collection we provided, phenology data with the exact dates of bloom and/or rebloom of an iris can be compared with other regions or gardens in your area to determine the optimal conditions for rebloom. We hope this data will eventually provide a map of rebloom for irises here in the US and worldwide. If you add the spring bloom as well, that is even better because, as we know, many irises are not registered as rebloomers and have spring bloom information, so we can determine cyclic timing as well.

The USA Phenology Network could also use our data, as they do with historical data, to determine when cherry trees should bloom in Washington, D.C. This network is made up of research scientists, resource managers, educators, and volunteer observers (that's us, again) who provide the raw data to determine the trends many rely on.

We hope you use this chart to collect data throughout the year and keep a copy for yourself to see year-to-year differences. If you want to continue to use X's in the squares, please continue to do so by placing up to 3 X's in each month's squares. You can get the new sheet in PDF or Excel format in these locations:

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