



Bayou *and* Marsh

Newsletter of the Greater New Orleans Iris Society

Winter Meeting December 7

Iris Awards and Shows, Plans for Spring on Agenda

The winter meeting will be held at Longue Vue on Tuesday, December 7 at 7 PM. The program will be on iris awards and shows, particularly for Louisiana irises. Joe Musacchia, a GNOIS Board member and apprentice American Iris Society judge, will discuss the judging rules and awards structure and of AIS and the Society for Louisiana Irises.

The only iris shows in Louisiana have been those sponsored by the Society for Louisiana Irises and held in Lafayette for around 60 years. Since SLI became a more nationally (and internationally) focused organization, the SLI annual shows have moved around the country but still occur in Lafayette about every other year. In years in which the SLI convention and show is held outside the state, the Acadiana chapter of SLI still holds a local iris show.

This year's SLI convention will be in Tucson in late April and the Acadiana show is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. In recent years, SLI conventions have been in Little Rock and Dallas.

Iris shows sanctioned by the American Iris Society must be judged by ac-

credited AIS judges and follow set judging standards and rules. AIS judges determine most show awards, although some are voted on by the membership, and most annual awards are also voted by iris judges.

The program on December 7 will focus on how all this works. It will also frame a discussion of how GNOIS might get involved in formal iris shows, an activity of interest to some members and generally very popular with the general public around the country.

Door Prizes

Many members are interested in acquiring new irises, naturally enough,

Time to Join for 2005

With the new bylaws, dues were set at \$5 a year, a slight reduction from previously, and the term of membership was established on a calendar year basis.

Dues for 1995 are due and can be sent directly to the Treasurer, Eileen Hollander, 5436 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125.

Complete the attached form and make checks payable to GNOIS.

New Officers

New Officers were elected at the Fall meeting. Following, adoption of new bylaws in the summer, members elected officers and a new Board in September. They are:

Patrick O'Connor, President
Fred Noggerath, Vice-President
Eileen Hollander, Treasurer
Debbie Hargis, Secretary
Members of the new Board are
Betty Rena, Tyrone Foreman,
Christy Dixon, Bill Patterson, Joe
Musacchia, and Joel Alchin.

so the club will be considering ways to facilitate that. Since, with a couple of exceptions, relatively few varieties are available in nurseries, a role for GNOIS to connect members with new irises is most appropriate. Our annual swaps and sales are a good way to distribute new irises, but others approaches are also possible.

Starting with the next meeting, we will have one or more door prizes that hopefully will represent varieties not generally available. Members are encouraged to donate a door prize iris if they have something available, so think about what you might be able to pot up in advance for a future meeting.

Activity Survey

There are other ways to get irises in the hands of members, and there are many other activities that GNOIS could undertake. Please take a moment to complete and return the attached survey and give us your views on what our organization should do.

GNOIS Activity Survey

Circle 1 to 5 indicating whether your interest is a little (-) or a lot (+)

Activities	-				+
Garden Tours	1	2	3	4	5
Iris Show	1	2	3	4	5
Field Trips to Native Iris Stands	1	2	3	4	5
Field Trips to Public gardens	1	2	3	4	5
Field Trips to Private gardens outside the N.O. area, e.g. BR	1	2	3	4	5
NOBG Educational Booth	1	2	3	4	5
Fundraising					
Iris sale	1	2	3	4	5
Sale other plants	1	2	3	4	5
Meeting Programs					
Culture - How To Grow Irises	1	2	3	4	5
Propagation - How To Increase Particular Varieties	1	2	3	4	5
Hybridizing Methods - How to Produce New Varieties	1	2	3	4	5
Hybridizing Programs - What Particular Hybridizers Are Producing	1	2	3	4	5
Irises in the Landscape - Ideas On Integrating Irises With Other Plants	1	2	3	4	5
Iris Shows - Formal Shows with Judging of Entries	1	2	3	4	5
Society for Louisiana Irises - History	1	2	3	4	5
Irises for Louisiana - What Will Grow Here (Not Just Louisianas)	1	2	3	4	5
Latest Registered and Introduced Irises - What's Just Out?	1	2	3	4	5
The Species - Irises in the Wild, Louisianas and Others	1	2	3	4	5
Joint Meeting With Other Plant Organizations	1	2	3	4	5
Getting New Irises					
Auctions	1	2	3	4	5
Raffles	1	2	3	4	5
Door prizes	1	2	3	4	5
Club Purchase, Propagation and Exchange	1	2	3	4	5
Public Plantings					
Developing and Maintaining Plantings in Public Gardens	1	2	3	4	5
Social Events					
Christmas Party	1	2	3	4	5

Other Suggestions and Comments (use back if necessary)

Join the Greater New Orleans Iris Society - 2005



To Join Complete the Following -- Annual Dues \$5
Please make checks payable to Greater New Orleans Iris Society, or GNOIS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Mail to: *Eileen Hollander, Treasurer, 5436 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125*

You also may wish to consider joining the Society for Louisiana Irises. The Society's quarterly newsletter is now in full color and contains from 20 to over 30 pages of great pictures, articles and information. Note that the SLI form should be sent to a different address.

Society for Louisiana Irises

To Join, Complete the Following -- Annual Dues \$10 (\$25 for 3 Years)

Please make checks payable to Society for Louisiana Irises.

Mail to: *Richard Sloan, Tres., 118 E. Walnut, Alma, AR 72921*

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New members will receive the most recent *Newsletter and* the 1995 Special Publication of the Society.