



## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Ramblings

After living in Florida for over 13 years, it is great to be back in the Delaware Valley. Here I can grow irises again and share my iris passion with wonderful iris people. Before going South, I was active in DVIS and found the experience to be rewarding.

As I talk to members on my return, I continually hear the same theme: A desire for a greater number of DVIS members who are active and for more activities and events within the DVIS. As a result, these will be our two main goals. I believe these goals go together; you can't have one without the other -- as the song goes.

Who are DVIS members? All AIS members in the greater Delaware Valley have a free membership in DVIS. That includes South Jersey, Delaware and the eastern half of Pennsylvania. All of you are invited to join in DVIS events and activities.

Soon we will send out a survey to find out which new activities and events you desire and how you would like to take a more active role -- if you do. Your response is important to us. We would like to hear back from all members -- active and inactive. There will be no arm twisting. I acknowledge many can't or are not ready to take a more active role, and that is fine. I do think it is important to match your interests with your contribution, and I hope the survey will help do this. After all, we do this for fun!

Ron

### DVIS GOALS

1. Increase number of active members.
2. Expand our activities and events.

Watch for the DVIS Survey

Your response is important to us.

### IRIS SALE at JENKINS ARBORETUM

631 Berwyn-Baptist Rd., Devon, PA (610-647-8870)

Directions: [www.JenkinsArboretum.org](http://www.JenkinsArboretum.org) or call

July 13, 2002

10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

Dwarfs and Medians \$2.00

Most Tall Bearded \$3.00

Rebloomers \$4.00

Space Agers and Recent Introductions \$4.00

Siberian, Louisiana, Japanese and Species in Pots \$6.00

Sale Chairpersons: Charles and Betsy Conklin

### The Making of a Successful Sale

The success of our sales is due to our members, who have so generously contributed irises, helped at the sale and purchased irises. You have diligently dug, cleaned and marked the irises. You have taken the time and effort to pot beardless varieties. Much credit also goes to Betsy and Charles Conklin, who have organized, promoted and managed the sale so well over the years.

Success, however, has its challenges. Last year we sold out in one hour, and those coming later were disappointed. This year, we are taking several steps to meet this challenge. We are increasing the price modestly so that the irises may be more fairly distributed to more people. In addition, three premium-priced categories are included: (1) Recently introduced -- since 1990 (2) Space Agers and (3) Rebloomers (all types). And we are asking the membership to donate more irises -- if you are able. We realize that many are bringing as many as they can now. Furthermore, we do not want to reduce the quality. For example, rhizomes should be large enough to have the potential to bloom next year.

Besides being the only money-maker for DVIS, the sale has two other important goals: (1) Promote modern named irises to the public and (2) Enlist new members for AIS and DVIS. See you at the sale. Let's have fun!

### We Need Your Help in Four Ways!

1. Bring clean, healthy bearded iris rhizomes (tall bearded, dwarf, median). Mark name and color on leaves. Segregate rebloomers, space age irises, and recent introductions (since 1990). Also bring beardless irises in pots (Siberian, Japanese, Louisiana). We need more this year, but please maintain quality/size.
2. Bring them by 9:00 a.m. and help us set up.
3. Help with the sale and support the sale with your purchases.
4. Stay for the bring-your-own picnic lunch and short business meeting.

*New Members Welcomed!*