

# Bayou and Marsh

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## *It's here!*

**Well, almost. There may be some early bloom around, but the big, beautiful rush is not far ahead.**

**T**he cold weather seems to have held the irises back a bit this year. We had just gotten used to earlier bloom seasons in the recent past, but this one may be more “normal” from a historical perspective.

You should begin to see some thickening in the center of the fans. That's the top leaves of the bloom stalks that are forming. The fan will look more “crowded” with leaves if a bloom is coming. At this point, just the early varieties may be showing this, so



Left: This fan is producing a bloom stalk. Notice the crowded leaves in the center. If you feel the base, it will seem thick and round.

Right: This fan will not produce a bloom this season. There are fewer leaves and no thickening at the base. Look forward to next year.



## BACK IN IRIS BUSINESS

*We've been behaving ourselves with COVID but this year we are going to see some irises.*

*Mark your calendar for April 3 for iris activities at our Island Iris Nursery*

**What's on tap?** Lots of Iris Ogling, of course. Thousands of Louisiana irises grow at the GNOIS Island Iris Nursery, including the widest variety of species and species forms in the country and a vast range of colorful cultivars. You will be free to stroll among them -- as socially distanced as you wish -- and just look, take pictures, and ask questions if you want.

**Meeting.** At around noon, we will hold two brief sessions. One will be a GNOIS General Membership meeting at which officers must be elected. The other will be the Annual Meeting of the Society for Louisiana Irises. SLI is unable to hold its annual convention, but it must also elect officers and conduct a few other business items. This meeting will also be on Zoom for members who cannot be in New Orleans.

All GNOIS members are automatically members of SLI, which is how the quarterly magazine *Fleur de Lis* is made available. SLI is the premier Louisiana iris organization in the country, first organized in 1941 and with a long history of excellent

publications and promotion of the irises. We strongly encourage GNOIS members to participate in the brief SLI annual meeting.

**Iris Auction.** After the meetings -- at around 2 PM, SLI member Michael Reed of Dallas will conduct an auction of Louisiana irises. This fundraiser for SLI will be conducted live at the nursery and also over Zoom. “Winners” can take some irises home, but others will be redeemable from commercial iris nurseries and other donors in the fall with the gift certificate that will be provided.

**Demonstrations.** During day, we will hold demonstrations of several aspects of Louisiana iris growing culture. One will be a **hybridizing demonstration** by Patrick O'Connor. Participants can make practice crosses on species irises that hopefully will produce seeds for use in our Propagation Initiative.

The exact times of these events on April 3 are still being worked out. The meetings will be scheduled for around noon. Expect to receive more information by email, on the GNOIS website, and the Facebook page.

don't fret if you don't see many thickening fans.

Some leaves may crinkle as the bloom stalk begins to emerge. This is normal, although growers in other parts of the country, who grow types of irises that do not exhibit this behavior, may be alarmed. We can just keep our cool knowing that crinkling is what Louisiana irises do. It's not a disease, a flaw, or an indictment of poor growing practices. The cause of the crinkling is friction with the existing leaves as a fast-growing bloom stalk begins to emerge. It can be especially pronounced if the weather warms and growth ramps up quickly.

Not all rhizomes, even big healthy ones, will produce a bloom stalk. Some just wait until next year, and in the long run, that's a good thing. If at the end of the season, you feel you did not have good bloom, then that's the time for iris therapy. Send us your questions or come out to a GNOIS event. We can help. But right now, don't worry.



## GNOIS On The Web

[www.LouisianaIrisGNOIS.com](http://www.LouisianaIrisGNOIS.com)

[www.facebook.com/Greater-NewOrleansIrisSociety](https://www.facebook.com/Greater-NewOrleansIrisSociety)

## Back Issues

*Back issues of the Bayou and Marsh are online. If you missed one or are a new member, you might want to take a look. There are interesting articles and lots of pictures.*

<http://www.LouisianaIrisGNOIS.com/Newsletter/>

# GNOIS 2021 Schedule

**Because of the pandemic, all GNOIS activities will be outdoors until further notice. For most, we will meet at our iris planting in City Park.**

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Thursday, April 1, 4-7 PM</b> | <b>Louisiana Iris Day at Longue Vue</b>                |
| <b>September 18</b>              | <b>General Membership Meeting, Island Iris Nursery</b> |
| <b>October 23</b>                | <b>Rhizome Sale at Longue Vue, time TBA</b>            |
| <b>November 13</b>               | <b>General Membership Meeting</b>                      |

*All meetings on Saturday, 9 AM, unless otherwise indicated*

## SPRING IRIS SALE

Planning is in progress for a spring plant sale. Look for details shortly.

## GNOIS Volunteer Days

### Island Iris Nursery

| <i>Second Saturdays</i> | <i>Fourth Tuesdays</i> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat, March 13           | Tue, March 23          |
| Sat, April 10           | Tue, April 20          |
| Sat, May 8              | Tue, April 35          |
| Sat, June 12            | Tue, June 22           |
| Sat, July 10            | Tue, July 20           |
| Sat, Aug 14             | Tue, Aug 24            |
| Sat, Sep 11             | Tue, Sep 21            |
| Sat, Oct 9              | Tue, Oct 19            |
| Sat, Nov 13             | Tue, Nov 23            |
| Sat, Dec 11             |                        |

GNOIS plans to have the Island Iris Nursery open on these dates from **8:30 till 11:30 AM** for anyone who wants to drop in and help out for an hour or a couple. If it should prove impossible to open the nursery on a given date, a notice will be posted on the home page of the website <http://www.LouisianaIrisGNOIS.com> and the GNOIS Facebook page. In addition, an email will be sent to regular volunteers.

Additional volunteer days for special projects may also be announced from time to time.

Directions to the Island Iris Nursery are on the GNOIS website at:

<http://www.LouisianaIrisGNOIS.com/IslandDirections.pdf>



## New Irises On Order!

*The checks have gone out and around fifty new Louisianas are scheduled for fall delivery*

We announced plans in the last issue to expand our iris collection with new cultivars. That project is in process, and the irises are on order. Most were new introductions within the last 2-3 years, and many are new for 2021. That means that they are relatively expensive. The principle of supply and demand works well in the iris market. The pictures below are among those we ordered.

The club expenditure totaled over \$1,350. That may sound like a lot, but new iris introductions sell from \$35 to \$50. Keep in mind that these things multiply, and we will have them to sell and donate in a few years.

Orders were placed with these dealers and their nurseries:

Cindy Dufrene <https://www.cindyslouisianairis.com/>

Greg McCullough <https://www.iriscitygardens.com/>

Scott Lively <https://llsplants.com/>

*You are invited to check the catalogs of these gardens and see what else they have to offer.*



'Chef John Folse' (Joe Musacchia, 2021)



'Mining For Gold' (Ron Betzer, 2021)



'Garden Opal' (Scott Lively, 2021)



'Louise Nelson Ewin', Patrick O'Connor, 2021)



'Ginger Splash' (Cindy Dufrene, 2021)



'Changing Shadows' (Pat Norvell, 2015)

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is well and you will be able to join us on Saturday, April 3, 2021, for our Open House at the Island Iris Nursery in City Park. Can you believe it's that time of year again? Ready for the bloom?

I was a little disappointed that some of the buds on my early stalks froze during the recent cold snap. The leaves are green, getting bigger by the day, and starting to fan out and ripple. A sure sign that we're getting closer to bloom time. I'm so excited that I check my garden three or four times a day, looking for scapes and buds.



Susan Anthony

My camera and I are ready to capture the colorful flowers and beautiful foliage. Hope you will share your pictures with us. See you soon!

## NOMINATIONS

*We'll have a short business meeting on April 3 during our Open House at the Island Iris Nursery. The main item of business will be election of officers. The GNOIS Board has approved a report from the Nominating Committee for the following slate:*

*President – Sue Anthony*

*Vice-President – Paul Pastorek*

*Corresponding Secretary – Lorrie Brown*

*Recording Secretary – Carol Drouant*

*Treasurer – Calvin Lopes*

*Director – Tyrone Foreman*

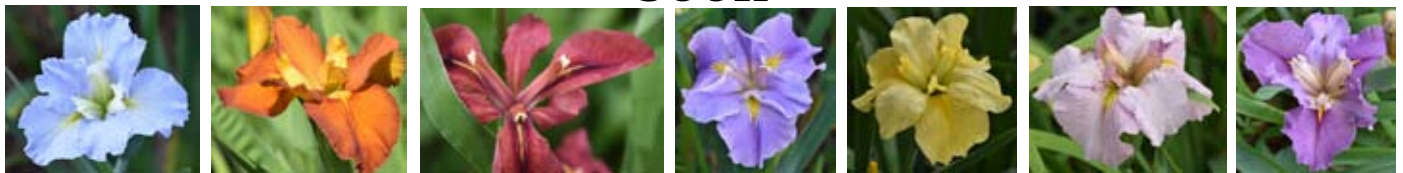
*Director – Cynthia Maldonado*

*Director – Buddy Manuel*

*Other nominations will be in order.*



Soon



### **Our Island Iris Nursery is a unique asset.**

*GNOIS produces irises to donate to many public plantings and projects because we have this expansive space. We invite others to enjoy the display, share plants with members, and raise funds to support the nursery operation. Significantly, we help preserve the native species of Louisiana irises.*

*GNOIS depends on volunteers for upkeep. Irises must be potted, replanted, and weeded. We have invested in creating the infrastructure to keep maintenance work to a minimum, but the bottom line is that we need volunteers to help. Nonprofits like Limited Vistas help greatly, but we need individuals, too.*

### **We need volunteer help in small increments**

*GNOIS needs members and others interested in giving us a couple of hours every month or so. If we can spread the work around, it will be a small burden. On page 2, look for a schedule and details on how you can help out at your convenience. There are always a variety of tasks, and you can pick one that suits your preferences.*

### **We also need a few Volunteer Leaders**

*Our Island Nursery Coordinator Mark Schexnayder has done an outstanding job pushing significant improvements in infrastructure and growing conditions. Mark is employed full-time, and continued progress will depend upon developing a few Volunteer Leaders to share responsibility for limited areas or tasks on the island. These might involve particular sections, such as a species area, or it could be organized around some task, such as dividing irises, propagation, or coordinating other volunteers. We are entirely flexible in working within members' interests and time constraints. If you would like to discuss stepping-up your involvement in the Island Iris Nursery, start a conversation with Mark. [markschexnayder@gmail.com](mailto:markschexnayder@gmail.com)*

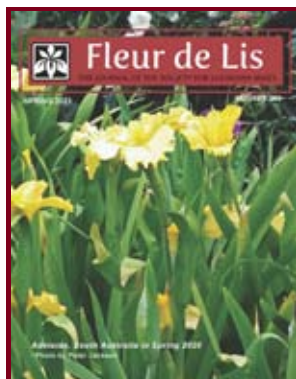


# Imagine

*If there's this much foliage today, how many flowers will we see in a month?*



*Ready to bust loose at the Island Iris Nursery*



## In the Spring 2021 *Fleur de Lis*

The Spring 2012 issue of *Fleur de Lis* from the Society for Louisiana Irises will be available for download by GNOIS members in a couple of weeks. A link will be sent by email when it is ready online. The issue features these articles.

- Daphne Sawyer of South Carolina writes about growing Louisiana irises “where you shouldn’t.”
- Patrick O’Connor describes the historical relationship between Louisiana irises and hippopotamuses. Sorry, no spoilers.
- In times when many, if not most, plant and garden clubs are struggling to stay afloat, Curt Kipp reflects on successful strategies to survive.
- Hybridizer Brian Shamblin of Georgia and Tennessee reports on his program to increase the number of blooms on each stalk by selecting for “double sockets,” or two blooms at each flowering position.
- Arkansas hybridizer Robert Treadway shows how using grow lights worked to jump-start his seedlings. Amazing results!
- Rick Johnson, Curator of Briarwood, provides the latest “Reflections” on the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve in Saline, LA.



# *Louisiana Iris Day*



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Greater New Orleans  
Iris Society



Greater New Orleans Iris Society

THURSDAY, APRIL 1  
9:30AM-7:00PM

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# ***GNOIS is hosting SLI on April 3***

**O**ur April 3 Open House on the Island (more details to be announced) will include a meeting of the Society For Louisiana Irises held for an hour at Noon. SLI can't have a convention this year because of COVID, but its annual business meeting needs to go on. GNOIS will host that meeting live for those who can attend and by Zoom for those who can't get to New Orleans.

All GNOIS members are automatically members of SLI so, you are welcome and encouraged to sit in and participate. SLI is international in scope and the principal organization dedicated to Louisiana irises. It has a long history of producing fine publications.


The Open House will begin by mid-morning, and the SLI meeting is optional, as is a live iris auction that follows.

A lot is going on on April 3, and you will receive another announcement closer to the date that lays it all out. We are waiting for the weather to tell us when to expect peak bloom before putting everything in stone.

Watch for more details, but save the date:

**Saturday, April 3**

Announcement from the forthcoming issue of the SLI magazine *Fleur de Lis*



**General  
Membership  
Meeting**

*Via  
Zoom*  
Or you are invited to  
attend live in New Orleans

*Saturday, April 3, 2021 • 12 Noon - 1:00 PM*  
*By Zoom or Attend Live in New Orleans at the GNOIS Island Iris Nursery in City Park*

### Why

Because of the pandemic, SLI has been unable to hold our Annual Conventions, including the face-to-face General Membership Meetings. The meeting performs critical business functions for the Society, including the election of officers, selection of sites for future conventions, and reports on finances, membership, and various ongoing projects.

Since we cannot meet in person, the Society will hold its meeting using online Zoom technology. Zoom simply requires a computer and a broadband internet connection.

### How

To use Zoom, members will be provided a link and instructions. If you click on the link, as with any website, you will be taken to a live meeting where people can see and hear others and participate if they wish.

Full information, including the links to click to join the meeting and how to attend in New Orleans, will be published on the Greater New Orleans Iris Society website. A contact from whom to request assistance will also be provided.

### Agenda

1. Call To Order
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Membership Report
4. Nominations Committee Report
5. Upcoming Conventions
6. *Fleur de Lis*/Website/Social Media
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

*For Zoom instructions and help,  
visit the following:*

<http://www.LouisianaIrisGNOIS.com/SLI-Meeting/>

*Please plan to participate!*

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# Happy 20th To Us!!

## GNOIS HAS SURVIVED AND IS THRIVING

The first meeting in Spring 2001 was followed by the first newsletter in the fall



**Bayou and Marsh**  
Newsletter of the Greater New Orleans Iris Society

### We Exist!

#### GNO Iris Society is born, takes first baby steps

New Orleans finally has an iris society! Perhaps the bells did not toll at St. Louis Cathedral, but the formation of the Greater New Orleans Iris Society was an event worth noting. Elsewhere around the country where bearded irises are the norm, iris organizations are as common as those devoted to daylilies, roses and other popular garden plants.

But along the Gulf Coast, bearded irises are difficult at best, and the absence of this popular plant—at least prior to the discovery and development of Louisiana irises—has meant the lack of the critical mass of iris growers sufficient to support any local organizations.

**The Louisiana Irises**  
Louisiana irises have changed all that, albeit gradually. Their “discovery” in the 1920s and 1930s, the col-



*At first meeting, from left: Mark Schexnayder, Tyrone Foreman, GNO Iris Society President Debbie Hargis, and Peggie Brown.*

#### Next Meeting!

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 11, 2001, 7:30 p.m.** Plan to head over to **Longue Vue House and Gardens** for the next GNOIS meeting, one that will be worth the drive if you want to dig some new iris beds or redo existing plantings.

**Program**  
The program will focus on digging and dividing irises and on propagating new plants. Just in time for the fall season. The optimum time to prepare new beds is late August through October, so members can take the information right out into the garden.

**Plant Swap**  
And maybe get plants to practice on. Members are encouraged to bring 2-3 varieties to trade with other members. If you are just getting started with irises, bring what ever other nice plants you have to spare. We love irises, but a garden can't be made of irises alone.

lection of natural hybrids for roughly the next 20 years, and the development  
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## Getting Started

NOBG Booth and First General Meeting Introduce GNOIS

*New society emphasizes a good first impression and seeks to build its base.*



*Above, left: Patrick O'Connor, Eileen Hollander and Ann Donnelly at the first meeting; below, Betty Rena works on flower arrangement in the NOBG booth; above right: Julie O'Connor in the booth she designed and constructed; immediately above: Fred Noggerath and Eileen Hollander examining part of the booth exhibit after the general meeting in the spring; right: a basket of blossoms and a bucket of irises displayed in the booth.*

## Still active after all these years

*Iris enthusiasts or gluttons for punishment? Take your pick, but a good portion of the founding core of GNOIS twenty years ago is still with us. Pictured at the first meeting, held in the Playhouse at Longue Vue, are Mark Schexnayder and Tyrone Foreman. Both are members of the Board of Directors today, and Tyrone has served since Day One. Our first president was Debbie Hargis from Jean Lafitte, who has moved out of state.*

*A first activity was a booth at the Spring Garden Show in the Botanical Garden. Among the volunteers were Eileen Hollander and Patrick O'Connor; both subsequent presidents, Betty Rena, our first secretary, and Fred Noggerath our treasurer for many years were there. Also shown is Ann Donnelly, who at the time was Head Gardener at Longue Vue, and Julie O'Connor, who designed and created the displays. Another charter member, not shown, Benny Trahan.*



# A Few Changes Coming in GNOIS Memberships

The GNOIS board has voted to switch the term of membership from a calendar year basis to a year beginning at the end of the month in which a person joins or renews. If dues for a renewal are paid late, the beginning of the term reverts to the original membership date. If you have already paid for 2021, your term will begin on the date your payment was received. This change will create a stable membership and put all members on a full one-year basis regardless of when they pay their dues.

**It's still a deal!!** For only ten dollars for an individual or family (or twenty-five dollars for three years), members can support and participate in all the activities of GNOIS.

## And there's more!

Through a special arrangement with the **Society for Louisiana Irises**, your dues include an "electronic" membership in SLI. That entitles you to download a pdf version of the quarterly magazine **Fleur de Lis**, an excellent color journal regarded as one of the country's top iris publications. SLI, formed in 1941, is the principal organization dedicated to Louisiana irises.

## Special Bonus

With each new membership or renewal, members will receive a certificate for an iris redeemable at a GNOIS meeting or function. One of the great benefits of our Island Iris Nursery is the availability of plants, and we want our members to share in this bounty.

## Introducing our new Membership Chair, Catherine Mason

Membership procedures and projects will be headed by the Chair of our new Membership Committee, Cathy Mason. Cathy will send notices when your membership term is about to expire, and she will field any questions you may have about your membership.



# GNOIS

## PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW!

Dues are \$10 per person or household for one year, or \$25 for three years. Please make checks payable to Greater New Orleans Iris Society, or GNOIS. Please provide the names of those in the household who will participate and, if desired, email addresses for each.

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(Please provide and email address to receive this newsletter and other information.)

**Mail to: Catherine Mason, Membership Chair  
P.O. Box #438, Mandeville, LA 70470**

# What do my irises need now?

## Bloom Season

Bloom season isn't the time to work with the irises, right? This is the time to enjoy the payoff from the meticulous work completed during the rest of the year. Well, that's true to a degree, but gardeners know that all the work is never done.

Still, there is not a lot to attend to while the irises are in bloom. There are a few things, however.



One job is to be alert to the presence of rust on the leaves. Rust is a fungus disease that will spread rapidly by wind-borne spores if left to its own devices. It is aptly named because it looks like the rust you would find on metal. It begins low on the leaves, spreads upward, and then to neighbor irises. It is unsightly as well as infectious.

What if you see signs of rust? If you are lucky to spot rust when it is just getting started in the garden, it will be very helpful to cut out the infected leaves and discard them with your garbage. The application of a sprayed fungicide might help contain the spread. It is hard to tell how effective it is, because rust ceases to spread on its own later in the year. Rust is mainly an early-season phenomenon.

Some apply wood ashes around the plants earlier in the season to dissuade the rust from starting. The ashes apparently change the soil chemistry in a way inhospitable to rust spores.

The most effective step one can take is to ensure that all infected foliage – whether a little or a lot – is

removed from the garden. If rust-infected leaves are left to yellow and eventually decompose, the disease will emerge the next year and haunt the garden again. With systematic removal of the infected foliage, the life cycle seems to be disrupted, and you may not have much of a problem the next year, or even any at all.

There's not much else to worry about unless you plan to hybridize, but that a different and longer story. There's information on the website that's helpful. You'll get the best results when the weather is cool and dry, but the actual procedures are covered elsewhere.

After bloom, you should cut off all spent flower stalks to within a couple of inches of the ground. Unless you will be harvesting seeds in early summer, the spent bloom stalks are of no value. They will get scruffy-looking by summer, and dropped seeds will germinate and create rogue irises among your cultivars. They will also use energy that could be better directed to offsets that will form the new plants that bloom in subsequent years.

There is a wealth of growing tips on the GNOIS and SLI websites and elsewhere. Or, plan to come to some GNOIS events where you can talk directly to other iris growers.

One source on general Louisiana iris culture: <http://www.LouisianaIrisGNOIS.com/IrisCulture/> Read the interview with the pro and the article on fertilizers for Louisiana irises by Robert Treadway.

## Questions?

*There are bound to be questions. You may want to know more about iris culture, about a garden or other place where irises can be seen, or about iris activities in the area. Direct any questions to the editor, Patrick O'Connor, [pfoconnor@cox.net](mailto:pfoconnor@cox.net). And check out the GNOIS website or Facebook page for bulletins.*



*Brazos Gold*

## Bayou and Marsh

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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# Get me to the irises!

Spring is not far off, and the irises are calling. Bloom season lasts about a month, generally from mid-March to mid-to-late April, and with a peak of a couple of weeks in the middle. It varies from place to place, of course.

If you want to get out and see the irises in bloom, how should you use your precious time? Some suggestions.

- **The Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden.** You'll see cultivars in the old section and species in the new. Remember, they charge a small admission fee now.
- **Preserves and Natural Areas.** Species irises, mainly the tall *I. giganticaerulea*, abound in natural areas, along boardwalks and other accessible locations. High on the list would be the **Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge**, the *Wetland Trace in the Town of Jean Lafitte* and the *Northlake Nature Center* in Mandeville. For a gallery of pictures, go here:

[http://www.louisianairisgnois.com/Where\\_the\\_Irises\\_Are/](http://www.louisianairisgnois.com/Where_the_Irises_Are/)

- **Farther Out.** If you are inclined to drive farther, consider **Palmetto Island State Park** outside Abbeville, the **Black Swamp in the Burden Museum and Gardens** in Baton Rouge, or - for a huge treat but long drive - **Briarwood, the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve**, Saline, in North Louisiana.

There are other places closer in. For a longer list with directions and pictures, check the GNOIS website. Click the Conservation tab and then Where To Find Them.

You can also wander the roadsides in South Louisiana. The wild irises are still out there, even if not nearly as plentiful as in days past.

Your one best opportunity to see the largest number and widest variety of irises is the GNOIS Open House at our Island Iris Nursery in City Park on April 3. Watch for details on our website, on Facebook, and in your email.

## Commercial Directory

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## ***THE LOUISIANA IRIS: THE TAMING OF AN AMERICAN WILDFLOWER***

Contributing Editors: Marie Caillet, J. Farron Campbell, Kevin C. Vaughn, and Dennis Vercher

Details: 254 pp, 111 color photos, 5 watercolors, 21 b/w photos, 14 line drawings, 11 tables, hardcover.

This authoritative treatment by The Society for Louisiana Irises is based on the first edition published by the Society in 1988, but it is considerably expanded. It covers every aspect of the history, botany, and development of these distinctive irises, with particular emphasis on the newest hybrids, hybridizing techniques, and cultural practices, and also includes suggestions for their use in the landscape and in floral arrangements. It should serve to introduce a wider gardening public to these colorful and versatile flowers. - \$30.00



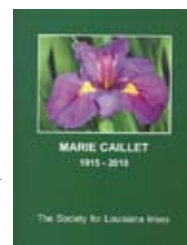
## ***Special Publication of the Society for Louisiana Irises - The History of Hybridizing (2007)***

This Special Publication of the Society for Louisiana Irises is a 100-page summary of how the "ditch irises" of Louisiana have been tamed and introduced into American gardens. Contents include informative articles on such early pioneers as Mary Swords DeBallion, Caroline Dormon, and Percy Viosca; the Shreveport and Lake Charles groups, the California hybridizers, and a wide variety of other contributors to the development of the Louisiana iris. Includes 30 color photographs of outstanding cultivars. Paperbound. - \$5.00 plus \$2.00 shipping within U.S.



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This is a very high quality publication that pays tribute to Marie Caillet, a charter member of SLI, longtime editor of the SLI newsletter, and the "grandmother" of SLI for many of us. This is a 52 page 8.5 x 10 publication in full color with many pictures of Marie, species Louisiana irises, Marie Caillet Cup Winners with pictures, a listing of SLI Distinguished Merit Award winners from 1989 to 2010, and memories of Marie written by several members of SLI. - \$10 plus \$3 shipping within US



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