

2020 AIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (11-03-2018 UPDATE)

Committee Members are:

Gary White, Jody Nolin, Jim Morris, Bob Pries, Nancy Skjei, Kathleen Sonntag, Paul Gossett, Jill Bonino, George Hildenbrandt, Debi Chowdhury, and Andi Rivarola

Centennial Book sub-committee members:

Gary White, Jody Nolin, Jim Morris, Kathleen Sonntag and Andi Rivarola

Recent actions:

CONVENTION BUDGET

Jill Bonino presented to the AIS Board a tentative convention budget, included in it an apportionment of the Richardson Estate: The total amount of the Richardson Estate received to date is \$480,000, so 10% would be \$48,000. The AIS Board unanimously approved the apportionment on the teleconference meeting on Wednesday, September 26th.

CONVENTION MEDALS

There will be nine centennial medals. After sharing with the Board via AIS-Discuss the number of Centennial medals to be made for the teleconference on 09-26-18, I received the request to include Japanese irises. So, the updated list of medals to be made are for:

- Tall Bearded irises
- Median irises
- Spuria
- Louisiana
- Siberian
- Pacific Coast
- Species
- Japanese

- Aril/Arilbred

CONVENTION PUBLICATION

As previously explained, the Centennial Book will instead be a 4-part separate supplement mailed with four issues of *IRISES*. Reasons behind this change approved by the Centennial Committee:

1. Cheaper to produce and ship
2. Time constraints: enough gap exists between the first and fourth installment to allow more material to be processed in a timely manner
3. Target audience: those interested in a historical publication would be mostly AIS members and iris fans
4. Because of #3 a publication such as this will not be much of a popular sale, so recovery of expenses by extensive sales would not be an incentive

New Editor: Kathleen Sonntag is the new Centennial Publication Editor. If you have anything of historical significance to contribute or if you want to communicate with Kathleen, please email her at: kathwrites@gmail.com
You may remember Kathleen as an ex-Editor of *IRISES*.

Kathleen has written an article for *IRISES*, inviting all to contribute for the Centennial Publications.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

This item will be reported separately by Jill Bonino.

GARDENS

George Hildenbrandt has delivered the guest irises to NYBG and WaveHill. Nancy Skjei has taken care of the International Competition planting (Jill Bonino and Kathy Chilton visiting during this time to supervise).

HOTEL INTERACTION, HOTEL FOOD ITEMS, GARDEN FOOD ITEMS

Paul Gossett and Debi Chowdhury are working on all of these items as we speak.

Andi Rivarola