

2020 CENTENNIAL CONVENTION - SPRING 2019 REPORT

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CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

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Centennial Medals

I'm continuing to work with Lori Galetti from Pennsylvania on this project. Although the original plan was to have a medal for each type of iris, that idea fell through because the vendor, located in Arizona, that we were planning to work with, let us down after six months. The design price for each medal was misquoted, and there was a new quote and a new employee every month.

The newest plan, with a vendor located in Rhode Island, is to use the design of the 50th and 75th Anniversary as a base, and produce only one medal.

We're thinking about producing 2,000 medals. More about this later.

2020 Closing Banquet

The Centennial Closing Banquet will be conducted at the Highlawn Pavilion, in Orange, New Jersey. This upscale restaurant sits on a hill overlooking NYC and next to the Eagle Rock 911 Memorial Park. We have made a deposit for the dinner, and have signed a contract. The maximum attendance available at this location is 230, and the rate of the dinner will be approximately \$70 per person. We will ask those attending to also dress in 1920 attire to celebrate the centennial.

2020 Centennial Book

For those of you that have just become aware of this, the book is now an accompanying supplement to each the 4 issues of IRISES. The supplements are being put together by Editor Jim Morris. Four others are fairly involved and working together with Jim: Jody Nolin, Gary White, Bob Pries, and myself. I'm pretty sure more information about the Centennial publications will be produced via a report by Jim Morris.

Some other committed individuals to help with the Centennial:

Co-Chair: Gary White

Registrar: Ken Fuchs

Treasurer: Jill Bonino

Transportation: Howie Dash

Gardens: George Hildebrandt

Food & Catering: Debi Chowdhury & Paul Gossett

Program Schedule: Paul Gossett & Gary White

Auction and Boutique: Debi Chowdhury

Website: Andi Rivarola

The Presby: Nancy Skjei-Lawes

More details will become available after the San Ramon Convention.