

Historical Resource Committee Report Fall 2006

The Historical Resource Committee will be undergoing changes in information delivery in the near future. These will include a new format/venue to make information more readily accessible. We believe that the best and most productive way to disseminate information is to gather relevant AIS subject matter and post this on a website. I will search out and compile information; Mike will format and transfer it to the website. The URL for this site will be <http://www.irisinfo.org>.

We realize that there are those who have not yet progressed to internet usage. For those, a compilation of 'often requested' information will facilitate and speed our phone/letter replies to their questions.

Some of our most often received queries that will serve as templates for website data content are:

Hybridizing information: What was John/Jane Doe's first registered iris?
His/her first/last introduction?
What awards did he/she receive?
A list all his/her introductions?
What is the name of the very popular iris that my
grandmother/father/aunt/cousin/next door neighbor
hybridized/grew/registered/gave away/sold?

Cultivar ID: we receive iris photos or descriptions, requesting that we provide a name

Cultivar source: we are given an iris name and asked 'where can it be obtained?'

Photo/slide source requests: for use in publications, publicity at sales and shows, ID, material for presentations, etc

Dates pertaining to formation, founding, first publishing, etc., of newsletters bulletins, societies and organizations

Biographical information on iris hybridizers/officials/notables: birth, death, places of residence, phone #s, e-mail, relatives, offices and positions held, dates of society membership, published material-again anything goes

We feel that the Historic Resource Committee should be renamed so as to reflect what it actually does and what services it provides. This is under consideration.

We would hope to have irisinfo.org up and running before the spring Board meeting and containing sufficient content to make it interesting, informative and useful.

Anne Lowe, Chairman
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