

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

E. Roy Epperson

- Directors absent from this Board meeting:
  1. Jerry Coates (due to Marianne's illness)
- The American Iris Society has received a bequest in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the estate of Richard C. Sparling "...for its scientific research fund."
- The Arnold Arboretum Horticultural Library of Jamaica Plain, MA, has donated a set of Bulletins (Vol. 1, No. 1 through Vol. 84, No. 331) all hardbound in excellent condition to AIS. The years 1920 – 1963 are from the personal collection of Harold W. Knowlton, our seventh President. This set currently is housed in my home library and will be passed on to the next AIS President for their use. It is invaluable to have such a collection at close hand for archival purposes.
- FYI: George Edmonds of Sarasota, Florida, has undertaken a project to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Bertrand Farr sale list of irises. He is also working to establish a dedicated planting of Farr introductions at Reading, PA. The book "Dream Gardener: Pioneer Nurseryman Bertrand H. Farr" has been published and is now available for purchase.
- There will be two proposals presented for consideration and action.

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