

A. I. S. RESEARCH LIBRARY REPORT

Spring 2017

The normal quantity of Regional, Section. Local Bulletins and Newsletters have been received, recorded and filed.

In my 2015 Spring report I indicated a problem with how to handle multiple (42) file folders of Cooley's Gardens slides. First was to get all of them into archival slide holders. The previous slide holders were not recyclable and were disposed of. Rather than overload the files only 3 slides of each named variety and seedlings were retained. The remainder wound up in my burn barrel. The 42 was reduced to 12. The same reduction took place with the Hager collection. There are at present 43 assorted (1½" - 3") loose leaf folders filled with slides plus 5 additional at home awaiting digitizing. Janet Smith, Slide Chair, has been extremely diligent in getting the slides digitized and searching out new sources (currently awaiting receipt of the Bob and Jean Plank iris slide collection).

The library has received a large file box as the first installment of iris related material from the Francesca Thoolen estate. Ken Walker (executor) has indicated that there will be additional material as his time permits. The library has also received 3 boxes containing miscellaneous catalogs, etc. of material that has been digitized.

An attempt is being made to renew work on the Bulletin Indexing program. A lot of mistakes have been found with respect to pagination and of greater importance is that there are Bulletins that have never been indexed: July 2004 - April 2009. April 2007 has been indexed.

Finally, I have found time to go through 2 boxes of garden magazine articles, from England to South Africa, collected by Mrs. Peckham. I was hoping to find something (anything?) useful in preparing copy for the 100 year anniversary celebration. First job was to separate the pages into their respective magazines. Rather quicky I found an article on page 8, *The Flower Grower*, January 1920 titled **A Suggested program for The American Iris Society**, by John Wister. Since *The Flower Grower* was published on the first of the month it would seem to indicate that there was a lot going on behind the scenes prior to the forming group meeting in late January 1920.

Respectfully Submitted

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