

# CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY 2013 Membership Information



**Your Invitation to join the Canadian Iris Society...** Who belongs to the Canadian Iris Society? Outstanding iris specialists, gardening experts and horticulturists, but the Society is primarily for the amateur gardener who enjoys growing irises. There are no other special qualifications for membership.

## **Historical Background:**

The Canadian Iris Society (CIS) has existed for more than fifty years promoting the genus iris within Canada. It is a non-profit organization with the objective to encourage, improve and extend the cultivation of the genus iris and to collaborate with other societies for this purpose as well as to regulate the nomenclature and colour classification. The CIS was founded in 1946 under the leadership of W.J. Moffat of Hamilton, Ontario who became the first president until 1956. The Canadian Iris Society was organized to promote irises to the gardening public throughout Canada. The society is concerned with the whole realm of garden irises, culture, trials of newer varieties and the encouraging of hybridizers to produce varieties that are adapted to climatic conditions as they exist in our country.

## **Regional Iris Clubs/Societies/Groups:**

Provision is made in the CIS constitution for the formation of regional groups in geographical areas where there exists enough interest. The CIS will foster and assist such groups but their function within the framework of the society depends on the initiative of local members of that particular region.

## **Organization:**

The governing body of the CIS is comprised of a Board of Directors. The principal officers include the president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, an editor of the newsletter and the membership chairman.

## **Newsletter:**

The CIS publishes a 20 to 24-page newsletter four times a year (Winter-Spring-Summer-Autumn) to accommodate the needs of Canadian iris enthusiasts. Each issue is full of informative articles about all types of iris. The CIS Newsletter subscription is included with your CIS membership.

## **CIS Internet Website:**

The CIS maintains an informative website for our membership and iris enthusiasts. Visit our CIS website on the Internet at: [www.cdn-iris.ca](http://www.cdn-iris.ca)