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Eastern Report *By Director Mike Locketell*

Central Virginia Enjoys Solid Fall Rebloom

As early fall unfolded, rolling drought was NOT going to derail rebloom. My display beds at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Goochland County, VA reached the first of two peak bloom sequences in early October. Bloom stalks were evident throughout the garden, but too early for a planned flower show on October 21st. Thirty tall bearded and eleven median named varieties had open blooms.

Meager rainfall, however, did affect flower quality and bloomstalk height. Individual blooms were either missing flower petals or had additional ones. Short stalk height was a particular problem in the Standard Dwarf Bearded class (SDB). Spring bloom saw consistent 10-12" heights on named varieties and seedlings. Flowers were barely off the ground in October, November and December. Frustration comes with no effective way to exhibit promising rebloom seedlings on the fall show bench. Locketell SDB Re Sdlg.#21256 or SDB Re Sailboat Bay (Zurbrigg, 2004) X Jameson SDB Re Sdlg.# B88 was in bloom for the AIS Region 4 Fall Flower Show in Raleigh, NC. Judges appeared to like the pattern, but it could only garner a blue ribbon due to height considerations. Nature can surely be cruel at times.

A second peak bloom was seen on November 2nd at JSRCC. There was color everywhere. The party sadly came to an abrupt end around November 12th as a hard frost destroyed flowering and developing bloom stalks. By season's end, thirty-four tall bearded and seventeen median named varieties and seedlings were in flower. 'Belvi Cloud' TB



Rebloom at JSRCC, Goochland Co., VA

(K. Jensen 1988) and 'Queen Dorothy' TB (E. Hall 1984) were the best performing tall bearded historic. Meanwhile, a whopping twelve modern tall bearded named varieties and five seedlings had open flowers throughout the fall season (see chart).

On the median side, 'Lady Emma' MTB (F.P. Jones 1986), 'Trimmed Velvet' MDB (D. Spoon 2006), 'Baby Blessed' SDB (L. Zurbrigg 1979), 'Rosalie Loving' SDB (D. Spoon 2003) and 'Sailboat Bay' SDB (L. Zurbrigg 2001) were tops. SDB Jameson Re Sdlg.#B8 or Baby Blessed X SDB Bright Vision (Shoop, 1983) and Locketell SDB Re Sdlg.#21245-1Re or SDB Re Senorita Frog (D. Spoon, 2002) x Sailboat Bay also had season long color. Locketell SDB Re Sdlg.#21245-1Re will be registered sometime in the coming year.

My planting at BP Market in South Richmond was undergoing a badly needed renovation last summer and fall. Many established clumps were either partially or completely dug. Another issue was grasshopper feeding on the iris foliage. These insect pest found cover and protection in the canna lilies occupying the center of the bed. As of this writing, the cannas have been removed. Soil grading and new dwarf yellow canna varieties will be planted in late spring to address this problem.

The circular raised planting bed is surrounded by an asphalt parking lot and VA State



JSRCC Rebloom with TBs 'Liquid Amber' and 'Pink Attraction' in the foreground



Queen Dorothy TB
(E. Hall 1984)



Belvi Cloud TB
(K. Jensen 1988)



Sdlg. #21223-1Re TB
(M. Locketell)



Over And Over TB
(S. Innerst 2000)

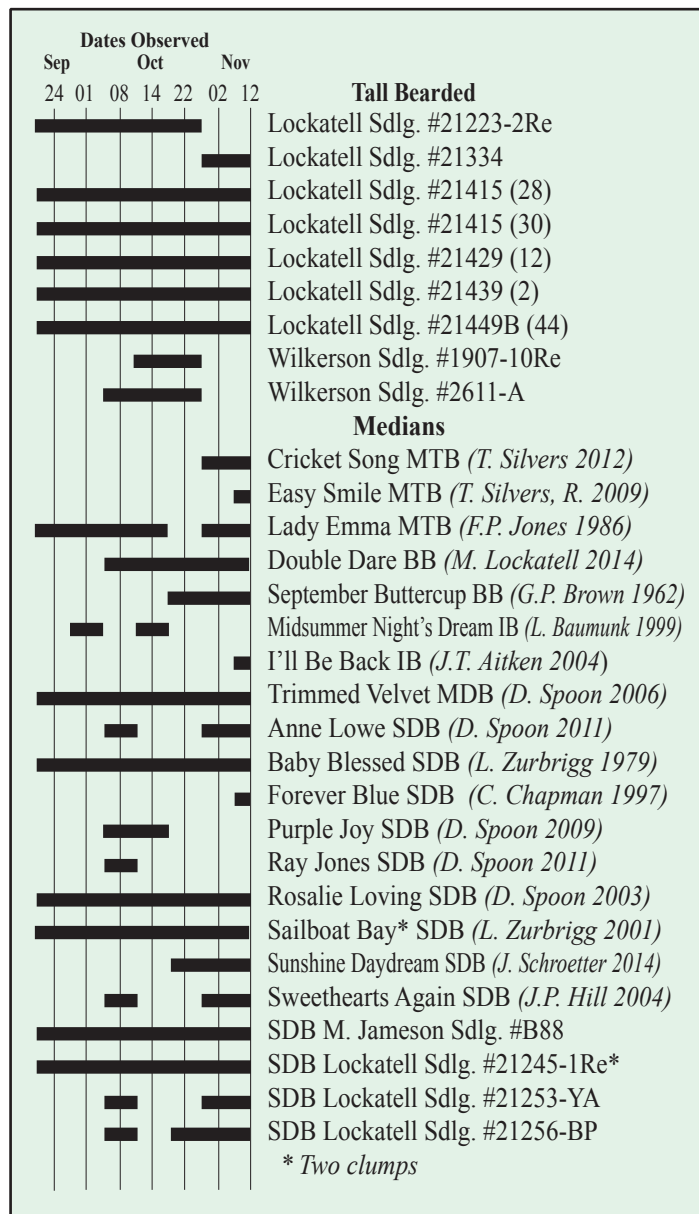
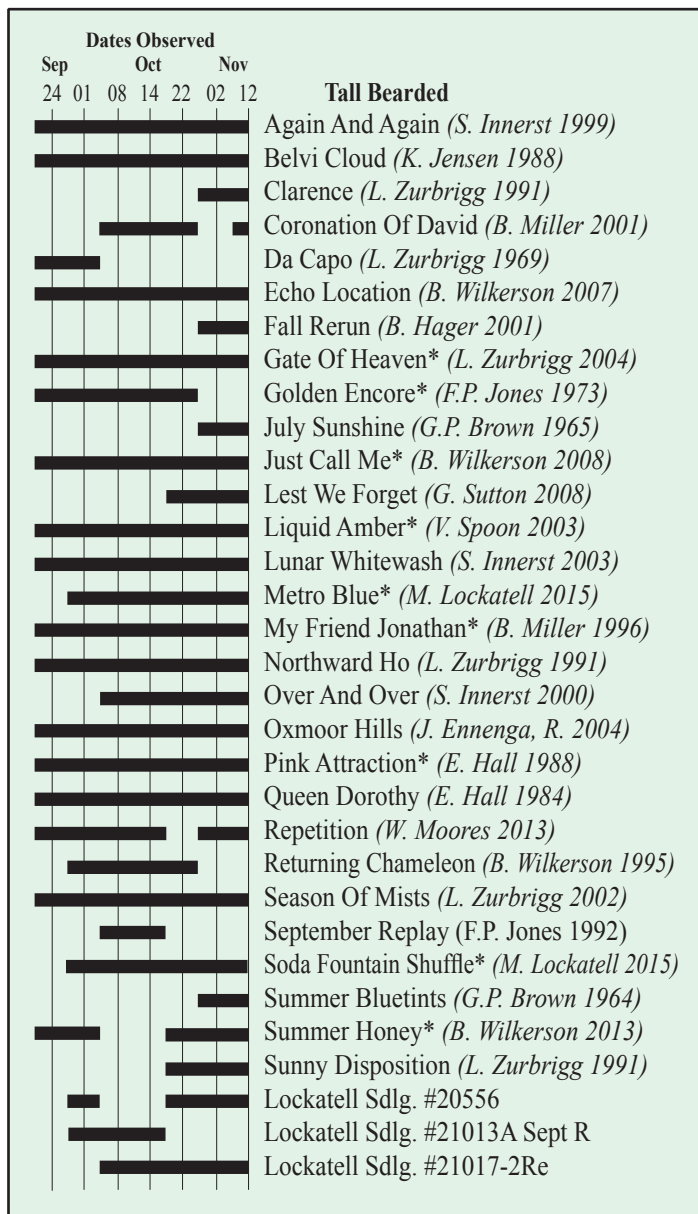


Sdlg. #21334-1Re TB
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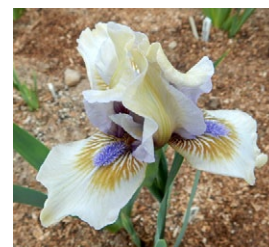
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2017 Rebloom at JSRCC, Goochland County, VA



Route 60 or Midlothian Turnpike. This surface area radiates significant heat on sunny days, so a unique micro-climate is created particularly for October, November and December. Hard frosts do not destroy flowers and developing bloom stalks unless temperatures drop to the low twenties or high teens. Annuals for summer color are planted each year on the plant-

ing's edge. These plants can suffer drought stress in summer, so hand watering may be needed. During this exercise, some reblooming iris clumps may receive a little supplemental watering. Unless there however is adequate rainfall, rebloom is usually delayed.



Sdlg. #21245-1Re SDB
(M. Locketell)



Autumn Circus TB
(*B. Hager 1990*)



Sdlg. #21233-1Re TB
(*M. Locketell*)



I Repeat TB
(*J. Roberts 1998*)

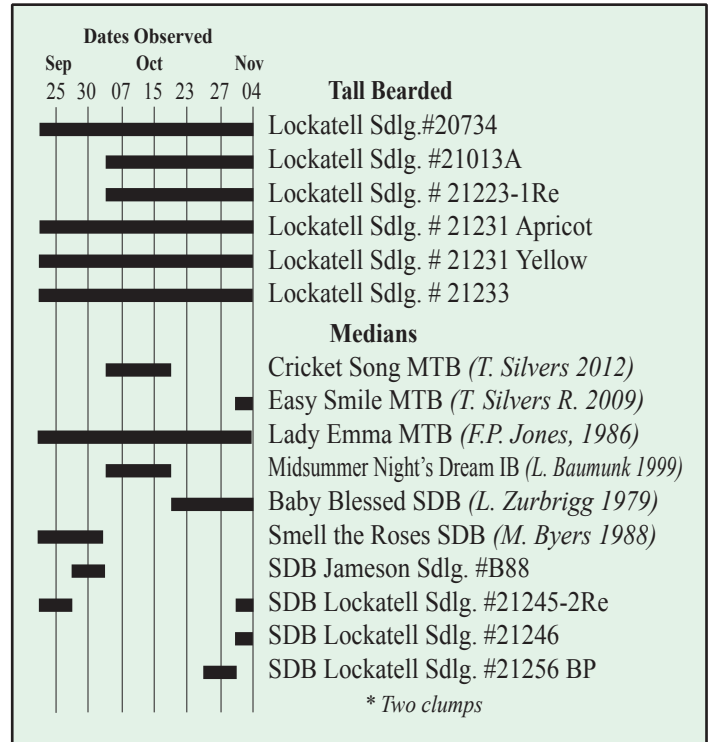
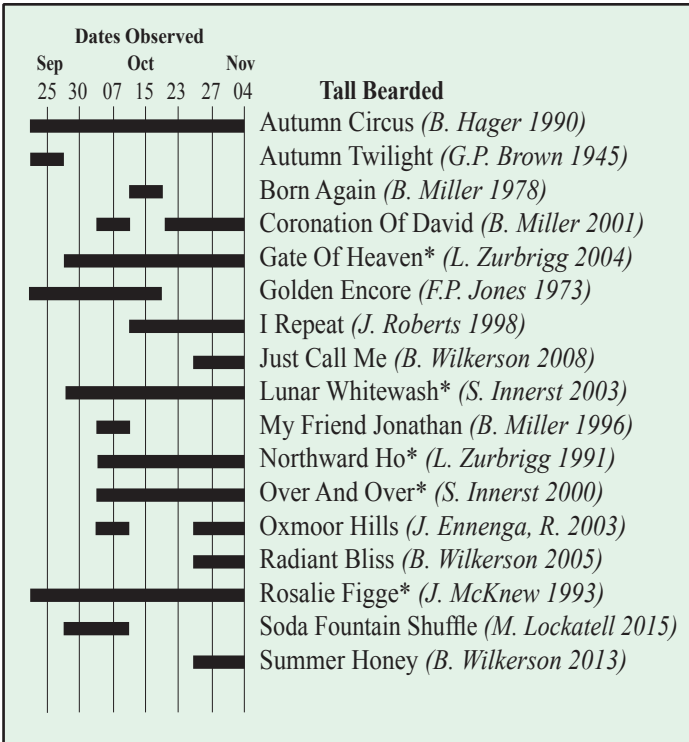


Sdlg. #B88 SDB
(*M. Jameson*)



My Friend Jonathan TB
(*B. Miller 1996*)

2017 Rebloom at BP Market, South Richmond, VA



Rebloom Garden at BP Market, So. Richmond, VA

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BP Market, *M. Locketell*
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(*J. McKnew 1993*) kicked off the color parade. On the median side, ‘**Lady Emma**’ MTB (*F.P. Jones 1986*) bloomed throughout the fall on two clumps.

The emphasis with the BP Market display is to get the general public’s attention. The 9200 Midlothian Turnpike address is at a major east/west intersection in South Richmond. The Powhite Parkway, (VA State Route 76) interchange is one block east from this location.

According to field observations, fall rebloom started appearing on 9/25/17. ‘**Autumn Circus**’ TB (*B. Hager 1990*), ‘**Golden Encore**’ TB (*F.P. Jones 1973*) and ‘**Rosalie Figge**’ TB

The original idea for the planting was to use it as a “living billboard” to showcase the BEST performing tall bearded and median varieties in commerce plus promising seedlings. There have been some pleasant surprises and significant disappointments. If the current renovation reaches its conclusion, maybe the public will notice spring-type iris bloom in the fall. It is the best advertisement for reliable cool season rebloom I know.



Sdlg. #21245-2Re SDB (*M. Locketell*)