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Spring 2011 Semi-annual Report

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AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK DRESS REHEARSAL FOR 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION

HOSTED BY RVP CHERYL DEATON

APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 2011
AT STANTON IRIS GARDENS

VALLEY CENTER, CA

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Letter from the Editor
by *Katharina Notarianni*



Since you received the last Region 15 report, several of us met at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens for a fun filled meeting. Officers were elected (see page 3), and guest speaker Fred Kerr entertained and enticed us with photos of his lovely irises. The minutes from the business meeting are on pages 4-6, followed by the Historian report on page 6, and the Treasurer's report on pages 7-8.

Cheryl Deaton, our regional vice president, gives us an update of what is happening in the AIS and in our region on a broader level on page 3. Cheryl will be hosting the upcoming Spring Trek, which will take place April 30-May 1 in the San Diego area. The Registration Form is on page 9 and is due to Cheryl by April 1st. It's not too late to register for the AIS national convention in Victoria, British Columbia. See page 31 for link to registration. Presidents of our local affiliates gave updates on their club's activities. See pages 17-25.

Bob Pries, head of Publicity and Marketing for the AIS, has contributed a wonderful summary of all the efforts the AIS is making with regards to online information, including a revamped website, an iris wiki and more. See pages 10-11. To download the 2011 AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium Ballot from the AIS website see page 27 for a link. The ballot is only available online and will not be provided in the AIS Bulletin.

We are extremely pleased to reprint an article by Region 15 youth Amanda Nolan. She wrote about the accomplishments of Charles Jenkins, iris hybridizer and winner of the AIS Hybridizer's Medal which I am sure you will enjoy. See pages 12-13. Please join me in congratulating Amanda on a superb article, and Charles on his significant accomplishments in the field of hybridizing irises.

For those of us interesting in photography, Hugh Stout of Stout Gardens gives us useful tips on how to take stunning iris photos - see page 16.

We have tried to summarize the many Judges Trainings, Guest speakers, Spring Shows and Sales, iris conventions and regional meetings in the AIS Region 15 Calendar on page 28. The Trek Wheel is also included for your reference on page 29.

The back cover features photographs of the Top 10 irises voted by AIS members in the 2010 Symposium as listed on page 29. We are grateful to our advertisers for sponsoring the Region 15 report. Visit their websites to see the beautiful new iris introductions they have planned: Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden, Kary Iris Gardens, Stout Gardens and Sutton Iris Gardens (see new intros on page 15). In addition The Beauty of Irises, available through Healing Time Books, features gardening advice and over 100 photos of irises that grow well in Southern California. Please email photos of your spring irises and articles to AISregion15editor@gmail.com.

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AIS Region 15 Update

by Cheryl Deaton, Regional Vice President

As I sit here looking out through the rain at my poor garden, wondering if I will ever have the time to get to the “companion plants” (a.k.a. weeds), when the ground has dried out, my eye spots a bit of color other than green. ‘Juicy Fruit’, a very reliable, older iris that consistently reblooms in my garden is standing up to the deluge very well. I also have a lovely stalk of ‘Concertina’ that is blooming somewhat protected under the eaves. Oh, if only it was April so I could enter it in one of our Regional shows! I know the groundhog said we would not have an extended winter this year, but I am seriously doubting his predictions right now. This winter storm, and the ones that the weatherman say will continue for the next few weeks, seem like they will delay Spring. I hope not. I am looking forward to a wonderful bloom season.

Our Region is in good shape. We shared many ideas at the winter meeting and discussed the budget for 2011. We will not be having a Regional auction this year due to the upcoming 2012 AIS National Convention. We will be having a “Dress Rehearsal” at one of the Master plantings, Stanton Iris Gardens, on Saturday, April 30th. There will be in-garden judge’s training for those of you who are interested. I hope to have some raffle items to tempt those attending to help defray the Region deficit for 2011. Any clubs wishing to make donations to the Region are encouraged. Also, if you have something that you want to donate for the raffle, please let me know.

Clubs need to begin planning NOW for the bounty of irises they will receive after the 2012 Convention. Many clubs will have enough rhizomes to last them for 2 years or more, so planning sales, potting parties, club giveaways, etc. is important. You will need to decide what portion will be allocated to the Region. I hope we will have many lovely recent introductions to share with all of our members. It is also a good time to recruit new members, not just for the clubs, but for AIS as well.

It is very important that you vote for or against the by-law change in your “January” issue of IRISES, the bulletin of the American Iris Society. Mail those ballots in before the April 1st deadline. The new e-membership can encourage younger, ‘computer savvy’ members to AIS, as well as enhancing the current type of membership for everyone. It is not just a cost saving endeavor. I will fight to my last breath to continue receiving the magazine, but I also use the internet to research iris names, see color photos of unfamiliar irises on the WIKI, and vote my judge’s ballot. So it looks like I will be getting 2 types of membership if the e-membership passes.

At our meeting, we discussed some of the reasons for joining AIS. Many of you do not know that by being a recognized affiliate of the American Iris Society, every member of an affiliate, not just AIS members, is covered by insurance against lawsuits. If you are at an AIS approved event (such as a show or trek), and there is an accident – say a member of the public slips and falls and breaks an arm while attending your show – you personally and your club and other club members are protected. The judge’s training program helps to train the judges who not only judge iris shows, but also visit gardens and vote the AIS Ballot, which decides the Dyke’s Medal (highest award an iris can get). AIS has many programs for clubs to enjoy on all types of irises and gardens. And the AIS Foundation helps to fund research into diseases, rare irises, etc.

Did you know that AIS supports the Youth Program, which is very dear to my heart? We now have ‘officially’ 5+ youth members. Some of our youth members are residents of Region 15, but their grandmothers live in Region 14, so we both get the credit! I am hoping to get a Brownie Troop interested in becoming a youth CIP so that they can grow irises and maybe catch the “iris virus” to pass along to their friends and families. There are patches that Brownies, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts can earn related to irises, growing them, planting them in community gardens, showing them at AIS shows, making arrangements, etc. Do you know of a group that might be interested in learning more about irises? Let me know. I am sure that many of you have extra irises you would be willing to share with a young person.

I know I am not the only one who thinks that kids today spend WAY too much time in front of a computer, and too little time outside in the garden. Kids love getting their hands dirty and seeing the results of their labors, whether it is growing flowers or radishes. Try to encourage your neighbors, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to grow irises along with their vegetables. If the First Lady can grow a garden, so can we. Sow the seeds. Happy Irising!



Reblooming IB ‘Concertina’

New Officers Flected at October 2 Meeting

Please join us in welcoming Barbara Lauck, member of the American Iris Society and the Inland Region Iris Society, as newly elected Treasurer and Joyce Poling, AIS member, as newly elected Secretary. They were voted in at the October 2nd Board Meeting at which around 30 Region 15 members were in attendance. Many thanks to Jill Bonino, Treasurer, and Vera Stewart, Secretary, for all their efforts during their 3-year terms. Cheryl Deaton continues in her role as Regional Vice President, as does Winona Stevenson as Assistant RVP and Judge's Chair.

Barbara Lauck
Treasurer
Region 15



Joyce Poling
Secretary
Region 15



AIS REGION 15 FALL BOARD MEETING **MINUTES - OCTOBER 2, 2010** **AT THE HUNTINGTON GARDENS, SAN MARINO CA**

Attendees: Cheryl Deaton, Regional VP & member of several affiliates; Jill Bonino, SFVIS & Region 15 Treasurer; Winona Stevenson, Ass't RVP- Membership & Judges Training, Hi Desert; Vera Stewart, Region 15 Secretary, PAIS; Dee Wilson, Sun Country VP; Mike Monninger, SCIS President & Orange Co.VP; Steve Fletcher, SFVIS President; Sue Y. Brown, Hi-Desert Treasurer; Joyce Bertram, Hi-Desert; Barbara Lauck, Inland; Ben Scheuling, Lompoc President; Florence Schleuning, Lompoc; Barbara Kline, Orange Co.; Herb Maurer, Orange Co.; Patrick Schroeder, Inland; Barbara Schroeder, Inland; Gail Lofdahl, Hi Desert President; George Speck, So. Cal & Orange Co.; Laura-Ellen Speck, So. Cal & Orange Co.; Janis Shackelford, San Diego VP; Bill Molnar, San Diego President; Jane Troutman, Awards, SFV; and Kathy Chilton, Ways & Means, Tucson President.

Opening Business:

Call to Order and Welcome: Cheryl Deaton called the Fall Board Meeting of Region 15 to order at 8:35 a.m. She welcomed all attendees and extended appreciation for the Orange County Iris and Day Lily Society for hosting the Fall Trek meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 16, 2010 Spring Board Meeting had been distributed via the Region newsletter. Cheryl asked if there were any additions or corrections. Hearing none it was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed; motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Bonino distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report to those affiliate Presidents or their representatives present; the report encompassed Region 15 operations from April 16th - October 1st of 2010. Prior to today's meeting she had received Region Auction receipts from just four of the 12 affiliates, but checks have been given to her today so she announced that the Region should end the year with net income over expenses.. Jill made note of the very positive fact that the Sonoran club - which had been considered inactive - had turned in \$250 for the Auction. Costs for the two issues of the Region newsletter came in nearly \$800 under budget, due to less printing expenses and more e-mail distribution of copies, among other savings. The 36 page Fall Newsletter went out to 456 recipients. CD and money market rates continue to be low and the Capital One Bank CD will mature 12-03-10. Jill concluded her report by stating that no expenses have been paid to date out of the 2012 Convention Checking account. There were no questions; Winona Stevenson moved and Barbara Lauck seconded that the report be filed for audit; motion approved.

Committee Reports:

- Editor: Katharina Notarianni: Katharina requested that affiliates submit any information desired for the newsletter to her by e-mail. She especially would like to expand the (future dates) calendar section., and make the Region website more informative in regards to affiliates' activities. Cheryl congratulated Katharina on her first Region newsletter issue, which was seconded by a warm round of applause.

AIS REGION 15 MEETING - MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2010
 HUNTINGTON GARDENS, ONTARIO CA (CONTINUED)

- Historian: Cheryl read a letter from Linda Smith, Historian; Linda has resigned effective January 2011 due to medical issues. Her report is attached and made a part of these minutes.
- Membership: Winona reported that membership is holding at 314 as of September 30, 2010. Encouragement to affiliate members to join AIS is needed
- Judges Training: Winona stated that we need new judges as well as holding onto existing judges in the Region. Most affiliates are not holding Judge Trainings as often as they used to. As JT Chair she should be notified of trainings before they are held - that way, those who need the time could be notified and possibly attend and keep their hours up. There are 10 judges in CA and two in AZ that are at risk if they don't get their garden and classroom hours up to date. Apprentices and Garden/exhibition judges need five hours every three years, two hours in garden and three hours of classroom. When the judges get their annual activity reports, they really need to be completed and returned. As the Region JT chair, she receives forms from the AIS JT Chair that must be filled out and returned. She has a deadline to meet, and obviously can only use the information she has on hand. Many shows are held on the same day, which makes it difficult to have sufficient judges. Katharina suggested that Winona write an article for the next newsletter outlining the rules for Judge Training.
- Youth: Cheryl reported there is currently just one member, which as national AIS Youth Chair is an embarrassment. She challenged each affiliate to sponsor just one youth - which is just \$5.00.
- Ways and Means: Kathy Chilton reported that the activities associated with the Auction rhizomes went well.
- Awards: Jane Troutman stated that she has a good supply of items for next year.

Affiliate Reports:

- Hi Desert: Gail Lofdahl described recent activities, stating that a progressive dinner/garden tour combination was very popular.
- Inland: No report.
- Lompoc: Ben Schleuning stated they are holding strong with 22 members. Three are teachers, and he thinks perhaps he can obtain some youth members. Their rhizome sale went well considering they had to move their venue at the last minute; they took in \$1,000 in one hour.
- Orange County: Ramona Richardson reported that as a result of increased publicity they have obtained five new members.
- Prescott: Vera Stewart stated that rhizome sales at three locations had brought in good income and an increase in memberships - in addition to Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott sales were held in Yarnell and Chino Valley. Written report from president Carolyn Alexander is pending.
- San Diego: Bill Molnar described the annual rhizome sale in Balboa Park brought in over \$4000.
- San Fernando: Steve Fletcher stated they have around 100 members now. In July they had a talk on the Sepulveda Basin; August Jill Bonino on National Convention; September was their auction with 126 cultivars, bringing in more than \$500 for Region 15; October activity is a Games Nite, with Bingo using iris names.
- Sonoran: No report.
- Southern California: Mike Monninger shared that they have a new Vice President, John White. They have 15-20 active members. A spring sale is held at So. Coast Plaza. Four business/program meetings are scheduled - January, March, June, and October. There is also an annual Holiday Party.
- Sun Country: Dee Wilson, current VP explained that President Ardi Kary's environmental business was growing so rapidly she could not attend,; her report is attached and made a part of these minutes.
- Tucson: Kathy Chilton reported she is the outgoing president, and that she was pleased with the "low tech" Spring Trek the Tucson club presented. It was a successful event with decreased labor and cost amounts. All guest irises were dug and shipped to affiliates. An article in the local newspaper promoted their rhizome sale and they sold out in two hours; no rhizomes had been purchased.
- Verde Valley Area: Linda Smith's health is failing, and the club is in need of a President and Vice-President.

Spring Trek 2011 Information: Cheryl stated that the date for the 2011 Spring Trek has been set for April 30th, and May 1st if necessary. It will begin at 1 p.m. at the Stanton Iris Gardens - reason for the afternoon start is that San Diego Iris Society is holding their AIS Show that morning. A hotel is still to be set, but renting of a bus is a definite. Also Cheryl announced that there will be no guest rhizomes shipped in the fall due to National Convention the following spring here in Region 15 southern California.

Slate of Region 15 Officers: The nominees are as follows:

RVP - Cheryl Deaton (term expires Fall 2011)

Ass't RVP - Winona Stevenson (term expires Fall 2011)

Treasurer - Barbara Lauck (new three year term)

Secretary - Joyce Poling (new three year term)

AIS REGION 15 MEETING - MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2010
HUNTINGTON GARDENS, ONTARIO CA (CONTINUED)

Cheryl presented the names and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Kathy Chilton moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Winona; Motion carried unanimously. Voting will occur at the General Meeting.

Trek Wheel: Locations for Spring and Fall Treks were reviewed:

	Spring	Fall
2011	Region - Preview of National	Inland Region Iris Society
2012	National Convention in Region	San Fernando Valley Iris Society
2013	San Diego Iris Society	Verde Valley Area Iris Society
2014	Southern California Iris Society	Open

New Business:

- 2012 Convention: Jill announced that the meeting would begin right after the Trek raffle - 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Raffle for Convention: Cheryl stated she has raffle tickets for the 2011 National Convention in Canada that provide two fully paid registrations and five nights at the host hotel; priced at \$5 each, three for \$10, or seven for \$20.

Adjournment: The motion for adjournment was made by Winona and seconded by Ben Schleuning; Motion carried: adjournment at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Stewart, Region 15 Secretary

Historian Report by Linda Smith

The 2009 historical disk is made. I realized at the last minute I haven't been on Orange County's Iris group list, so there's nothing for them. This can be corrected as soon as I get the pdf form of their 2009 newsletters. Also, I did not have any newsletters for VAIS in 2009 and none from Sonoran or Lompoc.

I have resigned as of January 2010 due to health issues. I have one year left of my term. One of my members is willing to finish out my term. Please join me in welcoming Janet Regner as the new AIS Region 15 Historian.

The inventory for the two small boxes Cheryl Deaton gave me at Tucson Spring 2010 Trek is done. Mostly it is old newsletter from Southern CA group. There are some older AIS bulletins and a signa notebook. There are also correspondence letters from various members of S.CA. I will send this list by next board meeting of Region 15.

Region 15 now has a box marked Region 15 History Info stored in our new rental storage area. People with keys to this are Janet Regner, Nancy Jenner and myself. These people are aware of this box and how important it is. If each group will check the data and see if there's anymore they want to add to the 2009 disk, please send to Linda Smith at irisgrower@cableone.net. PDF is preferable but Word format is ok. For those of you sending hard copies only, please try to find someone in your club willing to scan your newsletter and email them to Region 15 Historian.

I will be completing the 2010 disk by next board meeting, if you have any questions you can call me at 928-567-7470 or e-mail at the above address.

* Future suggested plans as this process is being developed are to record the 2008 disk next and continue to go back as far as we can get information to rebuild the files. I already have some 2008.

A separate disk for the Region Newsletter is in progress. The older issues have to be scanned unless someone has them in Word or in pdf form. Please advise if this is the case. That would really speed things along as to Region Newsletters.

Treasurer's Report for Region 15 by Jill Bonino

For Region Operations from October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

The Region finished this year with income exceeding expenses. Much lower expenses for the Region newsletter and officer expenses kept the Region under budget for 2010.

All investments with Edward Jones have been converted to Money Market funds as of the end of the year and the only CD the Region has at present is with Bank of America.

My term as Region Treasurer is up. All books and records I received plus those I created since 2007 will be turned over to Barbara Lauck.

REGION 15 AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 10-01-10 to 12-31-10

CHECKING ACCOUNT - BALANCE 10-01-10				\$ 4,493.31
DEPOSITS				
10-05-10 Auction Sales				
	Inland RIS	\$600.00		
	Hi Desert I&D	500.00		
	Lompoc Valley IS	250.00	\$ 1,350.00	
11-17-10 Auction Sales	Sun Cntry IS	\$ 421.00		
12-10-10 Auction Sales	San Diego IS	921.00		
12-30-10 Auction Sales	Verde Valley IS	200.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS				\$ 2,892.00
CHECKS - NONE				
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS				(\$ -0-)
CHECKING BALANCE 12-31-10				<u>\$ 7,385.31</u>
BANK OF AMERICA CD--RVP CD - Balance 10-01-10				\$ 8,973.49
	Interest Oct 2010	\$ 5.75		
	Interest Nov 2010	5.60		
	Interest Dec 2010	4.48		
	Total Interest Earned		15.83	
BANK OF AMERICA CD BALANCE (per 1-6-11 stmt)				<u>\$ 8,989.32</u>
EDWARD JONES MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT - Balance 09-30-10				\$ 7,660.72
Receipts:	10-20-10 M/M interest	\$.04		
	11-22-10 M/M interest	.05		
	12-03-10 Capital One Bk CD interest		100.27	
	12-03-10 Capital One Bk matured CD		5,000.00	
	12-31-10 M/M interest	.24		
Total Receipts				\$5,100.60
Total Withdrawals				(\$ -0-)
EDWARD JONES MMA Balance 12-31-10				<u>\$12,761.32</u>
CHASE BANK 2012 CONVENTION CHECKING 8-31-10				\$ 5,101.66
TOTAL REGION 15 ASSETS AT 12-31-10				\$34,237.61

**REGION 15 AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
2010 INCOME & EXPENSES
January 1, to December 31, 2010**

	APPROVED BUDGET 2010	01-01-10 TO 4-16-10 ACTUAL	4-16-10 TO 10-01-10 ACTUAL	10-01-10 TO 12-31-10 ACTUAL	TOTAL YTD	OVER UNDER BUDGET 2010
INCOME						
Advertising Income	\$ 250.00	\$	\$ 75.00	\$	\$ 75.00	\$ (175.00)
Region Auctions**	4,000.00	1,000.00a	1,588.00	2,892.00	5,480.00	1,480.00
CD Bank Interest:	350.00				396.70	46.70
Bank of AM CD		21.37	39.96	15.83		
Ed Jones MM			.20	.33		
Ed Jones CD			218.74	100.27		
Other	50.00					(50.00)
Donations for Website	100.00		50.00		50.00	(50.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 1,021.37	\$ 1,971.90	\$3,008.43	\$ 6,001.70	\$ 1,251.70
EXPENSES						
Newsletter	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 760.10	456.76		\$ 1,216.86	\$ (783.14)
RVP Travel	1,000.00					(1,000.00)
Officer Fund	1,000.00	5.05			5.05	(994.95)
Spring Trek	1,000.00	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Spring Trek Shipping			397.79		397.79	397.79
Fall Meeting	500.00					(500.00)
Memorials	200.00	200.00			200.00	
Reg 15 Website	495.00	495.00			495.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	18.00	6.00		24.00	(76.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,295.00	\$ 2,478.15	\$ 860.55	\$ 0	\$ 3,338.70	(\$ 2,956.30)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$ 1,545.00)	(\$1,456.78)	\$ 1,111.35	\$3,008.43	2,663.00	\$ 4,208.00

a- Includes \$1,000 of 2009 Auction proceeds rec'd in 2010.

REGION 15	AUCTION RECEIPTS 2009	AUCTION RECEIPTS 2010
Hi Desert Iris & Daylily	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Inland Region IS	800.00**	600.00
Lompoc Valley IS	\$ 150.00	250.00
Orange County Iris & Daylily	200.00**	\$ 600.00
Prescott Area IS	\$ 392.00	\$ 303.00
San Diego IS	\$ 740.00	921.00
San Fernando Valley IS	\$ 807.00	&&
Sonoran Desert IS		\$ 250.00
Southern California IS	\$ 400.00	&&
Sun Country IS	\$ 300.00	\$ 421.00
Tucson Area IS	671.00	\$ 435.00
Verde Valley Area IS	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL 2009	\$ 5,110.00	
TOTAL 2010		\$ 4,480.00

**Received in 2010

&&Rec'd--will be deposited by new treasurer in 2011.



Region 15 Spring Trek

Dress Rehearsal for the AIS 2012 National Convention

The American
Iris Society

at Stanton Iris Gardens, Valley Center CA

APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2011

Hosted by RVP Cheryl Deaton

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon roaming Stanton Iris Gardens, one of the 2012 AIS Convention Master Gardens, located in the northern San Diego area. The bus will leave the hotel at 1:00pm Saturday April 30th. Judges' Training in the garden on seedlings and/or tall bearded irises by Jill Bonino. After a delightful afternoon the bus will return us to the hotel at around 5:30pm for our Region 15 Meeting and a simple supper. If time permits, there will be Judges Training after the meeting, or on Sunday morning. We will hold a raffle of iris items donated by hybridizers and other iris enthusiasts. Sunday morning there will be a meeting for the 2012 Convention Committee.

On the same weekend as the Spring Trek, the San Diego Iris Society is holding their Spring Show and Sale at Balboa Park - Casa del Prado Room 101, San Diego, right next door to the famous San Diego Zoo. Come join the fun and see some beautiful flowers!

Full Registration - \$60 per person

Includes Bus and Garden Tour, Judges' Training and Dinner

Bus & Garden Tour Only - \$40 per person

Includes Bus and Garden Tour and in-garden Judges' Training

Hotel - Comfort Inn - (760) 489-1010

1290 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido CA

Rate of \$80 per night for April 29 & 30, departing May 1. Mention Region 15 America for the discounted rate. Rooms are available in limited numbers, so make your own reservations early. If arriving at the hotel after the bus tour Saturday, please arrange for late check-in.



'Fashion Passion' in bloom
at Stanton Iris Gardens

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Registration Form - AIS Region 15 Spring Trek - April 30-May 1, 2011

Please return this form filled out, along with a check made out to **Region 15 AIS** to:

Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 RVP
27218 Walnut Springs Avenue
Canyon Country CA 91351-3314

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Full Registration (\$60 p.p.) _____ Bus & Garden Tour Only (\$40 p.p.) _____

Judge's Training: Yes _____ No _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I wish!!!

By Robert Pries



What do they always say, “Be careful what you wish for”. But as the song says “If you don’t gotta dream, how you gonna have a dream come true”. You and I are building some dreams we share by being members of AIS. The results promise to be quite phenomenal.

31 years ago I joined AIS to find information on irises under 10 inches tall for my rock garden. I discovered that the most informative book on Irises at that time had been recently published by AIS, “The World Of Iris”. AIS was doing its job providing the best information available, It also had over 8,000 members. But often when you learn a little bit you want more. Up-to-date and comprehensive information about species was not available until 1990 with Mathew’s “The Iris”. Later the British Iris Society produced “The Species Guide to The Genus Iris”. But neither book had color pictures of every species. I dreamed of an illustrated Encyclopedia that could have thousands of pictures of all species and many hybrids. I actually have a five volume draft I showed to Timber Press, but they had just signed a contract with Claire Austin. They told me to come back when that was sold out. But I continued researching information and the world moved forward. Suddenly I realized my dream could be fulfilled by an online Encyclopedia. It would not be mine, but created by everyone that cared to help. Finally once again AIS would be fulfilling its mission of being the most comprehensive source of Iris information. The collective knowledge of it members could be brought together in one place. I now had the task of making my dream, our dream.

The wiki was approved by the board in Fall 2007. But I knew little about modern programming and until we found Chris Lindsey we did not even know how to load a wiki onto a website. Finally loaded, Catherine Button helped create the structure and it was only in January of 2010 that pages could begin to be added to the wiki. In one year the helpers escalated to 220 people. 20,000 pictures were added, and 32,000 cultivars. Unfortunately we discovered that the background file-system would not let us go past 32K. One solution is to break up the existing web into subwebs. Unfortunately due to our lack of knowledge we are going to have to hire a Twiki-consultant to show us how to do this. So far the Encyclopedia has cost AIS nothing. Huge amounts of time and server space are being donated. Because we often take for granted things that are free, let me tell you that if we were paying for this stuff we would be spending at minimum \$1200 a month. And when e-membership become available it would be great if many people join for those services so we can build an electronic nest-egg to weather future storms.

Despite the glitches you can use the Encyclopedia. You can add pictures to existing pages. You can add comments on those pages. I cannot help but think it will be an enormous boon to be able to see pictures with the official registration information when it comes to “identifying” an iris in your garden or at a show. As topics are developed on the wiki you will be able to see the ballot votes with a picture. The awards at present have their own photo galleries. Information on Culture, Hybridizing, Hybridizers, indeed everything you would expect in an encyclopedia can and will be there. And just like the Wikipedia it can be continually updated and improved.

We already know that people around the world are using the Encyclopedia. And we also have contributors from Italy, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, and many other countries. I believe respect for AIS is growing. December is a low time for gardening related internet traffic but in December there were almost 200,000 pages viewed on the Iris Encyclopedia. If the analytics are correct, we could see 2,000,000 views in May. That could represent more than 200,000 individuals coming to the AIS website. Of course not all those people will choose to be members. But we have a beautiful Bulletin and e-membership is only \$15.

You may wonder what can e-membership offer that is not already in or will be in the Encyclopedia. E-membership will not only offer the bulletin online, but we expect within a year to have a library of all past bulletins. The library does not need to stop there. There is a great deal of Iris literature that could be put into the online library. Let your imagination run wild.

I wish!!! by Robert Pries (continued from page 10)

Now some of you may be saying this electronic stuff is not for me. I myself prefer printed material. But the success of the electronic component of AIS is already enhancing the print component. There are huge synergies. The Bulletin is no longer being printed by costly offset printing. Our new printer uses a newer, better, and cheaper electronic process. In the future we will be able to do some exciting things in print, provided the bylaw for E-membership passes in April. It will not take away anything, but has the possibility to add a lot.

About 3 months ago, AIS began a Facebook page, already it has 850 members. Actually I date it beginning from the time I found Andi Rivarola to be its manager. Many months before I tried creating a page and at the end of the process it asked for verification of my e-mail address. I made a typo and it locked me out. I cursed technology and moved on to something else. It was not until six months later that I discovered it was up and running. With the knowledge that I should turn this over to someone a bit younger I found Andi who had a great Facebook for The San Fernando Valley Iris affiliate. I would advise against a society Facebook page unless one has someone as talented as Andi. to manage it. It takes a great deal of time to keep up. But it is a wonderful way to connect with people. Even though I thought I would always prefer e-mail, as I use Facebook more and more I am beginning to really like it. Down the road we expect to have announcements of events and online auctions. Hybridizers send photos of your new introductions.

As AIS becomes exciting again, be a part of the change. Surely you have dreams and wishes for the society. Gary White is chair of the Strategic planning committee and I am chair of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee. Since we do not have an Ombudsman, I guess I fill that role. Send us your thoughts and ideas. Together we can make AIS the best specialty plant society.



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In Memoriam

Richard C. Ernst, Iris Hybridizer

We just learned March 2nd that Rick Ernst of Cooley's Gardens has died of septic shock. He was 57 and was looking forward to the 2012 convention so he could see how his iris selections did in So. Cal. He was a bright star in the iris world and will be greatly missed. — Cheryl Deaton



Photo by Julie Keefe for NY Times

Rick Ernst of Cooley Gardens in Silverton, Oregon, grows of iris for over 80 years, has made significant contributions to bearded irises with his hybridizing efforts during his lifetime. He was awarded the John C. Wister Memorial Medal for 'Ring Around Rose' in 2007. He also patented methods for modifications to iris at the genetic level which may yet produce a true red iris. Rick had a real passion for breeding red irises and introduced some very nice tall bearded reds: 'Classic Bordeaux' (1996), 'Red At Night' (1992), 'Fire Pit' (1992) and 'Forge Fire' (1991). He was kind and generous and will be missed by the iris community.

Charles Jenkins Receives Hybridizer Award

By Amanda Nolan

B. Charles Jenkins, Ph.D. was presented the American Iris Society's Hybridizer of the Year medal for 2009. It was presented January 2, 2011 by Ardi Kary, past president and current vice president of Sun Country Iris Society. Also present were Doris, his wife of 63 years, and Deborah and Amanda Nolan, Sun Country members. Charles Jenkins received the award for his outstanding hybridizing work with spuria iris. He has hybridized and registered 89 varieties of spuria including 'Elfin Sunshine', 'Amanda's Eyes', and 'Tiny Lou'. While I was there I asked him some questions about his hybridizing and gardening experience.

Charles got interested in gardening before he was 10 years old. Ever since that age he has always had a garden of some sort. As a boy he grew all kinds of plants in his garden. One year he grew 18 varieties of beans. He went on to earn a scholarship at the Vermilion School at Agriculture for one year at the University of Alberta, where he earned his BSc and Master's degree. He graduated in 1950 with his PhD in genetics from the University of California at Berkeley.

He worked professionally to develop triticale, a hybrid between durum wheat and rye, which he developed as leader of a Canadian research team. This research allowed him to perform trials in many countries around the world including Sweden, Mexico, Japan and the Soviet Union. As a young professional, he traveled the world introducing this new grain to government leaders as a solution to feed the world's hungry. He received special blessing from the Pope for his work. Doris has documented the history of Charles' triticale work in a book titled No Greater Love. Triticale is the subject of extensive research at this time in Canada for its potential contributions as a source of biofuel, high quality protein food for people, malting, and forage and silage for livestock.

Charles focused on spuria iris in the late 1970's once he retired from his plant genetics work with triticale. He had already had experience with growing iris as a hobby in his small gardens as a youth. He later enjoyed hybridizing daffodils and gladiolas for which he received awards and recognition from those societies. He became a member of the American Iris Society in the early 1950's. He got started in spuria in the middle 1980's when some friends gave him some spuria plants to grow.

Charles believes there is commercial value in spuria because they are beautiful in arrangements and can last for a long time as cut flowers. If cut right after the buds start to show color, they can be shipped without damage.

Charles believes that having goals for your hybridizing is important. His personal hybridizing goals were to hybridize shorter spuria so the blooms could be seen much easier, and to hybridize lacy spuria. He feels that he achieved his goals for spuria hybridizing. The shortest iris he hybridized were Tiny Lou and Elfin Sunshine. The first lacy one was Touch of Lace. The frilliest spuria iris of his is Heaven Bound, which is also lightly fragranced.

Charles has a few tips for people that want to get started hybridizing spuria. Garden space is very important for planting seedlings since it takes 5 years to for a spuria seedling to fully develop and exhibit its traits. Charles said that if he was to do it all again he would start with at least 10 acres. This much space is not needed by everyone; you just need enough room to line out lots of seedlings and maintain them for years before possible introduction.

To keep the crosses pure he removes the falls so there is no place for the bees to land and pollinate the flower. He also removes the pollen anthers to avoid accidental self-pollination. Pollen anthers can be successfully stored in film canisters for up to a week if enclosed with a desiccant found in vitamin or medicine containers. He keeps the seeds in a cool dry place before planting the next season.

He came up with this idea by doing a test where he started with a partially ripened seed pod, and 2 ripe seed pods. He planted the partially ripened seed pod after counting the seeds, and next planted one of the ripe seed pods. For

Charles Jenkins Receives Hybridizer Award (continued from prior page)

the third ripe seed pod he waited a year, keeping it in a cool dark place. The seed pod that was held until the next growing season was the only one that had 100 percent germination.

I enjoyed spending time with Charles and his wife, and wish them much happiness. They reside in a retirement community in Phoenix, Arizona.

Author's note: Part of the reason this interview was special for me was that Charles' iris 'Amanda's Eyes' was named after me when I was just four years old. My mom is a long time member of Sun Country Iris Society, and she and her family enjoyed working with and learning from Charles for many years. This flower has been a special inspiration for me. I am now a 15 year old high school student planning on pursuing my interests in genetics and science at the college level.

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Region 15 member Charles Jenkins awarded AIS Hybridizer's Medal



Spuria 'Elfin Sunshine'



Spuria 'Clara Ellen'



Spuria 'Butter Ripples'



Ardi Kary presents The AIS Hybridizer's Medal to Charles Jenkins for his outstanding achievements in breeding irises

Spuria 'Amanda Eyes' was named after the author, Amanda Nolan, when she was just four years old.



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FLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY

Getting down to their level

by Hugh Stout



'Peekaboo Zebu'
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I confess, I'm no professional when it comes to photography. However, running a website with a thousand varieties of plants and needing photos to sell them, requires one to take thousands of pictures in all kinds of conditions, all over the country, every bloom season. So simply through repetition, I feel I can at least offer a couple of suggestions.

My number one tip would be to get down to the flower's level or even a smidgen under. They just look more impressive when you're on their level. Of course when you're taking the little 10" tall buggers, it requires some major bending, crouching and crawling! It's a work out, but well worth the effort.

In ideal conditions I want to catch the flowers at their freshest, usually in the morning hours. Late afternoon would be great, but most daylilies just aren't that great then. (They are called daylilies for a reason, they only last a day.)

As for cameras, I love my Canon Rebel XTi. I simply set it on close up and it's good to go. When focusing, there are several little red lights in the viewfinder that light up to show you what part of the subject you're actually focused on. This saves on a lot of useless shots which the camera said was focused, when actually it was focused on a weed nearby, or the outhouse in the background. (Another important tip, be aware of your background!)

I've also found a monopod is a big help in getting well defined shots. It is easy to move around with and get into odd spots to get the shot. Tripods are great, but take a lot of time & space, something there's not a lot of when traveling on buses in large groups. Beware though, not to ask the uppity camera store salesperson for "a tripod with one leg". Mine replied, in the most degrading way, "oh, you mean a monopod."

When on a tour we lose control of simple things like lighting and angles as we're on someone else's timetable and not allowed to trounce through garden beds to get the best angle. This is a challenge and sometimes requires a little editing to tone down an afternoon sun or brighten up a rainy day. I use a very old program from Adobe called 'Photo Deluxe' that's awesome for straightening out, cropping, and MINOR fiddling with sharpness, contrast and brightness.

So, that's it, now we just need some blooms. Happy gardening!

Visit Stout Garden's blog at <http://stoutgardens.blogspot.com/>. About STOUT GARDENS at Dancingtree: Hugh and Jennifer Stout have been growing, showing and hybridizing both daylilies and iris for over ten years. Hugh is both an exhibition/garden judge with the American Iris Society as well as a garden judge for the American Hemerocallis Society. He is also past president of the Oklahoma Horticultural Society and Oklahoma Iris Society. Hugh currently is the RVP for AIS Region 22 and sits on the executive board of Oklahoma City Beautiful, the board of the Oklahoma Horticultural Society and president of the Tall Bearded Iris Society.

President's Report Inland Region Iris Society

by Carole Buchheim

Greetings from the Inland Region Iris Society here in Riverside, CA. Our biggest news is that the guest irises for the 2012 AIS National Convention were planted this fall and are doing well. I.R.I.S. is sponsoring three of the four guest gardens: our club garden at the Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, planted by Carol Morgan and Mike and Elaine Monninger, Mystic Lake Gardens near Perris planted by Paul and Carole Buchheim, and Stanton Iris Gardens in Valley Center (near Escondido) planted by Alex and Kate Stanton. We've had an unusual amount of frost this winter that has delayed growth but I expect that within the next couple of weeks we will experience a warming trend and see dramatic growth.

In October we were favored with a program on Pacific Coast Native irises presented by Dr. Richard C. Richards. It was a pleasure to see his slide show on many lovely cultivars, both newly hybridized as well as native plants in the wild. Though PCNs are difficult to grow here in southern California, Dr. Richards encouraged us to try selected varieties.

November marked a show-and-tell PowerPoint program by Alex Stanton on the different classes of irises, the nuts and bolts of growing irises, diseases, culture, fertilizers and more. A special highlight was a 40-page booklet that he prepared for the attendees that presented a lot of color photos, cultural information, the AIS societies representing the different classes of irises and websites for more information.

December was party time for I.R.I.S. Members brought wonderful potluck favorites with enough food to feed a small army! Next we selected gifts. Members brought garden-related gifts of about \$10 and we drew names for members to make their selections. Welcome to a brand new year! Our programs are on the first Tuesday of each month at the Janet Goeske Center in Riverside. On January 4th Paul and I provided a PowerPoint program on Barry Blyth's seedlings. We were favored with the opportunity to spend several weeks in Australia during the peak of iris bloom (the last week of October into the first week of November). Of this time we spent about four full days at Tempo Two Iris Gardens photographing irises. Paul focused on taking Blyth seedling pictures and I turned my attention to Barry's new introductions and newer named varieties from many top hybridizers. By the end of spring we will have a PowerPoint program available featuring Barry Blyth's Tempo Two Iris Gardens. Proceeds will support the printing of the Reblooming Iris Society Recorder in full color.

Kathy Chilton presented our February program on Tuesday, the 1st. Her PowerPoint program featured her experience of being a judge at the 2009 International Iris Competition in Florence, Italy. Each year one American is selected to be part of a team of five to judge three-year clumps of irises sent by hybridizers from around the world. Along with the irises we were favored with a mini travelogue of beautiful gardens, palaces, and other select places in the city of Florence.

On Tuesday, March 1st we are looking forward to having a Judges Training program on Aril and Arilbred irises by Dana Brown of Malevil Iris Gardens (pronounced Maleville) in Texas. Dana and her husband, Vernon, have a commercial iris garden that focuses on Arilbred irises. We welcome you readers to come and be part of this judges training opportunity.

April will be a very busy month for I.R.I.S. with our spring show and sale at the Inland Center Mall in San Bernardino on Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd. Just two days later, on Tuesday, April 5th, Riley Probst will give us a program. We meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504. From 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. we enjoy refreshments and fellowship and begin our program thereafter. We would be delighted to have you visit.



March 1, 2011
Judges Training by Dana Brown
on Color Patterns

Arilbred 'Rain Maiden'
by Vernon & Dana Brown 2005

President's Report Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society

by Gail Lofdahl

In October, Neal Weisenberger, horticulture professor at Antelope Valley College, spoke to the club about xeriscape gardening here in the "high desert." He also discussed the latest irrigation system technology and upcoming changes to laws about water conservation. He also apprised us about water banking discussions taking place at the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Board—which will especially impact Antelope Valley gardeners.

In November, Jill Bonino gave us a slide show and presentation. We enjoyed our annual Christmas party and garden-related gift exchange on December 18. We also installed our officers for 2011.

In January, we were treated to a presentation on the origin and history of Superstition Gardens by Rick Tasco. As of January 31, 2011, our club has 52 members, including four youth members. Of that total, 15 are members of the American Iris Society.



**Dee Wilson and Gail Lofdahl
at the Region 15 meeting**

HDI&DS will again participate in the annual Antelope Valley Home Show at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds from March 18-21. Cheryl Deaton will give several presentations on "Iris, the Drought-Tolerant Plant" to encourage the public to propagate irises. For the past several years, iris sales at this show have been our secondary fundraiser.

Our annual show and sale will be held this year on Saturday, April 16, and Sunday, April 17 in the Antelope Valley College Horticulture Building. College horticulture students will once again help us with the loading and transport of pots during our sale, and receive irises in return.

We hope to again hold our garden tour and progressive dinner in May, visiting several club members' gardens. The garden tour was advertised last year at our show and sale as a "members only" event, and as a result, several new members joined the club.



**Jeannie Moeckel and
Barbara Kline from OCIDC
at the Region 15 meeting**



**Fred Kerr presented
at the Fall Region 15
Meeting**

**2006 Fred Kerr iris
'All About Spring'**
photo courtesy of AIS Iris Encyclopedia



**Lompoc Valley
Iris Society**

President's Report Lompoc Valley Iris Society

by Ben Schleuning

"Iris Life" is going well here, everyone is pulling weeds and preparing the iris for another wonderful bloom season. We are still holding steady at approximately 24 members, including several newer members who are interested in getting involved.

Our rhizome sale, July 2010, was a great success; we sold out within 2 hours. This was more amazing than one might be inclined to think since we had a "near to the last minute" venue change. Through reading the monthly newsletters of several societies, we learn that more than one sale per year is possible. This information, coupled with our success story of last year's sale, has prompted us to have a second sale this year. We are hopeful that this will meet with the approval and attendance of our gardening public.

Our election of officers was held in October. I remain president but all other offices are being held by different members.

We enjoyed a "first" for our society in December; we had our first annual Christmas dinner. We had a great time with wonderful food and a great turnout! The date for our dinner for this year has already been set.

We are looking forward to a special meeting on 6 March; Rick Tasco from Superstition Gardens will be our guest speaker. This event is open to our public and we are expecting a good response.

LVIS iris show is scheduled for April 30 - May 1. We will have potted iris for sale at this event for the third year. This offering is especially welcomed by those guests who were not fortunate enough to be the recipient of one of our many door prizes of potted iris.

President's Report Orange County Iris and Daylily Club

by Barbara Kline

The October Fall Trek was very successfully hosted by our club at the beautiful Huntington Library & Gardens in San Marino, California. There were about 60 people registered who enjoyed hearing guest speaker, Fred Kerr, owner of Rainbow Acres in North Highlands, California. He spoke about his very interesting Tall Iris Breeding Program along with a wonderful slide show. After a delicious luncheon, Fred Kerr conducted a Judges Training for all those interested in learning and sharpening their judging skills. To wrap up the Trek there was an awesome raffle of many, many rhizomes, bulbs, garden items, etc. It was a fun and educational day for everyone.

The Daylily Procurement Program was restarted this year by our fabulous Bobbie Hogancamp. The members let her know of any daylily they might wish to grow and she will try to order those. Then members sign-up to take care of and grow those daylilies for 2 years. At the end of the 2 years, the time comes to divide it up, keeping one for yourself, for your good hard work, and the rest for the club.

We had successful club Iris Auctions in September and August and a Beardless Iris Auction in October. Mike Monninger, 1st Vice President, is our MC extraordinaire for these events. December was our delicious potluck and fun garden gift exchange to end the year.

Being a new member of the Orange County Iris & Daylily Club and now President, it's been a learning and eye-opening experience to a whole new world of fascinating people and gorgeous flowers.

President's Report Prescott Area Iris Society

by Carolyn Alexander

Our last general meeting of 2010 was in November and we had a wonderful speaker, Patrick Orr. His topic was "The Art of Hybridizing Bearded Irises" and he took us to the very level most of us needed to be at, the details of which iris should be chosen based on what you want to accomplish. We were very enlightened by his presentation and delighted with the handouts and knowledge he shared with us. Even the members that had no desire to hybridize their own irises enjoyed the information received because they felt it helped them to understand how much work goes into creating a new iris and they can better appreciate the cost of a newly issued rhizome after his presentation. We had several newly issued rhizomes to give away as door prizes that were bonuses to PAIS from commercial growers. It was a great way to end the year for our members.

We also gave away a potted rhizome named after 'Margaret Wilson Thomas' from Virginia to the member who could remember the most about the 44 year history of their 2000 variety of irises in the Thomas Gardens. We shared this history in an earlier newsletter to our members and then quizzed them on what they remembered at our meeting. The winner was Linda Rossman of Hummingbird Gardens, Prescott. Donald Spoon, hybridizer and owner of Winterberry Gardens introduced this iris in Margaret's name. The iris is a beautiful light lavender-blue rebloomer.



TB 'Margaret Wilson
Thomas'
2006 Donald Spoon

Our first meeting of 2011 is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th. Our plans will include round table discussion on what's involved in chairing a committee for our various activities during the year, such as; spring show, garden tour, rhizome sales, silent auction and newly issued rhizome program for active members. These tasks have been written for handouts and ease of learning. Committees will be formed to plan the future events for the year. We will be having a potluck luncheon and a bingo game to win garden related prizes. We will be projecting on the big screen how to get into AIS Wiki Encyclopedia to locate their irises and to see our new web site for PAIS that will be unveiled at this meeting for the first time.

So far Prescott's winter has been unusually cold with snow stacked on the ground for weeks as it was too cold to melt. The poor irises have been buried in snow with most of their leaves dying. We can't wait for spring to arrive and our beautiful irises to bloom once again. Starting our planning for the spring activities is making us even more anxious to get on with spring and the new year's happenings.

Visit the Prescott Area Iris Society Website at
http://www.region15ais.org/prescott_ais/

Japanese Iris Society Convention - June 24-25, 2011

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Three guest iris gardens will be on tour, two of which feature the largest collections of iris ensata and SPEC-X pseudata on the West Coast. Eleven hybridizers with over 140 irises, including Dr. Hiroshi Shimizu's SPEC-X pseudata, winner of the Hybridizer's Medal and the Warburton Medal.

Includes three garden visits, Judge's Training by Terry Aitken, breakfast, lunch, two dinners, bus transportation and a good time!

Registration is \$130 before April 16th; \$175 after April 16th. Please visit www.mtpleasantiris.com to download the registration form, or contact Chad Harris: Phone (360) 835-1016; Email chadharris@prodigy.net

President's Report San Diego Iris Society

by Bill Molnar

San Diego Iris Society has had a good year. Our club is growing as new members join excited about learning to grow iris. Some of the factors leading to our success in growth stem from three key things:

1. We have an established public location for our meetings.
2. All members go home with at least one iris from door prizes.
3. There is a good feeling of cooperation and camaraderie among the members.

Our year started in September with our fundraising iris rhizome sale in Balboa Park. October is the sale of Region 15 iris from the Spring Trek. In November we enjoyed Kathy Chilton and a tour of Italy. December brought the Holiday/Christmas party at Pat and Richard Wurtele's home. 2011 brings another year full of iris activities:

- January was our annual Iris Roundtable discussion.
- In February, Rick Tasco of Superstition Gardens spoke to a full house at our club's anniversary/birthday party. Rick brought gifts of iris *unguicularis* 'Winter Echoes' and certificates for his new introductions as door prizes.
- March will bring a talk by the always humorous as well as informed Dr. Richard Richards regarding Pacific Coast Native Irises and his hybridizing efforts.
- April is a luncheon in the glorious commercial garden of Rose and Ted Howse in Bonita, Iris Howse and Gardens. At the end of April our Spring Show will be held the same weekend as the Spring Trek to Stanton Iris Gardens in Valley Center. We hope all attending will be able to get to Balboa Park in San Diego on Saturday between 12-5, or Sunday 10-4 to see our show. Event details can be found on our website.
- And finally, June brings the presentation of awards to Spring Show winners and election of officers. We are closed during the summer months of July and August.



**Bill Molnar with
Rick Tasco**



**Tasco 2011
introduction
'Winter Echoes'**

Visit the San Diego Iris Society Website at
www.SanDiegoIrisSociety.org

2013 AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK ---Invitation to Bearded Iris Hybridizers ---

The San Diego Iris Society will host the American Iris Society Region 15 Spring Trek in San Diego, CA in 2013. Hybridizers of bearded varieties of irises are invited to send recent introductions or seedlings under consideration for introduction.

Shipments will be accepted August 1 through September 15, 2011. Prior notification of the guest irises you plan to send will be greatly appreciated so the garden owners may be best prepared to receive them. Please include a list of the iris varieties with quantities of each noted with the shipment. Receipts will be sent to the contributors of guest plants. Send guest plants, your questions and all related communications to:

Contact: Bill Molnar - Spring Trek 2013 - San Diego Iris Society
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President's Report San Fernando Valley Iris Society

by Steve Fletcher

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San Fernando Valley
Iris Society

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society monthly Membership Meetings have included guest speakers and regular club functions.

Programs began with Jill Bonino in August, with her annual photo review of the National and Regional Treks. September was the Club Auction with 126 cultivars. September also included the Region 15 Auction which netted \$687, and our Fall Sale at Encino Farmers' Market. Leftovers from the sale were bagged and became the prizes at our October meeting iris GAMES night (it's not bingo). In November, Jill concluded the year's photographic journey with a show including the SFVIS Spring Trek and the commercial gardens of Keppel, Mid America and Schreiner's. December was the annual Holiday Potluck Dinner, which was very well attended.

The food and entertainment were great, and I presented Andi Rivarola with the David T. Ross Award for exceptional service to the club. In January, we heard guest speaker Glenn Agaton whose topic was "Carnivorous Plants".

I also want to mention that we have had an outstanding Plant Table, presented at most meetings by Jean Bossier and crew. The Plant Table was in high gear with "Rebloomers" in July, "Oldies but Goodies" iris in August, "Median Iris" in September and "Louisianas, Spurias, Siberians and Daylilies" in November. A lot of members got a lot of great deals on a lot of irises.

Visit the San Fernando Valley Iris Society Website at
www.SanFernandoValleyIrisSociety.org

President's Report Sonoran Desert Iris Society

by Darol Jurn

This past fall Sonoran Desert Iris Society held the Region 15 rhizome sale contributing \$250 to the region.

The club held our year end meeting at the Beatitudes dining facility in Phoenix followed by dinner.

This winter plans are being developed to hold a non-sanctioned Iris show at the Montecito Retirement Facility in Peoria on April 16 with winners decided by popular vote of the residents and guests at the facility.



Photos of Pacific Coast Irises 'Idylwild', 'Canyon Snow' and 'Blue Moment' growing in Richard C. Richards' garden

President's Report Southern California Iris Society

by Mike Monninger

2010 was a good year for SCIS except in gaining new active members. We get new members but they don't attend meetings, so we need to get smarter at getting new members involved with club activities.

The summer bearded auctions and the fall beardless auction were well attended and everyone was excited with the selection. Some of us get so excited we forget what we have and buy duplicates.

We held our Holiday luncheon at the 'Old Spaghetti Factory' in Duarte. The gift exchange (involving stealing a gift up to two times) was hilarious as usual. Leigh Nicolai-Moon was extremely happy to possess a computer enhanced picture of an iris by Bill Gerald after failing for three years.

Our January meeting featured Brian Moon presenting a slide and DVD show of his diving trip to Fiji. It included Raymond Burr's Orchid collection on his estate. The program was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

John Wight will give a one hour Judges Training on Louisiana Iris on February 26 at the Los Angeles Arboretum beginning at 10:30.

Our spring iris show is April 9th and 10th at the Los Angeles Arboretum. It will be a joint show with the local Daylily and amaryllis society. Both societies have experienced large reduction membership so the joint show fills the large room. We expect modest sales at the show.



John and Carol Huffman speaking with of Mike Monninger at the Region 15 meeting

Our major fundraiser is the Spring Garden Show from April 28 through May 1 at the South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa. This year, in addition to bearded rhizomes, we will have many potted spuria iris and Louisiana iris. We will stage an iris exhibit with the other commercial exhibits to promote the iris and educate the public. Again we are in front of 'See's Candies' making for happy iris sellers.

Have a great Bloom Season!!!

President's Report Verde Valley Area Iris Society

by Betty Gaudy

The Verde Valley Iris Society (VAIS) met October 27th in Cottonwood, Arizona. We held a discussion of irises to be put in several locations in Cottonwood. The Medical Center and City Property are being considered.

Flower vases donated by a member were sold. The money was put in the society bank account. Several members wore clothing of iris bloom colors.

Visit the Verde Valley Area Iris Society Website at
http://www.region15ais.org/verde_ais/

President's Report

Sun Country Iris Society

by Dee Wilson

Since we met last fall, Sun Country Iris Society has had a very busy, successful time. Beginning in September, we held our Fall Rhizome Sales at three different nurseries. These sales brought in good revenues and yields for our bank account. Our plants sold like hotcakes. We are currently in the process of planning our Early Iris Exhibit and our AIS Spring Show which will be held in March and April followed by our local Garden Tours of four or five iris gardens.

We had over 200 rhizomes at the beginning of November so we began our Pot Watchers Program whereby members took ten to twelve rhizomes home to place in pots and grow them during the winter months. These potted irises will be groomed and trimmed to be placed on sale at our Early Iris Exhibit as well as our Spring Show. Labels and pictures are attached to the pots and will be grouped by color on the sales tables. This could be an experimental project since the soil for these irises was provided making at least one common ingredient in each of them. It will be interesting to see the results.

Our Early Iris Exhibit serves as a practice run and training event for preparing members on the How To's for our Spring Show. The public gets involved by voting for their favorites. This effectively helped the public examine and critique each blossom rather than just looking and walking by. For our AIS Spring Show, we are planning on having the advantage of lots of blossoms and color from our gardens to display and, of course, offer to the public for sale. Potted plants will again be available. This show will have AIS Judges and Awards.

We have already had one judges' training class and plan to have another in the near future to fulfill our goal to prepare more of our members for judging. Efforts have been made to fill all of our volunteer positions early this year to make way for those of us in the planning and scheduling arena to have more time for our gardens when the time comes.

Probably the biggest change that we've made over the past few months is that of election of new officers. Ardi Kary, our past president for the past seven or eight years, stepped down as President and now serves as Vice President. I, Dee Wilson, am now the 2011 President and have several new officers and several incumbent officers and directors. So you'll probably see me at more of the meetings now and I'm willing to help out in any way that I can. Last year, you may recall that we had eleven members who signed up and each took turn at conducting one of our club meetings. This got more members involved and everyone enjoyed the variety. This was a nice change and worked for the benefit of our club and our members.

Our attendance has been up and we have gained new members. Our sales have been on the increase and interest seems to be on the rise. Our members continue to be energetic and willing to help in all of our endeavors. We have a wonderful newsletter which gets better with every issue. Many of our members contribute to its content.

We have been honored to have had three wonderful guest speakers make their presentations to the members. They were Riley Probst, Alex Stanton and Rick Tasco, all from California and all of whom have brought a wealth of information to our members. Our plan is to have training in the form of workshops for readying our gardens for the best spring season that we have had. At the time, however, we are playing a waiting game to see when we should have it due to our unusually cold weather. Several such workshops have been planned throughout the summer and fall.

We are fortunate to have in our midst and to have presented to Charles Jenkins the American Iris Society's Hybridizer of the Year Medal for 2009. A wonderful recollection and tribute has been written and published in our SCIS Newsletter by one of our youth members, Amanda Nolan, for whom "Amanda's Eyes", one of Charles' irises, was named after Amanda when she was only 4 years old (see article on pages 12-13).



**Alex Stanton with
Dee Wilson at the
Region 15 meeting**

Visit the Sun Country Iris Society Website at
www.SunCountryIris.org

President's Report

Tucson Area Iris Society

by Dian Curran

As president of the Tucson Iris Society this year, I would like to start by saying what a terrific year we had last year. In January Kathy Chilton gave a presentation of Universal Reblooming TB Irises in 4-8 USDA Zones program on CD that is distributed by the reblooming society. In February, Jeff Clark, Subject-Iris Watercolors. One in particular caught my eye enough that it now sits proudly in my living room. We had our Spring Sale in March which was not that successful. Then in April we hosted the Low Tech 2010 Spring Trek. We had four guest gardens which were absolutely terrific! Many thanks for the hard work of Fenwick, Jensen, Herman and Bessey for their hard work. After the tours Margie Valenzuela gave a talk on hybridizing before a wonderful catered meal. During the dinner there were several door prizes. One of them is growing in my front yard. It was a great success! Then in September we had our annual Pot Luck and Auction.

Also in September we had our Fall Sale. This was quite different than the slow sale in the spring. We had a full page article prior to the Sale thus well publicized. When the sale opened, people rushed in like black Friday shoppers and we were completely sold out in about an hour and a half.

We had our elections in October and then took the holiday season off.

I would like to tell you what exciting iris events we have for the year. First of all, we, the board are planning to have meetings in different locations to allow those who usually commute a relatively long distance to have a few events in their neighborhood. January 8th we had scheduled a meeting and speaker at the Vail Steakhouse at Wentworth and I10. However, due to the tragic events that day, the meeting was canceled. However we have many exciting events in future months.

- February 5th, Region 15 meeting at 10am in Ontario (CA) at the Doubletree Hotel. Kathy Chilton will represent us since she will be there at the planning meeting for the 2012 AIS National Convention.
- February 12th, Petterson from Phoenix will be talking about fertilizing at the Macaroni Grill restaurant in NW Tucson. He plans to bring his iris enhancing products for sale so we can stock up.
- March 12th we will have a panel discussion by experienced growers on growing iris in the desert. Location TBD but it will be a central Tucson location.
- April 23rd will be the Spring Iris Show at Harlow's Nursery. Maxine Fifer will be coordinating this event and as always, we need volunteers. April 30th is the 2011 Spring Trek at the Stanton Iris Gardens in Valley Center, CA near San Diego.
- May 29th-June 3rd will be 2011 National AIS Convention in Vancouver BC. Many TAIS members will be there for a fantastic time.
- June 18th Kathy Chilton will be giving an overview of the National Convention in Victoria BC.
- September 10th will be the annual potluck and auction. Fall Iris sale will be September 17th or 24th.
- October 8th will be the fall regional meeting for Region 15.
- October 15th will be our annual membership meeting for election of the 2012 officers.
- November 12-13th is the Fall Meeting sponsored by the Inland Iris Society.
- April 16-21st 2012 is the 2012 AIS National Convention in Ontario CA. Our local Kathy Chilton is on the planning committee of this event.



Judy Book and Kathy Chilton at the Region 15 meeting

As I said before, we would like to make the meetings in various areas of the Tucson area so that everyone has their turn for a close-by meeting. I hope to see you there at these terrific events. If you are in the area during one of these events, you are welcome to contact us and participate in our event. If you are local and have any ideas on locations or additional events, do not hesitate to contact us.

Visit the Tucson Area Iris Society Website at
www.TucsonIris.org

Region 15 to Host AIS National Convention in 2012

by Jill Bonino, 2012 Convention Co-Chair

Region 15 is hosting the American Iris Society National Convention in 2012. The AIS National Convention will run April 16-21, 2012, consistent with peak bloom for the region. All of the Region affiliates are helping with some facet of the convention, and plans are beginning to come to life. This will be the first National Convention in Southern California in many years. The Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, CA, which has been selected as the convention hotel, is just a short shuttle ride away from nearby Ontario Airport.



The Convention Theme is “Calizona Gold”. A logo contest was held in 2009-2010 and Leigh Nicolai-Moon won. Her drawing will be on all of the buttons, pins, tote bags, etc., some of which are being made as I write this. We even have a convention namesake iris. Margie Valenzuela, Region 15 hybridizer from Arizona, will be introducing ‘Calizona Gold’ in 2012. It is a gorgeous golden yellow iris with dark red streaks on the falls.

There will be four gardens on the tour. Master plantings with over 1000 guest iris plants each will be at Mystic Lake Garden in Nuevo, owned by Carole and Paul Buchheim, and at Stanton Iris Gardens in Valley Center, owned by Alexander and Kate Stanton. Guest iris totaling about 450 each will be at the Sara and Herb Holk Memorial Garden at Jurupa and at the Huntington Library

Garden in San Marino. Convention participants will get to spend all of one tour day at the Huntington Library Garden, and one full day at the Stanton Iris Garden. There will also be special iris planted for a Blind Seedling Judging at the Stanton Garden. In addition, there are about 35 iris planted in the inner courtyard of the Doubletree Hotel that will be used for Judges Training during the convention.

A special excursion to Disneyland is being set up for a non-garden tour day, and we will be coordinating with the Pacific Coast Native Iris Society for its trip to Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden on April 22, 2012, the day after the National Convention closes. Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden is known for its fields of native PCI's, other iris species, and many plants native to California and the Southwest United States.

Registration costs have not been determined at this stage, but the Doubletree Hotel has given the AIS National Convention a group rate of \$125 per night for up to FOUR people in the room. The Doubletree Hotel is a large facility with a ballroom that can easily handle a big crowd so all activities will be held there. The Hotel will also honor this group rate for three days before and after the Convention for those who want to come early and stay after for more fun in the Southern California sun.

Region 15 plans to host a boutique in the hotel during the convention with proceeds going to help fund the convention. We still need someone to head up this effort and to begin contacting vendors and soliciting donations.

More details will be printed in future Region 15 newsletters and will also be posted on the convention website, which can be accessed from the Region 15 website at www.region15ais.org after the 2011 convention finishes in June. Final details will also be published in IRISES, The Bulletin of the American Iris Society.

Contacts for the 2012 AIS National Convention are co-chairs Jill Bonino at jillbon@earthlink.net and Kathy Chilton at ranchiris@aol.com.

AIS 2011 TALL BEARDED IRIS SYMPOSIUM BALLOT AVAILABLE ONLINE

Vote for your favorite irises in the Seventy-first Official Tall Bearded Iris Symposium of the American Iris Society. This year the list of iris eligible for the Tall Bearded Symposium is only available online. Every member of The American Iris Society may participate in this balloting of the irises listed on the following pages. Each member is allowed twenty-five votes.

Why Not Become a Judge? by Winona Stevenson, Assistant RVP & Judge's Chair

You're a member of the American Iris Society; you're a member of a local affiliate chapter; you attend chapter meetings, regional meetings and occasionally get to attend a national convention. All of these venues offer judges training. Why not become a judge for the AIS? You are needed for this important task!



Requirements are easy - make an application for entry into the program, be an AIS member for three years prior to being appointed as an Apprentice and maintain continued membership in AIS.

As a student, you will need ten hours of structured classroom training during the three year period prior to being appointed an apprentice. You must pass a written exam at the end of each session (I have never known anyone to fail). You must have a copy of the latest edition of the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials. After the ten hours are completed, you must get a recommendation for appointment to apprentice status from five accredited judges sent to the Region 15 RVP supporting your advancement.

After receiving Apprentice status, you must have another ten hours of training. Two of these hours must be on Awards and Ballots. If you have taken this as a student, you do not need to repeat it. You will also need two, two-hour sessions of show judging under two different judge-instructors and complete the Annual Activity Report when sent to you.

All of this must be completed in the three-year period following your appointment as Apprentice, OR quicker if all requirements have been met. Then you can be appointed as a Garden/Exhibit judge. And see, the time went fast and you greatly increased your knowledge of the flower we all love. Happy Irising!

AIS Judge's Training Schedule - Region 15

Inland Region Iris Society - March 1 - Janet Goeske Center, Riverside CA
Judges Training on color patterns by Arilbred iris hybridizer Dana Brown of Malevil Iris Gardens.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society - March 3 - Canoga Park Women's Club, Woodland Hills CA
Judges Training with hybridizer Lee Walker on spurias.

Region 15 Spring Trek - April 30 or May 1 - Stanton Iris Gardens, Valley Center CA
Judge's training with Jill Bonino will be on tall bearded irises and seedlings.

If you are organizing a Judge's Training for your club, please contact Winona Stevenson by email at lakesideiris@aol.com or by phone at (760) 378-3841. To get credit for Judge's Training, be sure to have a copy of the latest edition of the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, available through THE AIS STOREFRONT.

AIS REGION 15 CALENDAR

Month	Day	Event	Location	Contact
2011 Calendar				
March	3	Hybridizer Lee Walker presents on spurias - Meeting starts at 7:00pm at Canoga Park Women's Club, Woodland Hills CA	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Steve Fletcher
	6	Rick Tasco, Superstition Gardens, presents - Meeting starts at 1:00pm at Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church, Lompoc CA	Lompoc Valley Iris Society	Ben Schleunig
	13	Dr. Richard Richards presents on PCNI's - Meeting starts at 1:00pm	San Diego Iris Society Lakeside CA	Bill Molnar
	16-17	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club at The Green Scene Plant & Garden Show	OCIDC Fullerton Arboretum, Fullerton CA	Barbara Kline
	18-21	Hi Desert Iris Society with RVP Cheryl Deaton presenting at the Antelope Valley Home Show	Hi Desert Iris Society Antelope Valley Fairgrounds	Gail Lofdahl
April	2-3	Inland Region Iris Society Spring Show & Sale at the Inland Center Mall	Inland Region Iris Society San Bernardino CA	Carole Buchheim
	5	Riley Probst presentation - Irises from A to Z - Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at Janet Goeske Center, Riverside CA	Inland Region Iris Society	Carole Buchheim
	9-10	Southern California Iris Society Spring Show & Sale at Los Angeles Arboretum	Southern California Iris Society Arcadia CA	Mike Monninger
	16-17	San Fernando Valley Iris Society Spring Show & Sale at Westfield Topanga Promenade, Woodland Hills CA	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Steve Fletcher
	16-17	Hi Desert Iris Society Spring Show & Sale at the Antelope Valley Horticulture Bldg	Hi Desert Iris Society Antelope Valley, CA	Gail Lofdahl
	17	San Diego Iris Society Garden Visit and Potluck	Iris Howse and Gardens Bonita CA	Bill Molnar
	23	Tucson Area Iris Society Spring Show & Sale	Harlow's Nursery, Tucson AZ	Dian Curran
	28-30	Southern California Iris Society at the Spring Garden Show	South Coast Plaza Costa Mesa CA	Mike Monninger
	to May 1	Lompoc Valley Iris Society Spring Show & Sale	Lompoc CA	Ben Schleunig
	to May 1	San Diego Iris Society Spring Show & Sale	Balboa Park - Casa del Prado Room 101 - San Diego CA	Bill Molnar
	to May 1	Region 15 2011 Spring Trek - RVP Cheryl Deaton hosts. Judges Training by Jill Bonino	Stanton Iris Gardens Valley Center CA	RVP Cheryl Deaton region15kids@hotmail.com
May	29	AIS 2011 Nat'l Convention at the Fairmont Empress Hotel - Tel. (800) 441-1414	Victoria BC Canada	Ted Baker, AIS tedebaker@shaw.ca
June	18	Kathy Chilton presentation about the AIS 2011 National Convention	Tucson Area Iris Society	Dian Curran
	24-25	Japanese Iris Society Convention 'A Summer's Bloom - Portland OR & Judges Training - get Registration Form at www.mtpleasantiris.com		Chad Harris chadharris@prodigy.net
November	4-6	AIS National Board Meeting	Atlanta GA	Carolyn Hawkins
	12-13	AIS Region 15 2011 Fall Trek	Inland Region Iris Society	Carole Buchheim

2012 Calendar

April	16-21	AIS 2012 National Convention	Ontario California	Jill Bonino / Kathy Chilton
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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Date	Location
Spring 2011 Trek	RVP Cheryl Deaton at Stanton Iris Gardens	Apr 30-May 1	Valley Center, CA
Fall 2011 Trek	Inland Region Iris Society	Nov 12-13	Nuevo, CA
Spring 2012	AIS 2012 National Convention	Apr 16-21	Ontario, CA
Fall 2012 Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society		
Spring 2013 Trek	San Diego Iris Society		
Fall 2013 Trek	Verde Valley Area Iris Society		
Spring 2014 Trek	Southern California Iris Society		
Fall 2014 Trek	TBD		



Photo L-R: Keith Keppel, Roger Duncan, Don Delmez, Chad Harris and Rick Tasco

Correction to p33 of Fall Region 15 Report

Don Delmez of St. Charles, MO is pictured in the center among other iris hybridizers in this photo taken at the 2010 AIS National Convention in Madison.

Don Delmez is a Japanese iris hybridizer and winner of two Payne Medals including this year's award for 'Sue Jo' (2003) named for his wife.



The American Iris Society

Photos of the AIS Top 10 irises on back cover

2010 Symposium Results

Top 11 Irises

1. Dusky Challenger (Schreiner 1986)
2. Queen's Circle (Kerr 2000)
3. Conjunction (Byers 1989)
4. Jesse's Song (Williamson 1983)
5. Paul Black (Johnson 1994)
6. Gypsy Lord (Keppel 2005)
7. Decadence (Blyth 2004)
8. Sea Power (Keppel 1999)
9. Thornbird (Byers 1989)
9. Silverado (Schreiner 1987)
11. Golden Panther (Tasco 2000)

Note: Thornbird and Silverado received equal votes



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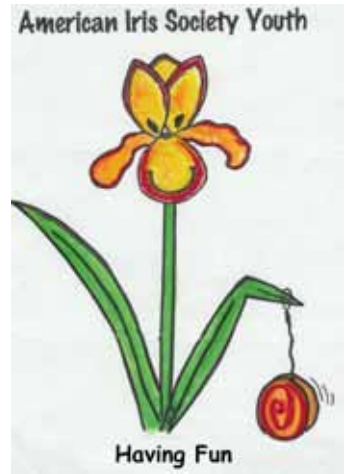
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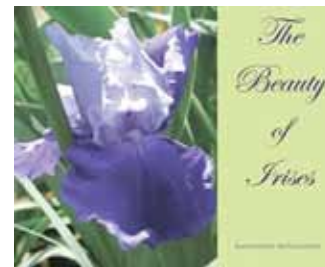


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