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Region 15

Fall 2013 Semi-annual Report

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A Rainbow of Color at the 2013 Spring Trek

Photos by Katharina Notarianni



'At The Cross'
Howse 2013



'Elizabethan Age'
Baumunk 2005



'Black Magic Woman'
Tasco 2008



'De Nile' AB/RB
Kasperek 2012



'Calling Cadence'
Van Liere 2010



'Dragon King'
Tasco 2011



'Glad'
Schreiner 2011



'Great Balls of Fire'
Aitken 2011



'Living On the Edge'
Lauer 2009

Letter from the Editor

by Katharina Notarianni



It was really great meeting many of you at the Spring Trek hosted by the San Diego Iris Society. Our guest speaker Steve Schreiner was incredibly nice and entertaining and had a remarkable knack for remembering and acknowledging individuals after the meeting. He said the people and the gardens were wonderful and he would be delighted to come back to visit anytime. Thanks to all who participated in making the Region 15 Spring Trek a great success, and in particular a big thank you to the garden hosts: Pat and Richard Wurtele in Ramona, Janis and Gordon Shackelford in Lakeside and Ted and Rose Howse in Bonita. Some of the beautiful blooms we saw in their gardens are featured in this issue. It was great have a chance to meet Dennis Luebkin, president of the Prescott Area Iris Society, and many others from Arizona. Dennis has provided inspiring articles about iris activities that extend into the Prescott community and include preserving historic irises.

If you had challenges getting your irises to the Spring Show, we now have some solutions. Thanks to Al Escarcega's beautiful carrier, I got my irises to the show in perfect shape for the first time! Janis Shackelford's article talks about her new design for an iris carrier.

On the following pages, you will find officer reports, including minutes from the Spring meeting, and information about the upcoming Fall Meeting hosted by the Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society on Saturday, October 19th. Lancaster is just north of Los Angeles and the weather should be sublime. We hope to see all of you there. Please get your registration form to Sue Brown by October 5th.

Since our last meeting, we welcome some new faces: Patrick Orr will serve as our new Membership Chairman. Lois Farr was elected president of Orange County Iris and Daylily Society. Presidents from each of our affiliates have provided updates on their club activities and upcoming events also listed in the Calendar at the back of this issue.

Sadly, George Sutton passed away last Spring, only weeks after his wife Margaret Sutton passed away. They were lovely people and will be missed. Carole Buchheim wrote a very nice article commemorating George's contributions to the iris world. As you may have heard, the Suttons are moving to Idaho and will continue to provide us with beautiful irises and rebloomers. I have included photos of some of Sutton's 2013 iris introductions.

Continuing with the theme of keeping us informed about Region 15 hybridizer activities, Ted and Rose Howse have moved to Peru for a year to work at a mission and Ted hopes to hybridize irises while he is there. Iris Howse and Gardens will be taking a break from selling commercially until further notice. In the San Diego area, congratulations to Christie and Ken Pierson whose long awaited seedlings have bloomed and the next round of seedlings are already underway (see photos in this issue). Well known iris hybridizer Richard Richards is beginning to wind down his hybridizing activities and has found a few irisarians to pick up the pursuit of a green iris. Meanwhile, he has turned his attention to another passion, writing! His new book, *A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor*, is thought-provoking and humorous.

And lastly, if you are interested in spuria irises, the Spuria Society has a Summer Special. See the back inside cover for details.

Please email photos of your irises, gardens, club activities throughout the year to aisregion15editor@gmail.com if you would like them in the next newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you October 19th in Lancaster. Please mark your calendar for the next Spring Trek to be hosted by Southern California Iris Society in Burbank, CA on April 11-12, 2014.

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2013 Fall Trek	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society October 19, 2013	Lancaster, CA
2014 Spring Trek	April 11-12: So. California Iris Society	Burbank, CA
2014 Fall Trek	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club	
2015 Spring Trek	No Spring Trek due to AIS National Convention in Oregon	
2015 Fall Trek	Prescott Area Iris Society	
2016 Spring Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	
2016 Fall Trek	Lompoc Valley Iris Society	
2017 Spring Trek	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society	
2017 Fall Trek	TBD	

Get More Info about Region 15 Treks
on our website
www.Region15AIS.org



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

by Winona Stevenson, Region 15 RVP

The National Convention in Dallas was great, but traveling all over Texas took a lot of time. We saw many beautiful gardens, but oh! the wind. It blew every day we were on our tour. We had a lot of good meetings to attend and a lot of Judges Trainings. Also, a couple of us had the opportunity to judge a show!

Then after the convention came the Society for Louisiana Irises Convention. Back to some of the same convention gardens hoping to find more Louisiana irises in bloom. We also had a 2-hour in garden JT session as well as a classroom JT on Louisiana irises. That's a lot of training over three days!

I then spent a day and a half in Palmdale with my son, he was dogsitting for me. Then, off to San Diego for the Region 15 Spring Trek. Here we saw more lovely gardens. The Shackelford garden was outstanding! There were more blooms in that garden than in all of Texas!

But, being away from my garden for over 2 weeks was a killer. While the garden looked weed free and good when I left, my peak bloom was missed as it was early, and again those weeds don't need water to grow. Since I could hardly find the irises, I spent the next 2 weeks weeding. Ah well, I didn't retire, I just changed jobs.

I hope you all had a great bloom season. Now is the time to decide what you will keep and what will be donated for your affiliate sales. Be sure to carefully mark the names on each fan. It is so discouraging to buy something you really wanted only to find next year when it blooms that it is entirely different. And don't forget the watering. Wait until the soil is dry then water deep. The roots will get down deep and keep cool. Over the summer our plants go into a dormant spell but we can't ignore them.

Our Fall meeting hosted by the Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society features guest speaker Brad Kasperek of Zebra Gardens from northern Utah. He will do a one hour Judges Training. Lunch is included in your registration fee. See pages 8-9 for more details. I look forward to seeing you in Lancaster, CA on Saturday, October 19th.

Membership Update

by Winona Stevenson, Region 15 RVP

Our membership stands at 290 as of March 2013. Since then we have lost several members and an affiliate: Verde Valley has voted to disband due to low membership. Sadly, our Region 15 Historian and immediate past president of Verde Valley passed away earlier this year. VAIS depended on her for many things.

There have been several deaths in our Region and our condolences go to the families of these members. Our membership is aging and the youngsters are so involved in the electronic gadget age that they are just not much interested in "growing flowers." Nevertheless, we need to keep up our efforts to draw new members into our iris world. Any ideas?

We welcome our new Membership Chairman, Patrick Orr of Arizona. Thank you, Patrick, for assuming this task. And for others that have offered, I thank you for your interest. If you have questions about your membership, they can be directed to Patrick at irisdude@msn.com.

About Patrick Orr: "I have been growing irises in the Phoenix area since 1988. A friend gave me a bunch of tall bearded irises consisting of Dover Beach (D. Nearpass '72), Mary Francis (Gaulter '73), and Going My Way (Gibson '72), for my flower beds. When they bloomed I was hooked! After that I found Shepard's Iris garden, which introduced me to arilbreds, spurias, medians, and other types, like walking irises. I even got introduced to hybridizing and my first cross was with an arilbred. My favorites quickly became plicatas/luminatas and I look forward to the day when we will have a luminata-patterned arilbred with a big bumblebee signal."



Judges Training

by Debbie James, Region 15 Asst. RVP & Judges Training Chair



Hello Region 15, I hope you all had a beautiful Iris Bloom Season and that you had the opportunity to visit many gardens this past spring. I do want to report that we have a few new students, one student ready to become an apprentice and one apprentice who is ready to move up to a Judge. With that said Region 15 still needs more Judges. If you have been thinking of becoming a Judge, this is the time.

To become an AIS Judge all you have to do is attend the Judges Training (JT) held at your local club or another club close by, which is basically free. In fact all JT's are free to attend. The only cost is associated with attending a JT at an AIS National Convention or Regional Trek is the cost for attending the event not the JT's that are given.

And then when you become a Judge after completing the required hours of Judges Training classes, you are usually treated to a nice lunch before or after judging the show. Not to mention most clubs will reimburse your traveling expenses. So if you may be thinking it's going to cost you anything to become or maintain your Judge status, I hope I have put your mind at ease and you'll think about becoming a Judge. The application form is on the Region 15 website in the Spring 2013 newsletter, or you can email me at dbabski1962@yahoo.com to request a copy. You can even email the completed form to me to save postage. I hope to see some new applications in my mailbox.

Happy Gardening!



The American Iris Society

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American Iris Society Youth



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When enrolling a youth into the American Iris Society Please include your youth member's name, address, email and birthdate. A youth is defined as a person under 19 years of age.

Treasurer's Report

by Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer & AIS Youth Chair

Hi there! Jill and I just sent the Region 15 tax return to the IRS, reporting all the Convention funds, etc. I have attached the current treasurer's report synopsis. It covers the period from the Spring meeting until today. A full and complete report will be given at the Regional fall meeting. I will bring the tax return with me so that anyone can examine it.

Region 15 is doing well after hosting the 2012 AIS National Convention. Overall, we recorded a small loss, but since we did not really expect to make a profit, I feel we were lucky that our losses totaled less than \$5000. The income tax forms have been submitted to the IRS. As of the last treasurer's report in the spring of 2013, we have had the following transactions:

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$20,569.79
(this included \$9030.72 of the RVP Account)	

INCOME	\$2,908.78
EXPENSES	\$2,617.80
ENDING BALANCE (in the checkbook)	\$20,860.77

Our Edward Jones Account has a balance of	\$12,762.75
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TOTAL REGION 15 ASSETS	\$33,623.52
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I will be aggressively searching for investment accounts that will pay a decent interest for both the Edward Jones Account and a portion of the RVP Account. The rest will remain liquid in the checking account for the time being.

AIS Youth Program Report

by Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer & AIS Youth Chair

As to our youth members, we have 2 new youth members, Kelsey Hoffman of Glendora, California who is 5 1/2, and Victoria Van Klompenburg of Tempe, AZ who is 7 years old. They join Logan (9 3/4) & Makayla (11 years old) Felix of Canyon Country, California.

Logan & Makayla went back to school on Wednesday. They have a few new irises for their garden, but they are potted until the weather cools off.

'That's All Folks' wins AIS Dykes Medal

The winner of the 2013 Dykes Medal goes to 'That's All Folks' by hybridizer William Maryott. The giant, ruffled and laced yellow iris, the last introduction by the popular hybridizer, was introduced by Joseph Ghio, 2005. 'That's All Folks' won an Award of Merit in 2009 and the Wister Medal in 2011.

Dykes Medal Runners Up: 'Dividing Line' (Charles Bunnell); 'Gypsy Lord' (Keith Keppel); 'Chief John Jolly' (Tom Parkhill); 'Bluebeard's Ghost' (Paul Black); 'Kathy Chilton' (Frederick Kerr)



Photo by Jeanette Graham from the World of Iris blog of the AIS.



AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Hosted by The Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society

The Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society welcomes you to the 2013 Region 15 Fall Meeting here in Lancaster, California! Our fall meeting will be held at the beautiful new Agriculture Lab at Antelope Valley College, the location where our club usually meets. I'm looking forward to the presentation that our featured speaker, Brad Kasperek, will give us on the broken-color and variegated foliage (VF) iris Zebra Gardens is famous for. Zebra Gardens, noted for "Irises of a Different Stripe," is a commercial iris garden located in northern Utah and is operated by Kathie and Brad Kasperek. The commercial garden is an out-growth of Brad's addiction to hybridizing bearded irises and was established in 1994. Zebra Gardens is the leading source for both broken color (BC) bearded irises and variegated foliage (VF) bearded irises. Kathie handles the paperwork while Brad does the gardening and produces new varieties of irises.

We'll offer judges training on spurias for those of you who want to expand your knowledge of irises (whether you want to become a judge or not). And did I mention our fantastic raffle table? You won't believe the one-of-a-kind iris-related and gardening items we'll have waiting for you, including signed, limited-edition iris artwork.

If you spend the night here in Lancaster, you'll find many things to do in the surrounding area. Downtown Lancaster, known as "The BLVD" (the boulevard), is home to two museums, a performing arts center, restaurants to appeal to every taste, boutique shopping, and antiques. The Antelope Valley is known as the "Aerospace Valley" because it's home to several aerospace companies, NASA Dryden Flight Test Center, and Edwards Air Force Base. The neighboring city of Palmdale is the location of the Blackbird Airpark, the world's only display of a Lockheed SR-71A together with its Blackbird predecessor, the A-12, and the once ultra-secret D-21 drone. The airpark also offers three acres of additional aircraft.

Just 15 miles north on the Antelope Valley Freeway, the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound in Rosamond hosts many exotic and lesser-known species of wild cats and is open for daily tours. (Where else can you buy a "Support Your Local Cat House" bumper sticker?) All of our Trek Committee members have been hard at work to make this upcoming trek a success, and they have some very pleasant surprises in store for you.

So send your registration form in today; we look forward to meeting our old friends and making new ones at the AIS Region 15 2013 Fall Meeting!

Dan Dourney, *President*

Schedule of Events - Saturday, October 19, 2013

- 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker program - The Irises of Zebra Gardens by Brad Kasperek
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Judges training: Spurias
- 3:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Raffle
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Registration Fee: Adults \$40, Youth \$20 includes:

Full program, including featured presenter, judges training, lunch, and morning and afternoon refreshments. Morning refreshments: Tea, coffee, pastry, and fruit. Lunch: Lemon chicken, rice pilaf, salad, beverage (iced tea, lemonade, ice water) and a fresh-baked cookie. Afternoon refreshments: Tea, coffee, iced tea, cheese, fruit, and sweet treats. Please note: if you have a special dietary requirement (vegetarian, diabetic, etc.) please let Gail Lofdahl, our lunch coordinator, know as soon as possible at E-mail glofmobr@qnet.com, or phone (661) 722-5833 so we can accommodate your dietary needs.



'Bradley Badger'
Kasperek 2013

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society
welcomes you to the
AIS Region 15 2013 Fall Meeting
Saturday, October 19, 2013
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Featuring Guest Speaker & Judges Training with Iris Hybridizer

Brad Kasperek of Zebra Gardens
"Iris of a Different Stripe"

At Antelope Valley College, Bldg. TE3, Agriculture Lab
3401 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California

(on the north side of the campus off Avenue J-8, Parking Lot 16)

REGISTRATION FORM

Region 15 Fall Meeting Registration Fee: Adults—\$40, Youth—\$20.

Name(s) of Attendees: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Local Iris Society Affiliation: _____

Judge's Training: YES NO Please indicate if you plan to participate in judges training.

I will will not be staying at a local hotel (name): _____

Amount of enclosed check: \$ _____

Please make check payable to **Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society**; registration must be received no later than Saturday, October 5, 2013. Please mail check and a copy of this registration form to:

Sue Brown
40756 15th Street West
Palmdale, CA 93551

Contact Sue with questions at 661-947-8659 (Home), or 661-992-7375 (Cell); E-mail syeebrown@gmail.com

Recommended Hotels:

1. Oxford Inn and Suites (1.8 miles from AV College) BEST VALUE--RECOMMENDED

1651 West Avenue K, Lancaster, CA 93536 Phone: (800) 522-3050

\$89 studio queen room, \$119 extended stay queen suite

Rate includes full hot breakfast buffet and an evening reception with appetizers and your choice of two beverages (wine, beer, or soft drinks) for each guest. Free Internet access; free use of business center. Pet friendly. Hotel is adjacent to a Marie Calendar's restaurant and across the street from Carrows.

2. Comfort Inn & Suites (2.1 miles from AV College)

1825 West Avenue J-12, Lancaster, CA 93536 Phone: (661) 723-2001

\$95 queen, \$98 king, \$104 two queens, \$134 king or queen one-bedroom suite

Rate includes a hot breakfast. Hotel is 1/3 mile from Marie Calendar's and Carrows restaurants.

3. Holiday Inn Express (1.9 miles from AV College)

43719 17th Street West

Lancaster, CA 93536 Phone: (800) 939-4249

\$108 queen or king. Located one block from Marie Calendar's and Carrows restaurants.

Closest Airport: Los Angeles International (LAX). Shuttle service from LAX to Lancaster is available via Antelope Express Airport Shuttle, (800) 251-2529, www.antelopeexpress.com. Destination in Lancaster is at the Comfort Inn, 1/3 mile from the Oxford Inn and Suites and collocated with the Comfort Inn and Suites.

AIS Region 15 2013 Spring Trek Photos

Thanks to Benne Hanenburg, Claire Schneider, Patti Anderson
and Dennis Luebkin for these photos





A Project of Grave Consequences

by Dennis Luebkin, PAIS President



Early one morning PAIS President Dennis Luebkin and his wife Sharon of the Prescott Area Iris Society were driving by the old Citizens Cemetery in Prescott, AZ. Something made both of them comment “let’s turn around and see what it is like, isn’t this the one that has iris in it?” I had never been to Citizens Cemetery before but had heard from a friend that there were irises planted there. PAIS had been asked the day previous to our cemetery visit to create the Sharlot Hall Historic Iris Gardens in Prescott but we did not yet have a source of historic iris to plant there. As my wife and I pulled into the cemetery we were greeted by an older gentlemen who indicated he was Bob Bakken the grounds manager. I told him that we had heard that there were irises in the cemetery. Bob’s reply was “Boy, do we have iris!!!! They are all over the place and we have difficulty maintaining the place because they are everywhere.” He continued, “I contacted some iris society in Prescott several years ago and never heard another word.” I introduced myself as president of the iris society and asked him what he had in mind. This was the beginning of a new adventure

for the Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS). PAIS was asked by Mr. Bakken to remove the iris if PAIS was interested. It was indicated that there was a large variety of colors, but the names were unknown. He indicated that they were old, some as old as the first burials in the cemetery.

The Citizens Cemetery was the first cemetery in Prescott begun in 1864 when the Fort Whipple Military Post was established in Prescott to protect settlers from Indian attack and Confederate soldiers that had occupied the southern part of the Arizona Territory. Fort Whipple only consisted of tents at the time and Prescott was just a tent and shack mining community. The first person to be buried at the cemetery was a Colorado State Legislator who came to Fort Whipple to visit a friend and was killed in a hunting accident. There was no cemetery at that time and when people asked where to bury him someone said, why not bury him on the grassy knoll west of town? That was the beginning of Citizens Cemetery. The Cemetery was in operation from 1864 to 1933 when it was closed. It contains 3,000 souls of which approximately 840 have known grave markers remaining. The other grave markers were destroyed by vandalism between 1933 and 1996 when the Yavapai Cemetery Association began a cleanup and restoration program of the cemetery. The maintenance is an all volunteer program. The cemetery has no funding. PAIS has become involved in this volunteer project for the restoration of the cemetery and reclamation of its historic iris plantings.

During the Period of the cemeteries operation it was customary in the 1800’s and early 1900’s for family and friends to plant iris to decorate the graves of their loved ones. The cemetery grounds contain large patches of historic iris which were planted on the graves between 1864 and 1933. Many of the irises have survived the past 149 years and have naturalized on the grounds creating large clumps of iris of various colors and varieties.

The initial iris varieties planted there predate the first burials having been brought by the settlers in the area from the Eastern and Midwestern states. Many of the head stones and unmarked grave plots contain clumps of iris from a few feet to 20 or more feet in diameter. Mr. Bob Bakken, Grounds Manager of the Yavapai Cemetery Association has indicated that these clumps of iris may be untouched since they were initially planted. Since PAIS has been considering the initiation of Historic Iris Gardens at the Sharlot Hall Museum for several years this invitation by the Yavapai Cemetery Association presented a unique opportunity to obtain an initial source of old historic iris along with a potential source of income for the society to initiate the Sharlot Hall Historic iris project and the cemetery association’s restoration program. After discussion by the PAIS Governing Board the project was approved to proceed cautiously.

The first phase of this program was one of observation, location, and identification of the iris. Photographing iris location and bloom over a period covering April, May and June 2013. The closest grave marker with the date would be photographed along with the iris to identify the approximate period date of the iris for identification. Close-ups of the overall iris bloom stalks, buds and height of the plants were accomplished. Detail images of the hafts’ and beard and other portions of the bloom were made. Based on the findings a few select numbers of irises were to be dug from each color group for preservation, care, watering and fertilizing

to see what bloom would look like in 2014. Additional iris would be dug cleaned then replanting at Sharlot Hall. The first phase of digging and transplanting to Sharlot Hall would begin during July and August of 2013 with additional plantings being accomplished in 2014. Digging of other cemetery iris would also be done for use in:

- An education program involving iris in the public school system,
- Replanting of iris within the cemetery around the headstones,
- Planting of a display garden along the entry wall and entrance gates of the cemetery.
- Sale of excess iris at PAIS sales, a portion of the proceeds of which would be used for the support of the PAIS Sharlot Hall program and ongoing cemetery restoration.



The project for identifying the iris by Jean Richter and others at HIPS was initiated. The digging and cleaning and replacing of iris has begun and preparation of rhizomes for the first sale and planting of the Citizens Cemetery iris will be July 27th and 28th , 2013 at the Sharlot Hall Museum.

Sharlot Hall Museum, A Venue for Historics by Dennis Luebkin, PAIS President



The Sharlot Hall Museum, a historical museum dedicated to the history of Arizona and the Prescott Area in Particular, has asked The Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS) to create the Sharlot Hall Museum Historic Iris Gardens. These gardens will showcase iris from the years 1500 to the year 1943 which was the year that the Arizona Historian Sharlot Hall passed away. The museum showcases the development and settlement of Arizona. The museum covers the historical, cultural, architectural and horticultural development of the area.

The iris gardens being developed within each area will contain irises specific only to that areas time period and earlier. Periods from early settlement, the Victorian period, the early 1900's to the early 1940's will be developed. PAIS sent out requests for

donations of historic iris from the AIS Region 15 and HIPS communities. The response has been wonderful with the receipt of historics from California to Pennsylvania, Canada to Texas. PAIS wants to thank all those who have contributed to this project. PAIS is still soliciting iris since many varieties have not been located yet and donation of some varieties have been minimal.

The initial plantings for phase one of the garden developments took place on July 27th and 28th 2013. Additional plantings will occur through the end of August 2013 as iris donations and shipments arrive. Some iris will be placed in a garden nursery to increase before being planted at the Museum. Additional plantings will continue through 2014 and 2015. PAIS hopes to have a significant portion of the gardens in place by the fall of 2015.

An initial source of historic iris was found in the old Citizens Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona. The iris there had been planted between 1864 and 1933. Other sources besides individual donations, have been HIPS annual sales and commercial growers of historics. After completion the gardens should contain one of the largest displays of historic iris in the southwest. PAIS has been and continues to seek donations of historic irises from individuals and groups within Region 15 and the Historic Iris Preservation Society.

Contact Dennis Luebkin at president@prescottirissociety.org if you are interested in contributing Historic Irises to PAIS of the periods indicated.

To Honor Prescott's Fallen Heroes

by Dennis Luebkin, PAIS President

Prescott Area Iris Society, PAIS will initiate the creation of a Memorial Honor Garden for Prescott's GraniteMountain Hot Shots who gave their lives to protect our lives, our homes and our communities from the recent Yarnell Hill and other fires. The garden will have a theme of honor, dedication, integrity, smoke and fire. If you would like to contribute iris to this New Honor Garden project please contact Dennis Luebkin, PAIS President, for more information at dluebkin@q.com for the names of appropriate iris.

Our fallen Heroes heard the call of duty and helped protect communities throughout the Western US. We will honor them and will help to support the families left behind. The wives, families and the 51 children of the fire fighters need the support of all Americans. If you wish to contribute to the funds to help the families of the fallen there are several that are established to support them. Endorsed organizations: the 100 Club of Arizona, the Wildland Firefighters Foundation and the Yavapai College Foundation scholarship program for the children and spouses. The official hotshot website is www.yarnellfallenfirefighters.com. Other similar websites have also been created, but their intent or credibility has not been verified. We encourage all donors to first check the credibility and confirm their 501c3 status before donating. Credit cards can be used for donations on the official websites and 100% of the donations will be given to the 19 families.

100 Club of Arizona all of the money goes to the firefighter's families. They make it easy to donate online right from their homepage. I would recommend the 100 Club and the Wildland Firefighters Foundation: www.100club.org/web/100club, www.wffoundation.org/, and www.yc.edu/v4content/yavapai-college-foundation/hotshots.htm

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The grateful people of Prescott, Yarnell, Peoples Valley, the State of Arizona and our Nation say:
Thank you for your ultimate sacrifice.



Petal and Metal

An outdoor gallery in Prescott provides a harmonious balance of art and nature

Contributed by Dennis Luebkin of Prescott Area Iris Society; Featured in AAA Highroads Magazine (May/June 2013)

Towering twists of metal swirl in the breeze. Sounds of trickling water spring from glistening stands of textured copper. Soft shades of blue, purple, and yellow blooms dot the landscape. This serene setting at the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden provides a sensory experience perfect for a casual stroll and quiet contemplation.

The four-acre garden, located next to the YC Performance Hall and Art Gallery, includes a diverse collection of contemporary sculpture, native plants, robust irises, and scattered benches. Here, a meandering paved path offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy the garden's manicured landscape and large-scale works by area artists.

Springing up in the early '90s, the garden has been an ongoing project of Friends of Yavapai College Art (Friends, for short), an auxiliary dedicated to supporting the visual and performing arts. And the plans have taken root, with enough private donations to acquire a total of 11 installations.

Among the first displayed is a piece by Richard Marcusen, a former member of Friends and a Yavapai College art professor who was instrumental in the garden's creation. The 14-foot structure, depicting a family of five and composed of welded steel and reinforcing rod, is especially impressive at night, when accent lighting casts dramatic shadows of the figures against the wall.

Made from clay, stone, and various metals, the other installations range in height from 5 to 19 feet and include curvilinear abstract forms, a unique arrangement of 40 sandstone slabs, reflective wind-catchers, a water fountain, and a larger-than-life whimsical frog. The surrounding landscape features native plants with plaques that identify their donors, and award-winning irises, maintained by the Prescott Area Iris Society.

Future plans involve acquiring more sculptures and expanding the garden's acreage. And as it continues to grow, so too does the appreciation of those who visit this delightful haven.

George H. Sutton, Jr. (1933-2013)

by Carole Buchheim



It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of George Sutton on May 29, 2013 at the age of 80 and just five weeks after the passing of his dear wife, Margaret.

In the 1970's George, then living in Ukiah, attended an iris show and bought some irises. The following year he entered the iris show and won a prize as well as "the iris bug". He began growing more and more as his love for irises became a passion. "First we took out the lawns, then the neighbor's lawns" states Michael, his son and business partner and fellow iris hybridizer, who continues to manage the family business, Sutton Iris Gardens (www.suttoniris.com).

At the time, George was a speech pathologist and taught emotionally challenged children for the Ukiah Unified School District. He also coached the Ukiah Dolphin Swim Team. The iris business, Sutton's Green Thumber, officially began in 1983.

In 1988 George and Margaret moved their Sutton's Green Thumber business to Porterville, CA and son Michael joined them in 1993. The garden name was changed to Sutton's Iris Gardens in 2001. In the early 1990's George saw much opportunity in hybridizing for rebloom as well as horned, spooned and flounced space age (SA) irises. His first reblooming iris introduction was "Aaron's Dream" TB in 1994 with many more to follow encompassing nearly all bearded iris classes. Of George Sutton's 322 introductions listed in the AIS Registry, 127 are noted as rebloomers.



TB 'Aaron's Dream' (G. Sutton 1994)

George and Margaret both served on the Reblooming Iris Society Board of Directors. George served as the Southwestern Regional Director for ten years, from Spring of 1999 until Spring of 2009 and Margaret served as RIS Treasurer from Spring of 2001 until Spring of 2008.

George was an enthusiastic and entertaining guest speaker and talented writer. Our knowledge and understanding of the world of reblooming irises has been greatly enriched by his outstanding work.

"This year will be one of great change for Sutton's. After 24 years in this location (Porterville, CA) we are moving the gardens to Idaho! We are extremely excited about the change and are looking forward to expanding our reblooming program in a colder climate with a shorter growing season."

Michael Sutton
Sutton Iris Gardens

Sutton's 2013 Iris Beauties



TB SA 'Point To The Sun' - Rebloom Zone 5
(M. Sutton 2013)



TB 'Inside Out' - Rebloom Zone 8
(M. Sutton 2013)



TB SA 'Texas Two Step' - Rebloom Zone 5
(G. Sutton 2013)



TB SA 'Lightsaber'
(M. Sutton 2013)



TB 'Sweets'
(G. Sutton 2013)



TB 'Top Shot' - Rebloom Zone 9
(M. Sutton 2013)

How To Organize A Progressive Dinner and Garden Tour

by Gail Lofdahl



Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society has hosted an annual progressive dinner and garden tour for the past five years, and it is one of the most popular events we hold. In response to the interest from other clubs, I offer the following suggestions:

1. Start by finding out when sunset will occur in your location on the date of the progressive dinner, and make sure you allow 30-45 minutes to visit the last garden before darkness falls. (You can Google “sunset time in my location” to find a number of Websites that will tell you when the sun sets.) Then establish the driving times between participating gardens. Allow 45 minutes at each garden where people will eat; allow 20-30 minutes each for the two gardens that will be visited only (no food served), depending on their size. Try to arrange them in a loop, so you end fairly close to where you began (so people can carpool if desired).

A sample schedule (for gardens that are located within a five- to ten-mile radius) is as follows:

- 3:00 p.m. Soup and Salad
Address (include cross streets, if necessary); Phone number for directions
- 4:00 p.m. Garden Visit - Address and Phone
- 4:45 p.m. Main Course - Address and Phone
- 5:45 p.m. Garden Visit - Address and Phone
- 6:30 p.m. Dessert and Coffee/Tea - Address and Phone

2. Choose gardens that are as close as possible; members shouldn't have to drive more than 15-20 minutes maximum between gardens. It helps to map out where club members' homes are located when making your selection. Rotate the geographic area each year so you get to see new gardens. Also consider parking availability, handicapped accessibility (steep driveways or many steps), and whether the home is in a gated community that will require homeowners to clear access with security personnel.

3. Pair garden hosts with cooks; the cooks (with a couple of helpers apiece) are in charge of the food at each location, since the gardeners have enough to do just getting their houses and gardens ready.

4. When choosing the house where the main course will be served, consider if it has double ovens, a spare refrigerator, and inside entertaining space (in event of bad weather). In a pinch, a clean double garage can be pressed into service to provide shelter.

5. Unless the dinner hosts entertain frequently and have their own folding tables and chairs, you will probably have to rent them. It's easiest to serve a dinner as a sit-down meal. (You can't cut up steak while holding a plate in your lap.) Bathrooms should also be made available, since participants will want to wash their hands before eating. (Renting port-a-potties isn't necessary.)

6. Ask guests to RSVP to make sure you'll have somewhere for them to sit, a plate to put their food on, and silverware to eat it with!

7. Choose foods that appeal to all participants and can be prepared in advance. Consider dietary restrictions and allergies, and avoid pork and fish. Almost everyone can (and will) eat chicken. Beef is another possibility. It also helps to make the starch side rather substantial so it would be filling for vegetarians.

8. Serve at least two soups. One should be a clear soup (Minestrone is a good choice). The other can be a heartier soup—split pea, potato cheese, or corn chowder, for instance. But remember that some people can't eat dairy products either, so always offer a vegetarian, non-dairy alternative. It's easiest to keep soup hot in crock pots on a “low” setting. Inexpensive large mugs (or bowls) and soup spoons from a dollar store are great for serving. In a pinch, you can use foam or paper bowls and plastic spoons, but the soup loses heat very quickly. If doing your tour during the heat of summer, consider a cold soup like Gazpacho.

9. The salad course can include just lettuce and garnishes (cheese, egg, cucumber, tomato, etc.) or several salads (carrot, macaroni, broccoli, etc.) in addition to lettuce.

10. Dinner should include a meat, vegetable, and starch. Lasagna, Swedish meatballs, or other casseroles can be baked right

How To Organize A Progressive Dinner and Garden Tour (Continued)

in steam tray chafing dish inserts. The key is to be realistic. Unless you have a huge gourmet kitchen with a six-burner range and double ovens, you can't choose three items that require last-minute preparation on your stove—or baking in the oven at different temperatures. Pick one item for the oven, one item for the stovetop, and one item that can be cooked in advance and reheated in the microwave.

11. Rice (or wild rice) pilaf with mushrooms and vegetables can be made two days ahead and refrigerated in a Ziploc bag. It can be reheated in the microwave and placed in a chafing dish.

12. Green beans can be blanched and shocked the day before and also refrigerated in a Ziploc bag. Then they can be reheated briefly in seasoned butter in a large skillet and transferred to a chafing dish before guests arrive. Other vegetable possibilities that hold well in a chafing dish include glazed baby carrots and Brussels sprouts.

13. You can grill your meat on your BBQ, but it's better if that meat doesn't require last-minute carving. Pot roast is another favorite; you can borrow several crock pots and make 3-4 Lb. pot roasts in them (be sure not to plug more than two crock pots in the same electrical circuit, though!) That will free up your oven for other foods.

14. Baked potatoes can be wrapped in foil and baked up to an hour ahead, then kept warm in a cooler lined with beach towels to protect it. Au gratin potatoes can also be baked ahead, and actually benefit from standing for 30-40 minutes before serving (cut them in squares once they've set).

15. Use clean, waterproof washtubs, coolers, or trugs to fill with ice for beverages. (Always keep the ice you'll serve in beverages separate from the ice you place in coolers.) Buy bottles or cans of tea, lemonade, and water. It may be cheaper to make your own tea and lemonade and put it in a dispenser, but it isn't really worth the trouble. And then you can take the leftover bottles to the next garden in a cooler. Be sure to offer at least one sugar-free and caffeine-free selection (other than water); if you make individual Crystal lite straws available, people can add them to their bottled water.

16. It probably goes without saying, but no alcoholic beverages should be served.

17. Offer desserts that appeal to a variety of tastes. Hot fruit cobblers, pies, cookies, brownies, or anything that doesn't require constant refrigeration are good choices. Try to stay away from cheesecakes, cakes with rich icings, or frozen desserts that will melt in the heat (unless you can keep them chilled until right before serving).

18. Even if you make exactly enough food for the number of people who plan to attend, you'll still have leftovers. Invest in a sleeve of Chinese take-out containers (from Smart & Final or a local restaurant supply house) so people can take food with them. And provide waterproof markers so people can write their names on them.

19. Coordinate the courses in advance so they have different textures and tastes. A cream soup, Au Gratin potatoes, chicken in a cream sauce, and creamed vegetable would be too similar. But don't make all the dishes too spicy either, or two dissimilar. Won ton soup, BBQ chicken, and German chocolate cake are all delicious, but you might not want to serve them at what is essentially the same meal.

20. Don't be limited to dinner! There's no reason you can't have a progressive brunch (beverages, juice, and rolls; egg main dish and fruit; breakfast-related sweets) or high tea (scones, sandwiches, and sweets). Or just offer different appetizers at every stop.

21. Expect some reluctance to participate the first year. Gardeners may have to be convinced that no one is going to count every little weed. (If visitors do, hand them a bucket and put them to work.) But let's face it—we're competitive. After a year or two, people will be fighting to have their gardens on the tour.



Wild Oak Farms Irises

We have a new source for irises in Riverside county: Wild Oak Farms, run by Tony and Cheryl Hicks, is located in Redlands, CA. They recently had a 2-day sale in August. You can learn more about them on Facebook. Pictured below is Cheryl at the Yucaipa Festival and their son Garrett with his dog, Hoover, in the Wild Oak Farms iris fields.



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Barry Golden
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Hummingbird Iris Garden - (928) 777-8110

Linda Rossman
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Iris Howse and Gardens (Closed until further notice)

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Region 15

Presidents' Reports

President's Report Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society

by Dan Dourney



Hi Desert
Iris & Daylily
Society

High Desert Iris & Daylily Society: President- Dan Dourney, Vice President- Marilyn Kiger, Secretary- Nancy Walker , Treasure- Ellen O'Toole

Meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month from 1-3 pm Antelope Valley College- Agriculture building TE- at 3041 West Avenue K in Lancaster Ca.

On June 25th, our 25th anniversary picnic was held at Winona Stevenson's Lakeside Iris Gardens in Lake Isabella. We had potluck food and games. The highlight was the photos from the past of members and events.



In July our speaker was G Schoniger from Kellogg Garden Products on preparing soil for planting.

In August we held our "Salad Spectacular" and iris give away.

In September we will have our "Rhizome Ruble" Auction. "Rhizome Rubles" can only be earned by doing volunteer work at the club garden, at shows and sales, or at other fundraisers.

In October we host the Region 15 Fall Meeting. Look for the agenda and registration form in this newsletter, or it can be downloaded from the Region 15 website at www.region15ais.org. Our team has put together a special event featuring guest speaker Brad Kasperek, known for hybridizing broken color irises and choosing creative names for his irises. We look forward to welcoming you to Lancaster on October 19th.

In November we will elect our officers or 2014.

In December we install our new officers for 2014 and have a Christmas dinner and exchange gifts.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE
AIS REGION 15 FALL MEETING
HOSTED BY HI DESERT IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013
9:00AM - 5:00PM

At Antelope Valley College, Lancaster CA
Get info at www.region15ais.org



President's Report Inland Region Iris Society

by Carol Morgan

This past Spring was just a BLURR - I don't know when a Spring has passed so fast. We had good regrowth on our 9 month old plants in our four raised beds at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center, and now they are growing like weeds, no joke intended. Yes, those old seasonal weeds were a real pain this year, in fact we are still fighting them. It's almost enough to make one quit the Club Garden but one more year!!! We will have enough iris this coming year for our 3 major sales.

You know we have always had free water at the garden but the County finally put a water meter in. Soooooo its a wait and see what or how much the Center is going to charge us for water. I will keep you posted. The Center removed the Geranium Garden that was next to us, and moved it up the Hill at that time I asked club members to step up and take a Club be in exchange for one of the 8 raised bed vacate from the Geranium move. We topped off the decomposing granite (D.G.) soil with horse manure and we all planted iris. They have grown well. The best were Mike & Elaine Monninger's, having really grown and bloomed nicely this passed Spring. There are 5 of us that take care of the garden.

Our major Sales were fair money maker's this year, with the May event in Yucaipa - it's a 3-day event and the people can't get enough irises. We did not run out of rhizomes and we cleared a little under \$ 4,000. It was a great Sale. Our last sale for the year is at the Water Co. Drought tolerant garden Sept. 21 and 22, 2013. You all can come and buy iris. Call me for directions Tel. 951-682-9071.

Our meeting schedule is almost set here are a few monthly meeting and again, any of you are welcome to come.

- October 1: Linda Evans will speak on Vegetable Home Gardens
- November 5: from Texas Al Elliot will Speak on English Boxes displays
- December 3: Christmas Party
- January (open)
- February 4: Hybridizer and Commercial Garden owner Bob Van Liere will speak
- March 4: Joyce Dean of Redlands will do a Design Program

Here's hoping your Summer is a good one!

Visit the Inland Region Iris Society Website at
www.inlandiris.org



'Bundle of Love' is AIS Knowlton Medal Winner

The winner of the 2013 AIS Knowlton Medal for best Border Bearded iris is 'Bundle Of Love' (Paul Black 2007). This border bearded iris (26" tall, Early to Mid Season) received an Honorable Mention in 2009 and an Award of Merit in 2011.

Runners Up: 'Niche' (Joseph Ghio); 'Zingerado' (Lowell Baumunk); 'Border Guard' (Joseph Ghio)

Photo by Jan Lauritzen from the World of Irises blog of the AIS.

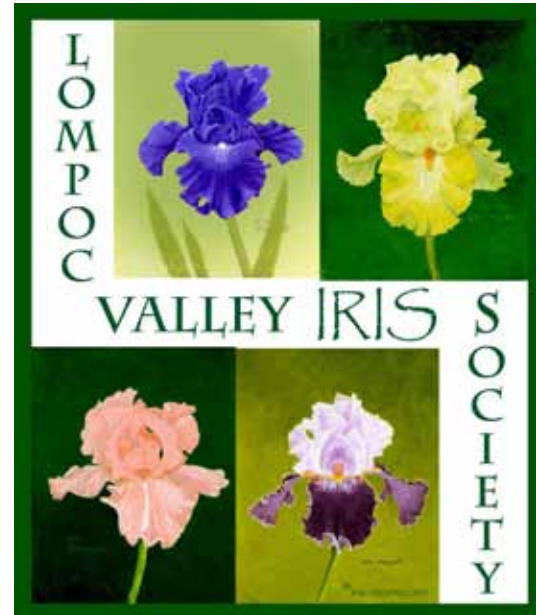


Lompoc Valley
Iris Society

President's Report Lompoc Valley Iris Society

by Ben Schleuning

The Lompoc Valley Iris Society held their annual sale of iris rhizomes (root stock) on Saturday, July 27 in the parking lot of The Texas Cattle Company.



Hi Desert Iris Society Best Artistic Design Winner 2013

By Andi Rivarola

Last Spring I had the good fortune to be a judge at the Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society's Spring Show in Lancaster, California. The show was fantastic with lots of bloom, and a fair amount of participants made the show a great success in my eyes. Nevertheless, many of the members mentioned strong winds in the days leading up to the show, but I did not see any signs of it. Stalks were well groomed and there was a nice variety of iris specimens.



I went home with a very uplifting feeling due to what I'm about to recount. The young lady on the picture below, a teen and youth member, won Best Artistic Design beating all other entries -- all adults included -- in the advanced, novice and intermediate categories. The other two judges and I were completely fascinated by the design's completeness and utter commitment to the theme, which was Andy Warhol. (All the themes were named after real artists in history). Well, Warhol's pop art theme was masterfully recreated to the teeth. Her arrangement included a pot that represented Warhol's Campbell Soup can, and the irises included four different colors to also match the four-color creations by the master.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me introduce you to Katherine Shannon, Hi Desert Iris Society Artistic Design Winner for 2013.

As published on The World of Irises Blog of the American Iris Society

President's Report Orange County Iris and Daylily Club

by Lois Farr

The warm weather and Spring/Summer season is keeping our club busy. In April, we enjoyed the Annual Green Scene at the Fullerton Arboretum. The Green Scene is an epic gathering of plant enthusiasts to share, exchange, and purchase unique plants and vegetables from each other.

Our Iris booth did very well. We were happy to meet many satisfied returning customers and also to create many more customers. Our Irises are moving out there, reaching many new homes and enjoying life while being enjoyed themselves. In May we continued to tend our Iris gardens as well as receive information about the busy bees buzzing among them. Our speakers, The Backyard Bees, taught us of the enchanting world of bees and their amazing role in the ecosystem. Of course, we tasted the fruits of their labor, natural honey, and now are so much more aware of these small, yet mighty insects.

In June, more gardening, and more information. This time about butterflies and how to attract them with plants for nectar and plants for caterpillar food. Tuition Nursery discussed and provided butterfly plants to complement and contrast with our Irises. Finally, in July, our annual outdoor picnic and auction! What a fabulous array of irises we received from San Diego... thank you so much. We enjoyed the Iris pictures throughout the evening, anxiously awaiting the start of the auction. Needless to say, with the wonderful selection to choose from, we all went home winners, happy and content.

We are looking forward to being more like our Irises, happily learning and growing together in the sun!



President's Report Prescott Area Iris Society

by Dennis Luebkin



June and July 2013 has been a sad period for Prescott and PAIS as the Doce fire and Yarnell fires affected many of our members with scares of evacuations, mandatory evacuations and loss of homes. In the process of fighting the Yarnell Fire on June 30, 2013 we lost 19 of Prescott's finest first responders the Granite Mountain Hot Shots a wild land fire fighting unit. There was one survivor the 20th member of the unit. In Honor of these fallen Heroes PAIS will be developing a new section of the Yavapai College Sculpture Gardens dedicated to the fallen Heroes. Portions of our proceeds this year will be directed to a scholarship fund at Yavapai College for the use of the remaining spouses and 51 children left behind. Our Society is very active in several public service projects and fund raising activities which not only support the society but also support our community outreach programs in the Prescott Tri City Area. Our farmer's market sale and our Kaleidoscope of Color Iris exhibit in May 2013 were very successful.

Our sales at the Sharlot Hall Museum and Chino Valley in July 2013 are anticipated to go well. Our last sale of the Year at Dan's Garden in Yarnell has been cancelled this year. Dan lost his home and gardens to the Yarnell Hill Fire the same day we lost our 19 fire fighters. Please keep the fire fighters, their families, Dan, the people of Prescott and Yarnell in your thoughts and prayers.

For the balance of 2013 and into 2014 PAIS will continue its work in renovations and expansions to existing plantings in both the Dykes Medal Iris Garden and other areas of the Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College. PAIS will be developing the new Honor Gardens in 2013 and 2014. Planning will begin in July 2013.

PAIS will implement a new education program in the Prescott Public Schools to develop interest in younger children in iris horticulture. Our membership Chairperson Sharon Luebkin, a retired educator has developed a curriculum based on the Arizona state educational standards to teach lessons in relationship to iris in first through fourth grades in the elementary schools. The Curriculum based on the iris will include aspects of geography, history, science, biology, spelling and music. She met with the public school administrators in May to discuss the program for the fall semester of 2013. Responses from the administration have been favorable. This program can be taken to both public and private schools. We are considering a junior membership program within PAIS for the teachers, children and parents.

PAIS has initiated a Historic Iris Garden Program at the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott. The first planting will begin on July 27th and 28th 2013. Plantings will continue into 2014. These gardens will be showcasing historic iris from the period 1500 to 1943 around the various period architectural displays at the museum. PAIS has been and continues to seek donations of historic irises from groups within Region 15 and the Historic Iris Preservation Society. Contact Dennis Luebkin at president@prescottirissociety.org if you are interested in contributing Historic Irises to PAIS of the periods indicated. We have received donations from all over the country and Canada.

To round out our public service outreach programs PAIS is participating in the restoration program of the Citizens Cemetery. Prescott's original Cemetery in operation from 1864 to 1933 it is alive with western history and historic irises. Irises had been planted around the head stones for decoration by the families of the early settlers of the area and have now overrun portions of the cemetery. PAIS has been asked to thin and remove the overgrown irises as part of the cemetery restoration, leaving some at the head stones and creating an entry garden at the street entry. Transplanting some of the iris to the Sharlot Hall Museum project will begin In July 2013. HIPS (Historic Iris Preservation Society) are assisting PAIS in this identification process.

A silent Auction will be held in August of 2013. Our election of officers for 2014 will occur in November.

Our events for 2014 will include our annual Spring Iris Exhibit and Sale entitled "Kaleidoscope of Color Prescott's Festival of Iris." Our major annual rhizome sales will take place in July 2014 at the Sharlot Hall Museum and other locations to be determined. Dates for events in 2014 will be under consideration by the Governing Board later in the year.

**Visit the Prescott Area Iris Society Website at
<http://prescottirissociety.org>**

President's Report San Diego Iris Society

by Janis Shackelford

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2013 Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by SDIS. San Diego Iris Society members worked very hard to make the event a success and we hope you enjoyed the iris gardens, Steve Schreiner's presentation about the history of Schreiner's Iris Gardens and what's new in the seedling beds, as well as the good company of Region 15 members. I also thank our guest garden hosts, Ted and Rose Howse, Pat and Richard Wurtele and my husband Gordon Shackelford for preparing the guest iris beds and tending the irises for 2 years so we could all enjoy them at the Trek. A special thank you to Bill Molnar for organizing all the guest irises with the hybridizers before and after the Trek and for all the behind the scenes work he did to make our event a success. Thank you Edith Schade for the beautiful iris floral decorations at the Awards Banquet. And last but not least, thank you to the SDIS members who volunteered during the Spring Trek contributing to docenting at the gardens, making chocolate irises and organizing the raffle. We couldn't have done it without you!

It had been many years since our club hosted a Spring Trek and there was no 'institutional' knowledge of the process. I had a "How to hold a Trek" manual that seemed incredibly out of date and suggested almost as many committee assignments as we have active members. Our first concern was identifying host gardens that were reasonably large and flat, with no walking hazards for guests. We were lucky that the number of guest iris sent to us by hybridizers could be accommodated in the three gardens. Our second challenge was finding a hotel with nice facilities, and centrally located to the gardens. We rejected hotels because of outdated facilities, too small banquet rooms, or requiring disabled guests to use a freight elevator to reach bathrooms. Finally we decided to emulate Tucson and have a bus-free event. However we did receive several complaints for how we held the Trek. First- the registration fee was too high. Second- there were no buses. In response, the SDIS Board believed holding a Trek should not be neither a money-making nor a money-losing event for the hosting society. It is an obligation for each society in the Region to host a trek but it should not become a financial burden. The hotel we chose had excellent meeting facilities, which meant it was not cheap. If we had used buses, either the registration fee would have been higher or our club would have needed to subsidize them. While we could estimate the costs for many things (such as Port-a-Potties) the shipping expense for distributing the rhizomes both to the affiliates and to the hybridizers was a total unknown. As I write, the shipping of rhizomes is complete and despite adding in our raffle income our Trek budget is now in negative numbers. I know this may change since many affiliates indicated they would reimburse the shipping charges and this is highly appreciated. Maybe there needs to be a discussion at the next Region meeting as to what each affiliate is expected to contribute to a Trek besides our time and considerable efforts.

Our schedule of events is fairly similar from year to year. We will have a two-weekend rhizome sale in September at Balboa Park. We will be digging rhizomes for the sale at Iris Howse and Gardens which is temporarily closed due to Ted and Rose spending a year working with a mission in Peru, as well as at some members' gardens. In October we will hold the auction of the 2013 Region 15 Trek irises. In November Carole Buchheim will be our guest speaker. December is our annual Christmas Party at the Wurtele's extensive iris garden in Ramona that everyone visited during the Trek. In January and March we will have our iris roundtable discussion and a guest speaker. February is our annual Birthday Party (51 years) with guest speaker "Iris Bob" Van Liere. In April we will have a program on preparing bloom stalks for our annual show and sale to be held the first weekend in May. We will have an AIS judged show next year after a two-year hiatus - The last two shows held a vote by the public for their favorite irises. This approach was very popular, and the sale of potted irises helped offset the cost of the show. The most popular iris received 70 votes 'Under The Boardwalk.' To see more show winners, visit our website.



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

President's Report

San Fernando Valley Iris Society

by Debbie James

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In June the San Fernando Valley Iris Society held their annual Spring Show Awards Potluck and the Election of Officers. I have been elected as the President for the 2013/2014 term. I am glad to be returning to this post and I think many of the club members feel the same way.

In July we had speaker Albert Chang who spoke about GMO's and the importance of saving seeds. He encouraged everyone to join a seed library such as www.SLOLA.org where you can get, grow and exchange non GMO's seeds with fellow gardeners.

The SFVIS has a busy season getting ready to kick off with the Region 15 auction on August 10th and our club auction in September. Also in September there will be two rhizome sales at the Encino Farmers Market, this is one of our biggest fundraisers. October is the annual "Games

Night" where members can win grab bags of iris rhizomes.

In November, club member Jill Bonino will give a program featuring Venice, Italy. Jill is an excellent photographer and it will be an honor as well as a beautiful program. December is the annual Holiday Potluck and in January we will have several of our own members show pictures they took in and of their own yard. This is something new and if it all turns out well, we will give it a go another year from now.

In February 2014, Bob Van Liere will be give a program on Tall Bearded Iris along with a 1hr. JT. In March we will have Janet Switzer who will teach the art of floral arranging. Janet is a student of a National Accredited Flower Show School and it will be nice to have her teach us what she has learned about color, techniques, contrast and all of the other things that go into assembling a Floral Arrangement that will earn the arranger a 1st Place Blue Ribbon.

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

Get AIS News & Notes Newsletter by Email

In July, AIS launched its new electronic newsletter, News & Notes. Every AIS member who has shared their current e-mail address should have received the newsletter in their mailbox (Tip: if you don't see it, check your spam folder and mark as Not Spam). This monthly publication will provide updates on what is happening in AIS and the Iris world in between Bulletin issues and alert our e-members when the Bulletin is available online. The scope is larger than what is practical for the Bulletin. We invite our members to report happenings of interest, photo essays, and announcements of significant events. In the future we will be able to survey our readers on various iris topics.

We expect News & Notes to get better and more interesting as it develops. Because you can see its content quickly in the "in This Issue" block, you can easily go to those links that interest you most. Topics that were limited for space in the Bulletin can be expanded via News & Notes. We are eager for you to be an iris reporter and tell us on the PR-committee (robertpries@embarqmail.com, irismom@nc.rr.com, or wrmesser@gmail.com) about the things you would like included. If you did not receive your first issue, check with the membership secretary aismemsec@earthlink.net to see we have your current e-mail on file.

President's Report Southern California Iris Society

by Mike Monninger



**Southern
California
Iris Society**

I must be too good a President of the Southern California Iris Society (SCIS) because no one else wants the job!! HAH, HAH!!

We did elect a new treasurer in June, Jill Bonino replaced Angie Fierro as treasurer so she can pursue residency in Alaska, sounds too cold for me. Ellen Wight agreed to continue as Vice-President in charge of programs and her husband John agreed to continue as Secretary.

SCIS held its annual iris show at the Los Angeles Arboretum on April 13 and 14. The head table was well represented by members with no domination by any one member. The Best Specimen was 'Edna Claunch', a yellow Louisiana iris entered by yours truly. I also wrestled the Best Aril Bred away from Lynn McIlwain who perpetually wins this award. To mollify him, Lynn won the Best Plicata which he hasn't won in 20 years (somebody named Kim beat everyone else for the past 12 years except once) and he will get his name on the Barbara Sanduski trophy again. He also won the Silver Medal, no surprise there. Leigh Nicolai-Moon won the Bronze Medal. Marilyn Pecoraro had the Best Tall Bearded, 'Picture Book,' which she thought should have been the Best of Show. In your dreams Marilyn!!! Angie Fierro Had the Best Design and Elaine Monninger won the Design Sweepstakes. I apologize for not remembering the rest of the winners on the head table; age does affect memory.

One aside regarding my Best Specimen: I was growing several plants in a 5 gallon bucket of water since the previous September and one looked really good and it was!!!

Our four day sale and iris exhibit at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa April 25-28 was long, tiring and very successful. The CA State Franchise Tax Board was there on Friday checking on state sales permits.

Our members only bearded auction in August was a huge success. Next month we have the member's only beardless auction.

Save the date! SCIS will host the 2014 Region 15 Spring Trek on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12. The Holiday Inn in Burbank will be the location of the meetings and the banquet dinner on Saturday, April 12. This is still a work in progress. There will be buses, the cost will be under \$100, Gerry Snyder will give an in-garden Judges Training. More details to follow.

President's Report Sun Country Iris Society

by Gary Miller

Rhizomes Sales are planned from August through October at various locations throughout the Phoenix area. The calendar is posted on our website. In addition to our shows, exhibits and sales where we meet the public, SCIS has ongoing community projects. August and September of every year is the time SCIS members are digging up and dividing many of their iris rhizomes. Some of these have lost their registered names, or there may just be too many to sell. The SCIS Gardening Angels collect these iris and donate them to several community projects. We have donated over 600 iris rhizomes over the years. Some go to schools to teach youngsters how to garden. Others go to organizations like Make a Difference which coordinates volunteers to help in many Phoenix area community projects. We also donate to nursing homes and non-profit organizations like churches.

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

President's Report Tucson Area Iris Society

by Greta Dunnigan

We currently have 44 members. It is a good amount for a group which started out reorganizing with 12 members.

Bob Van Liere was guest speaker at our February meeting. It was a packed house. Slides illustrated his talk about starting and developing his gardens and the start and aims of his lines in hybridizing his iris.

In March the Tucson Orchid Society gave an informative and interesting talk on raising and selecting their plants. They also donated three beautiful in bloom plants for our door prizes.

We had a great show in April. We had 55 entries. Gordon Jenkins won most blue ribbons (7). Ben Herman won "Best in Show" with "Avalon Sunset."

After our annual rhizome sale in September, we will dig the central iris bed in the Tucson Botanical Garden. It now contains about 57 varieties and it is overcrowded. It will be replanted with some of the Region 15 rhizomes.

October is the end of the TAIS year. There will be new officers and some board members. They will lead us into 2014.

The officers and board members have been very helpful to me during this past year. Made the job much easier. Thanks to all!



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

Christie and Ken Pierson's Long Awaited Seedlings

Region 15 hybridizers, Christie and Ken Pierson of Ramona, California planted seeds from irises they hybridized over eight years ago.

Irises have been a passion of theirs for many years. Ken is convinced their success is in part, due to intuition of which crosses to make, and the soil he amends each year. Ken introduced 'Chad Curry', a vigorous dark purple with yellow beard tall bearded iris. And due to Christie's passion for genealogy, she applied her skill for tracing parentage to her irises in order to emphasize certain characteristics. Christie introduced 'A New Song', a beautiful apricot colored iris. In 2012 and 2013, the first seedlings bloomed from seeds that were made eight years earlier. Two crosses they made are World Premier X Tokyo Blues, and Mastery X Corona Gold. Here are photos Christie took of their seedlings in the garden and at SDIS Spring Shows. Their first seedlings from 8 year old seeds are exquisite!



Sibling seedlings from same cross

"We evacuated our Iris Society trophies from the Cedar fire in 2003 and our newest crosses were right there in paper envelopes so we saved them too. Now 8 years later we planted them not knowing if any would come up. We felt like a miracle happened when they started coming up!!! We now have 380 seedlings that are a very special connection to our old home in Julian. Can't wait to see them bloom!"

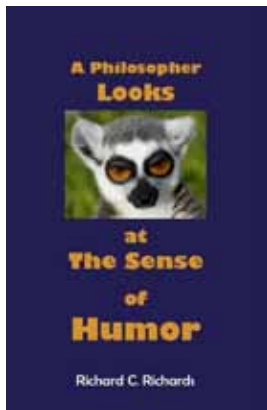
Christie Pierson, 2012





A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor

Richard Richards' New Book



It's fun to learn when a fellow irisarian has another passion that is equally strong as their interest in iris. With Richard Richards, it happens to be philosophy, the lighthearted kind. His new book, *A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor*, will get you thinking about humor and, in particular, your sense of humor in a new way.

About The Book

"A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor is intended as a starting point for a philosophical discussion," Richards states. "In this tour of the wide, wonderful world of the humorous, we touch upon such issues as what causes a sense of humor, whether it can be taught, what its value may be, how it

is connected with happiness, and whether it should be placed on the endangered species list. Out of necessity we explore the habitat of the amusing, the entertaining, and the comedic. There is considerable laughter in the world, and a more than abundant supply of things to laugh at. But since laughter and humor are only partially and not essentially connected, this may end up being a eulogy for the death of humor. Perhaps this book will cause it. We can only hope."

A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor is available through Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle eBook format. Follow Richard Richards' blog at www.philosopherlooksathumor.com.

About the Author

Richard Carl Richards was born in Moscow, Idaho, in 1935. He spent his childhood years in Boise, Idaho, and moved to Santa Barbara, California in 1950. He graduated from Santa Barbara High, received a B.A. degree in Philosophy from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and his graduate degrees from UCLA. He was hired as a one-year temporary replacement faculty member at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in 1964, and retired from there nearly forty years later in 2002 as an Emeritus Faculty Member. His first marriage produced one son, Randal, and indirectly nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He married Marlene Marty Richards in 1983. Together they authored several books in the Philosophy of Love and Sex.



They currently live in the San Diego area. Richards is well known among irisarians for hybridizing irises, both PCI's and tall bearded irises, some of which are rebloomers like 'Amethyst Winter' and 'Marty Richards.' 'Easy Being Green', from Richards' line towards producing a green iris, was awarded an AIS Honorable Mention award and is currently available through Aitken's Salmon Creek Gardens - flowerfantasy.net. Richards won the Herb Holk Award for Best Iris Introduction at the Region 15 Spring Trek for his newest introduction 'Classical Brass.'

Getting Your Blooming Irises to the Show in One Piece

by Janis Shackelford

The most recent issue of the AIS bulletin contained a description of an iris carrier built by Al Escarcega from Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society. The article described how to use beverage bottles and wood supports in a bucket to safely transport iris stalks to a show. At our recent Trek, Al gifted Katharina with a carrier that everyone was admiring. She was thrilled with her new carrier and used it to transport her irises to the show (see photo top right).

I have a homemade iris carrier made from PVC pipe that my husband built to my specifications. However I failed to account for tidal flow, or is it inertia? When driving down my steep hill and hitting the brakes at the bottom, the water in the carrier gushes out into the car. So, with our show coming up and needing a new carrier, and with the example of Al's carrier in mind, off I went to Walmart.

I wandered the store for over an hour until finally on a top shelf in the office supply area I found it! A plastic storage crate meant for letter or legal file storage. It had a honeycomb structure with perfectly spaced holes for holding iris stalks. Next I went to the beverage area and found the perfect sized bottles that fit the perfect holes- 20 oz. Gatorade® bottles.

So I went home with my crate and a Gatorade® supply to consume. My husband and I cut openings in the lids with an Exacto® knife and turning the crate upside down, we snapped the bottles into the holes and tightened the lids, locking the bottles on. I filled the bottles 3/4 full and gave it the ultimate test in my car- no gushing, in fact no leaks at all. The carrier was used to transport iris to our spring show and it worked perfectly (see photo bottom right).

A refinement suggested by Jim Schade is to use a chassis punch (an electrician's tool) on the lids to make the openings. Amazingly my husband had one on his radio bench. It makes much nicer holes and is much safer to use too.

If you have a carrier that works well, please email a description of the carrier and a photo to aisregion15editor@gmail.com.



**MINUTES OF
THE AIS REGION 15 SPRING BOARD MEETING
April 26, 2013
HOLIDAY INN MISSION VALLEY, SAN DIEGO, CA**

Call to Order at 4:16PM by RVP Winona Stevenson.

Attendees: Dennis Luebkin, PAIS; Sharon Luebkin, PAIS; Kathleen Shaffer, PAIS; La-Dean Melby-Ashby, PAIS; Lee Ashby, PAIS; Carol Morgan, IRIS; Claire Schneider, SDIS; Jill Bonino, SFVIS, SCIS; Katharina Notarianni, Region 15 Editor, SDIS; Marilyn Kiger, HDI&DS; Dan Dourney, HDI&DS; Jane Troutman, Region 15 Awards Chair; Ron Dunn, LIS; Pat Dunn LIS; Florence Schleuning, LVIS; Ben Schleuning, LVIS; Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer, HDI&DS, SCIS, SFVIS; Winona Stevenson, Region 15 RVP, HDI&DS; Debbie James, Region 15 Asst. RVP, JT Chair, SFVIS; Janis Shackelford, Region 15 Secretary, SDIS; Kathy Chilton, TAIS.

Welcome and Introductions.

Minutes of the February 9, 2013 Region 15 Winter Board meeting were read.

B. Schleuning made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by D. Luebkin. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's report by C. Deaton: The beginning balance on February 9, 2013 was \$21,959.51. Total income :\$0., total expenses were \$1,389.72. Ending balance was \$20,569.79. Edward Jones Money Market: \$12,762,31. Total assets: \$33,332.10. Motion to accept the report and file for audit by B. Scheuning, seconded by D. Luebkin. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership by W. Stevenson. There is no change in the Regional membership, we need AIS memberships. Currently there are 298 AIS members in Region 15.

Judges Training by D. James. There are a few student judges, a couple of apprentices with one close to completing the requirements. We need more judges for our shows and we need more people entering training. If anyone is having judges training you must let her know, must have a sign-up sheet. Students must keep track of their own hours. Ardi Kary gives more judges training than everyone else. We need more local training session to be offered. C. Deaton noted show chairs may have a show with one AIS judge if that is all you can get. Clubs need to know when judges training will be offered. Judges training will be offered 2-4-14 at Inland meeting, 5-1-14 at San Fernando Valley meeting.

Awards by J. Troutman. We will need to order 4 new awards for the upcoming year. Motion by J. Troutman to order awards, seconded by C. Deaton. The motion was approved.

Historian position is vacant. Region 15 needs a volunteer for record keeping and putting old documents on disc. Please contact Winona Stevenson if you are interested.

Newsletter by K. Notarianni. The next deadline is July 1st, please provide new information about what you are planning, take photos of what your club is doing and pictures of award winning iris. If you have any interesting articles please send them to aisregion15editor@gmail.com for the Region 15 newsletter.

Youth Program by C. Deaton. Our youth members are very excited, their plants are growing and blooming. There are only

2 youth members in Region 15. Region 14 has the most youth members. Youth AIS membership is only \$5.00 without the bulletin, \$9.00 with. Kathy Chilton sponsored a Brownie troop and provided iris in 5 gallon buckets. They were able to have their own show at the regular show.

Affiliate Reports:

Affiliate reports are in the newsletter, affiliates present were requested to report anything new.

- SCIS: Dates for 2014 Region 15 Spring Trek are April 18th-19th to be hosted by the Southern California Iris Society.
- PAIS: Public education programs being developed for grades 1-4 on iris. Asked to participate in renovation of a historic cemetery. They are doing a historic iris garden and looking for donations. Send rhizomes to Dennis Luebkin.
- HDI&DS: 2017 Spring Trek- already set up chairman, committee, identified gardens, getting ready. There will also be a mini-spuria convention in Spring 2017. Their club celebrates turning 25 in June, will travel to Winona's Lakeside Iris Gardens for the day. There will be judges training on Louisianas on June 22nd.
- SFVIS: Their club turns 40 in June. Trying to have original members to attend. Have new iris club shirts- \$11.00 ea.
- SDIS: We will be digging the Trek iris at the end of June- asked all to let them know where to ship the rhizomes.

New Business:

- Membership - Winona reported that Betty Gaudy informed her that Verde Valley Area Iris Society is planning to disband due to not enough members to handle club activities. Sadly VAIS member and Region 15 historian Linda Smith passed away.
- Margaret Sutton has passed away (post meeting note, George Sutton sadly passed away a few weeks later in May).
- A Harrassment Policy has been made available, which can become part of the affiliates' standing rules; however, it is not necessary to put it into the bylaws.
- 2014 calendars are available through AIS Storefront at 10/\$45.
- For the 2014 National Convention they are requesting baskets to be donated from each region, garden item, local if possible.
- 2012 Convention wrap-up by J. Bonino. There was approximately \$8000 profit. \$2000 was sent to each garden to offset convention garden expenses. Final profit was \$2265.78, but still owe \$1500 to Dallas.
- Stan Book was in serious accident. He fell down 3 flights of a tiered garden, suffered numerous fractures, and is recovering slowly. Affiliates are encouraged to send cards.
- Fall meeting is Saturday, October 19th at Antelope Valley College, hosted by Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society. The guest speaker is Brad Kasperek of Zebra Iris Gardens.
- New membership chairperson - Patrick Orr, for Region 15.

C. Deaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by B. Schleuning. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janis Shackelford
Region 15 Secretary



AIS Region 15 2013-2014 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location	Contact	
2013					
September	3	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller	
	5	SFVIS club auction	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James	
		Encino Farmers Market Rhizome Sales		Debbie James	
	7	Sun Country Iris Society Rhizome Sale at Christown Spectrum Mall - Phoenix, AZ		Gary Miller	
	8 & 15	SDIS Annual Fall Rhizome Sale at Balboa Park	San Diego, CA	Janis Shackelford	
	10	OCIDC: Region 15 Iris Auction & Daylily Procurement	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
	15	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society Rhizome Ruble Auction	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
	21	TAIS Annual Rhizome Sale at Harlow Gardens	Tucson, AZ	Greta Dunnigan	
	21	Sun Country Iris Society Rhizome Sale at Harper's Nursery	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller	
	21	Sun Country Iris Society Rhizome Sale at The Stock Shop	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller	
	21-22	Inland Region Iris Society Big Fall Sale	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan	
	21	PAIS general meeting	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luekin	
	28	SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum with Members only beardless iris auction	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger	
	October	1	IRIS Guest speaker Linda Evans re Vegetable Gardening	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan
		1	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
		3	SFVIS Games Night	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James
		8	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
		12	TAIS Annual Meeting - Election of Officers. Presentation - Tucson Organic Gardeners on Composting at Eckstrom-Columbus Library	Tucson, AZ	Greta Dunnigan
12		Sun Country Iris Society Rhizome Sale at Baker Nursery	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller	
13		SDIS Members Only Iris Auction	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	
19		AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting hosted by Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society at Antelope Valley College ***REGISTRATION DUE OCTOBER 5th***	Lancaster, CA	Gail Lofdahl & Dan Dourney	
26		Sun Country Iris Society Rhizome Sale at Metro Tech High School - Phoenix, AZ		Gary Miller	
26		SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger	
November	1-2	AIS Fall Board Meeting	New Orleans, LA	Paul Gossett	
	5	IRIS Guest speaker Al Elliot from Texas on English Boxes Displays - Ontario, CA		Carol Morgan	
	5	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller	
	7	SFVIS presentation by Jill Bonino "Venice"	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James	
	9	TAIS Meeting - Ikebana Floral Arranging at Murphy-Wilmot Library - Tucson, AZ		Greta Dunnigan	
	10	SDIS Meeting & Judges Training with Carole Buchheim	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	
	12	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
	16	HDI&DS Election of Officers	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
	16	PAIS Election of Officers	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebin	
	December	3	IRIS Christmas Party	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan
3		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller	
5		SFVIS Holiday Potluck	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James	
8		SDIS Christmas Party Potluck at The Wurtele's	Ramona, CA	Janis Shackelford	
10		OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
21		HDI&DS Officer Installation, Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
2014					
January	2	SFVIS Members slideshow	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James	
	12	SDIS Iris Roundtable or Guest speaker (TBD)	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	
	14	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
February	25	SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger	
	4	IRIS Meeting and JT with Bob Van Liere of Iris4 U, Colorado	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan	
	4	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller	
	6	SFVIS Guest Speaker & Judges Training with Bob Van Liere	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James	

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March	8	SDIS 51st Birthday Celebration - Guest speaker Bob Van Liere	San Diego, CA	Janis Shackelford
	11	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	22	SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger
	4	IRIS Guest speaker Joyce Dean of Redlands on Design	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan
	4	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
	6	SFVIS Guest Speaker Janet Switzer - the Art of Floral Arranging	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James
	9	SDIS Iris Roundtable or Guest speaker (TBD)	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford
April	11	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	22	SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger
	2	IRIS Meeting	Ontario, CA	Carol Morgan
	2	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
	3	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James
	5-10	AIS National Convention Convention Hotel: Crowne Plaza Dallas in Addison TX	Dallas, TX	Bonnie Nichols www.irises.org
	8	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
May	11-12	AIS Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by Southern California Iris Society with Judges Training by Gerry Snyder at The Holiday Inn Burbank		Mike Monninger
	13	SDIS Meeting - Preparing Bloom Stalks for the Show	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford
	1	SFVIS Meeting and Judges Training	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James
	3-4	SDIS Spring Show & Potted Iris Sale at Balboa Park	San Diego, CA	Janis Shackelford
	7	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
	13	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	TBD	PAIS Spring Show & Sale "Kaleidoscope of Color"	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin
June	4	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
	5	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James
	8	SDIS Awards and Election of Officers with Ice Cream Social	San Diego, CA	Janis Shackelford
	10	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
July	28	SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger
		PAIS Annual Rhizome Sale at Sharlot Hall Museum	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin

Region 15 Affiliates' Monthly Meetings:

- Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society (HDI&DS) meetings held from 1-3 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Antelope Valley College Agriculture building TE-3, 3041 West Avenue K, Lancaster, CA unless otherwise stated.
- Inland Region Iris Society (IRIS) meetings held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA.
- For Lompoc Valley Iris Society meetings see above calendar and visit their facebook page.
- Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, CA
- Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS) meetings are held from 1:30-3:30 PM at Yavapai Title, 1235 E. Gurley at Sheldon intersection in Prescott, AZ. Calendar of events posted to PAIS website at www.prescottirissociety.org
- San Diego Iris Society (SDIS) meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of most months of the year at 1:00pm (unless special event is planned) at 9906 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, CA. No meetings in July and August.
- San Fernando Valley Iris Society (SFVIS) meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Canoga Park Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA.
- Southern California Iris Society (SCIS), holds regularly scheduled meetings at the Los Angeles Arboretum in the Lecture Hall (known as the Bamboo Room) at 10:00 a.m. Meetings are on the 4th Saturday in the months of January, February, March, June, September and October. The Los Angeles Arboretum is located at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA.
- Sun Country Iris Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at The Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ
- Tucson Area Iris Society (TAIS) - Calendar of events posted to TAIS website at www.tucsoniris.org/
- Verde Valley Area Iris Society will no longer meet.

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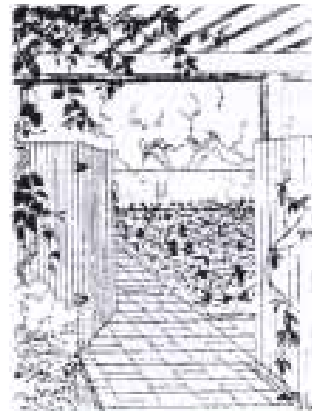


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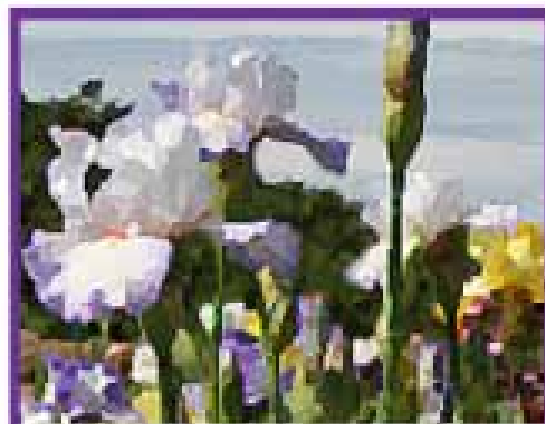
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Spuria Society Summer Special

by Andi Rivarola

The Spuria Iris Society is happy to announce its Summer Special. Whenever FIVE members of an affiliate or region become new members of the Spuria Iris Society, one brand new spuria rhizome (2012 or 2013) will be mailed to your affiliate or region to be used as your group decides, a raffle, auction, etc.

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Excerpt from article by Susanne Holland Spicker

- ◇ Spurias are beardless iris with elegant blooms
- ◇ They will grow and flower with ease in most areas of the country, especially those where summer months are dry
- ◇ They don't like to be disturbed, and can go 10-15 years without dividing
- ◇ Their tall, bright green foliage and eye-catching blooms are not bothered by winds
- ◇ They are great in floral arrangements, having a long vase life
- ◇ Spurias love a well-balanced fertilizer, such as 14-14-14
- ◇ Don't let spurias dry out before transplanting; some people use a wet paper towel to keep them hydrated until time for planting
- ◇ They like full sunlight, or at least 1/2 day of sun
- ◇ After established, they are quite drought tolerant
- ◇ Plant in an area with good drainage

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