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WHAT'S NEW: 2014 IRIS INTRODUCTIONS

TALL BEARDED IRISES



Chasing Destiny (Blyth)



Cosmic Blast (Kerr)



Dark Icon (Kerr)



Making Time (Lauer)



Ancient Treasures (Black)



Damsel In A Dress (Schreiner)



Hearts on Fire (Painter, J)



Good Morning Sunshine (Johnson T)



Midnight Rose (Painter, L)

Letter from the Editor

by Katharina Notarianni

I hope you are enjoying spring in your garden as your irises begin to bloom. I am having fun perusing the hybridizers' websites to see what they have in store for us. Featured throughout this issue are some of the 2014 iris introductions that caught my attention. There are many new exciting color patterns with nice modern form and substance. Medians seem to be gaining attention as hybridizers create exquisite new color combinations. Some hybridizers, like Terry Aitken of Vancouver, WA, are also hybridizing Japanese iris (photos below). Prices are reasonable and you often will get a discount if you buy more than one. In addition, the AIS is offering a \$25 voucher - see page 7. Our new advertiser, Wildwood Gardens, are offering two Rick Ernst new introductions - see page 38.

In this issue are updates from RVP Winona Stevenson, Treasurer and AIS Youth Program chair Cheryl Deaton, and Asst RVP and Judge's chair Debbie James, and the Region 15 meeting minutes from Secretary Janis Shackelford of the Fall and Winter meetings that took place at Hi Desert Iris Society in October. The meeting was a lot of fun with guest speaker Brad Kasperek in rare form, and we thank all the Hi Desert Iris Society members for organizing the event and the raffle. In addition Claire Schneider, chair of our Nominating Committee is preparing us for the upcoming election of officers in the Fall - see her article on page 16.

In the spirit of the upcoming iris shows we have a couple of articles, one on preparing your blooms for show - see pages 10-11, and a humorous account 'Queen of Show' from Richard Richards, along with some photos of his newest PCI seedlings - see pages 12-13.

Southern California Iris Society welcomes you to the Region 15 2014 Spring Trek in Burbank, CA. You won't want to miss it! Well known hybridizer, Paul Black, is presenting and conducting a Judges Training on median irises. See pages 18-19 for registration information. Garden tour buses have been arranged.

Sadly we lost a dear friend and long time AIS member and iris hybridizer, Ken Pierson, whose hybridizing activities along with his wife Christie were featured in the Fall 2013 newsletter. We will miss his sunny smile.

The presidents from the Region 15 affiliates clubs have reported on their local activities. Many have spring shows and sales planned in case you are in their neighborhood. Prescott Iris Society has a request for irises for their Firemans memorial garden - see page 35. A calendar of activities is on pages 36-37. We even have a chance to hear Barry Blyth speak in San Diego on May 18. Contact Janis Shackelford if you would like to attend.



Essence of Summer - JI (Aitken)



Midnight Fireworks - JI (Aitken)

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Cover Iris: TB 'Die Laughing' (Black 2014). Photo by Mid-America Garden

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2014 Spring Trek	April 18-19: 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	
2018 Spring Trek	Sun Country Iris Society (tbc)	

Get info about upcoming Region 15 Treks
from our website

www.Region15AIS.org



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

by Winona Stevenson, Region 15 RVP

It's Almost here! Spring, that is! The time of year that we can grab a cup of coffee in the morning and dash out into the garden to see what's in bloom. But what do we find? There's weeds over there--and I just weeded! Oh my gosh! There's aphids in these plants. Now what do I do! And over here something's eating the new leaves! And those darn rabbits are chewing on the water lines again! I'll get the .22 out for them. Whatever we find, its just part of being a gardener and putting up with nature and the elements.

Have you fertilized yet? The best time to do this is Valentines Day. That gives the plants time to absorb all the nutrients they need for that spectacular bloom. Watering needs to be done every 7-10 days---even though we're in a drought (that is if you want to keep those plants) It's a must. I've stretched my watering days to every 10-14 days even tho' I'm on my own well.

April will prove to be a busy month for us with the AIS National Convention in Dallas, and a few days after that, our Spring Regional in Burbank, CA. This will be hosted by Southern California Iris Society. Paul Black will be our featured speaker.

A Nominating Committee was appointed at our Winter meeting. All four board members will be retiring having served a three-year term, and they need to be replaced. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Claire Schneider, chairman, or board members Mike Monninger of Southern California Iris Society, or Ben Schleuning at Lompoc Valley Iris Society. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and volunteer if you are contacted

Happy Irising,

Winona



AIS Youth Program Report

by Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer & AIS Youth Chair

Currently we have 4 youth members in Region 15.....and we need more! Youth membership in AIS is one of the best bargains around. \$5 for one year membership includes 2 newsletters written especially for youth members, contests and information about happenings all over the country with other youth members. Also, many clubs donate irises to youth members, and usually the AIS Convention Committee has sent some newer irises to the youth members after the convention is over. How can you beat that?

If we don't recruit younger members, and that includes youth members, how are we as a society to continue growing and surviving? We need to adapt to a changing world, which means getting computer savvy (and the kids know all the ins and outs of the newer technology!), using social media like Facebook, Twitter, Craigslist, etc. to get the word out, and teaching about irises as a drought tolerant and easy to grow plant for our shrinking garden spaces.

We are an educational entity. Many schools do not have the funds to 'beautify' their campuses, so getting an iris garden started is a good way to garner interest among kids in irises. Ask about giving a talk at school about irises...it doesn't have to be complicated. After school programs are always looking for ideas. Prescott Area Iris Society members are very successful at doing this. Ask Sharon Luebkin about it! Have a KIDS table at your shows, a place where it's okay to touch an iris petal and feel the leaves, where they can color a picture (I have a lot of them) or do a word search puzzle (got those too!), smell irises – the good and the bad. If they get interested then maybe their parents will too!

I challenge you to see how many youth members you can recruit in 2014!

Cheryl

AIS Judges Training

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



Hello Region 15, I hope you are ready for the Iris Bloom season which is coming quickly. I do want to report that we have a few new students, one student who became an apprentice and one apprentice who moved up to a Judge. With that said, Region 15 still needs more Judges. So, if you've 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 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.

The application form is on the Region 15 website. You can even email the completed form to me and save postage. I hope to see some new applications in my mailbox.

Remember, once you are accepted into the Judges Training program, it is your responsibility to keep track of your hours. Note who the instructor was, what the date was, how many hours and what was the topic. You will need this information in July when you complete the JT form I send to help me report your hours to the AIS.

Happy Gardening,

Debbie



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American Iris Society Youth



www.youth-iris.com

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.

Region 15 Treasurer's Report

by Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer

October 19 to December 31, 2013

CHECKBOOK BEGINNING BALANCE		\$21,375.17
DEPOSITS		
10/23/2013		\$1,990.40
Fall Silent Auction	\$109.00	
San Diego - Sales	\$478.40	
San Diego - Donation	\$350.00	
SFVIS - Sales	\$738.00	
Sun Country - Sales	\$300.00	
Advertising	\$15.00	
10/30/13 Tucson Sales	\$320.00	
11/15/13 Hi Desert - Donation	\$500.00	
11/27/13 Hi Desert - Sales	\$102.00	
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$2,912.40
WITHDRAWALS		
10/19/2013		
ck#213 HDIDS FALL '13 TREK	\$400.00	
ck#214 SoCal SPRING '14 TREK	\$600.00	
11/6/2013 ck#215 Winona Stevenson RVP Expenses	\$674.84	
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS		\$1,674.84
CHECKBOOK ENDING BALANCE		\$23,012.73
(Includes \$8,355.88 RVP Account funds)		
EDWARD JONES BEGINNING BALANCE		\$12,762.90
EDWARD JONES DIVIDEND		\$0.16
EDWARD JONES MONEY MARKET ENDING BALANCE		\$12,763.06
TOTAL YEAR END REGION 15 ASSETS		\$35,775.79

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AIS REGION 15 2013 FALL MEETING IN LANCASTER, CA

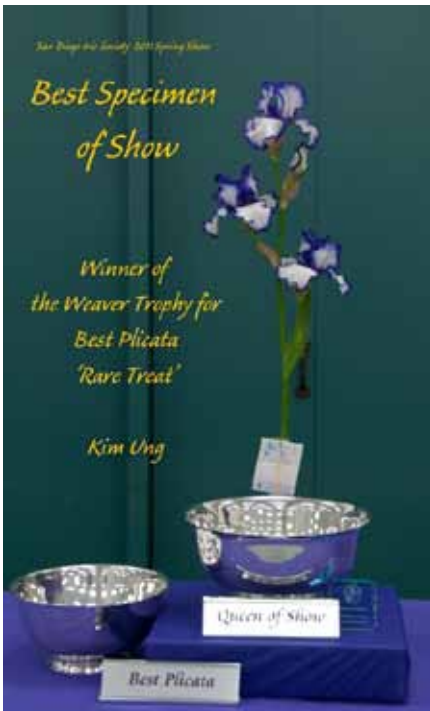




THANK YOU HI DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY FOR A GREAT MEETING!!!

Preparing Irises for Exhibition at Iris Shows

Produced by Tucson Area Iris Society



The first step in preparing your irises for successful entry in an iris show is to cut the stalks before the buds open. This practice avoids potential damage to the blooms from rain, wind or hail. It also avoids possible sun fading of blooms, particularly a problem in strong sunlight in the case of the darker colored irises. Also, in spite of your best efforts, the buds may open too soon or, they may not open in time. Thus, it makes sense to cut two or three stalks of each variety as insurance against these problems.

The best time to cut the stalks is early in the morning. Next best is late evening. As the buds mature and flowers open, water and nutrients continue to be transported up through the stalk. When you cut the stalk, the “driving force” to carry water up to the buds through the stalk is reduced.

As soon as possible after cutting the stalk, it should be placed in a full container of water and placed in the shade or indoors. The foliage at the base of the stalk should be removed at this time. Evaporation from foliage helps deplete available water in the stalk. Furthermore, bad foliage detracts from the scoring of the stalk by judges, good foliage adds little.

While cutting, transporting and placing a stalk in a container, avoid handling the bud and avoid letting the bud touch anything. If you bruise the bud, the unsightly results will show up in the opened bloom. It is desirable that each individual stalk be placed in its own container so as to avoid one bud rubbing against another. It is also desirable to “wedge” the stalk at this

time with plastic foam, paper toweling, etc., so as to hold the stalk firmly in the upright position in which it will be later shown. You should also attach a temporary label to the container with the name of the variety, then it should be stored in its container in a cool location out of direct sunlight. You should also be careful to allow enough space between containers to avoid contact between the open flower and other nearby stalks or flowers. What about additives in the water? Tablespoon of corn syrup per gallon of water seems to help.

If you cut it the morning before the show, you should cut stalks on which the bud is very close to opening and would be expected to open during the day before the show if left on the plant. Cutting a mature bud the day before the show is the best practice. The most effective means of forcing is to place the stalk in the container in a heated and humid space (bathroom heated from 100-110F. Placing the stalk in hot water is substantially less effective.

Condition and Grooming: Condition refers to the degree of visible improvement in the appearance of the specimen stalk as a result of grooming. Grooming involves those finishing touches the exhibitor makes so that the entry presents the best possible appearance.

Stalk Height: It is generally recommended that a stalk be exhibited at an appropriate height that is proportional. In order to maintain pleasing proportion in the exhibit, it is often necessary to position the stalk in the container with the end of the stalk above the bottom of the container. Adjust the stalk until it looks good to you.

Foliage: Trimming is necessary when there is faint discoloration, disease or injury to leaf edges. Such procedure should remove less than one-fourth inch of foliage edges and should follow the natural contour of the leaf in its entirety. Blunt edges or massive trimming is totally unacceptable. Foliage which covers the juncture between a branch and the stalk or is at the base of a bud must be left in place although it may be trimmed.

Spathes: If a flower has been removed, ascertain that the spathe has not been damaged and is intact. Detectable trimming of the spathe is unacceptable.

Branches: Suppose that you have removed a faded flower (or one that is beginning to fade). If there is an unopened bud remaining (the second bud in the socket) the branch with the unopened bud should be left in place. If there is no unopened bud, the entire branch should be removed.

Cleanliness: The stalk, flower and blooms should be clean with no dirt, dust or spray residues. Slight smudges or fingerprints on the stalks are easily removed when the exhibitor gently wipes the stalk with soft tissue. If fingerprints are noticeable as a result of handling, wiping the stalk to remove all of the powdery substance is the answer.

Preparing Irises for Exhibition at Iris Shows (continued)

Insects: The presence of one or two aphids or other insects is no cause for alarm as these creatures can travel from stalk to stalk during or after entry.

Position in Container: The bottom branch should be exhibited above the container's opening. 2/3 of the stalk should be above the bottle. Be sure that you always securely wedge the stalk in the container. Never simply stick the stalk in the container without wedging.

Removal of Flowers: The condition of the flowers is the one factor that judges pay most attention to. If one of the flowers on a stalk is aged, it should be removed. Removal should be performed carefully so that no "stub" is visible.

Exhibition Containers: Insert the stalks into the containers in which they are to be exhibited, wedge the stalk securely in place with plastic foam and attach the completed entry card with a rubber band (if inserted at home) or plastic pick (show furnished).

Transporting to the Show: Place the containers with the stalks securely in place in plastic crates with empty bottles inserted between the full ones so that no flower can contact anything else, and so that the pack is "solid" and the bottles will not fall over in case of a sudden stop. When you get to the show and as you place your entries on the show tables, check the grooming one more time. Enjoy the show!!!

Iris Grooming Tools:

- Clippers
- Sharp knife
- Soft brush
- Scissors

Supplies:

- Containers & Carriers
- Tissues
- Fold-lock top sandwich size baggies
- Wedging material*
- Strips of paper
- Pen
- Stapler
- Makeup powder

We are all going to have some beautiful iris stalks open in our gardens in the Spring just in time for our Spring shows. Do you want to leave these beauties standing unappreciated in their beds like Cinderella who didn't get to go to the ball? Of course not, so it's up to you to be the fairy godparent and get them there. There is excitement at an iris show. You may feel butterflies in your tummy as you hurry to do your grooming, then pride as you see your stalks standing tall and lovely among the others.

You may come back after the judging to hear the comments of the visitors. "Oh, how beautiful," they say. "I want one just like this one." Then you get to tell them about our fall rhizome sale and you have made another customer for our irises. Winning is a happy feeling, but even if you don't win, the knowledge that you helped make the show a success, advanced the presence of the American Iris Society as well as your local Iris Society and educated a few people about irises is worth getting up early to get your irises to the show.

Source: American Iris Society article by Sheldon Butts, AIS Bulletin 297, April 2005.

Photos of SDIS Best Specimen of Show and SDIS Queen of Show by Katharina Notarianni



Pacific Coast Irises: The Perfect Iris for your Shade Garden

Professor Richards' advice on growing Pacific Coast Irises: Plant PCI's in moderate or dappled shade. Too much sun drives the soil temperatures up and PCIs are susceptible to heat and moisture in summer. Too much shade will inhibit bloom, and the foliage is not attractive enough on most varieties to justify growing them for that alone. When in doubt, err on the side of too much shade. Water in the summer or during our periodic and predictable dry spells at other times of the year. Water every week to ten days, depending on how fast your soil dries out. Established clumps can take considerable drought but newly planted rhizomes cannot. Relax. You cannot possibly come close to killing as many PCIs as I have during my long and lethal career growing PCIs. The beauty of the flowers justifies the care the plant requires.

Photos of Richard Richards' newest PCI seedlings, crosses from his PCI intro 'Clarice Richards'
Get more info about growing PCI's from www.pacificcoastiris.org



Queen of Show

by Richard C. Richards

I have never won Queen of the Show at an iris show, and it's beginning to be an obsession with me. I came very close once, but failed miserably at the end through no fault of my own. Do you want to hear about it? Of course you do.

It seems to me that if you have an absolutely spectacular iris, perfectly groomed and grown to perfection, you cannot fail. So I set out to find a spectacular iris. A new introduction for the year was available, and so I set out the year before to get a rhizome or two, so that when it bloomed, it would be eligible for awards and I would have the only piece in competition.

Such an iris is Montezuma's Revenge. The iris flower is a bright, fire-engine red. Stalks average 72 inches, but can go higher. Five or six branches support a minimum of fifteen spectacular flowers, seven or eight of which can be in bloom at once. Each is slightly smaller than a volleyball. The flowers have no standards, which I like because it describes me perfectly. The seven or eight falls overlap, and there are a minimum of ten blazing yellow beards. If that doesn't catch a judge's attention, nothing will.

The iris itself resulted from a cross of Sultan's Navel X a poinsettia. Wide crosses are easy if you're willing to stretch the truth a bit. I went to the hybridizer the year before and offered him a large sum of money for a not yet introduced rhizome. He was reluctant. I went back to my car for my AK-47, and he immediately agreed. I just wanted to sweeten the deal by adding my gun, but he didn't seem to want it.

Montezuma's Revenge grew all fall and winter like a weed, and it threw up a magnificent stalk in the spring, which would most likely have seven or eight flowers in bloom at once for the local iris show. But there were threats to its perfection all around. I put up a fence around it and hired an armed guard to protect it at night.

One morning I nearly lost my breakfast when I discovered a blemish on the stem. As I examined it, I realized it was from an aphid bite. Searching the stems of one of the nearby flowers, I found what had to be the King of the Aphids, a trully Godzilla insect. When it saw me, it charged with all of its sixty-three teeth showing. Luckily, I was holding my trowel and got in a lucky blow. It fell to the ground, mortally wounded. I watched it expire.

The damage it had done to the stalk had to be repaired, so I called a local plastic surgeon. He looked dubious, but filled the aphid-induced wound with a mixture of wax and Jack Daniels. The wax seemed to be mostly for the plant and the Jack Daniels for the surgeon. The stalk was again perfect.

When I got the stalk to the exhibition hall the next day, all talk stopped when I entered. A few faint oaths did break the silence now and then, including one petitioning St. Elmo, the patron saint of Fire Drills, to destroy Montezuma's Revenge on the spot. St. Elmo did not respond, and I knew I had Queen of the Show locked up.

A friend of mine described the judging to me, since I am not a judge and was not present. He said Montezuma's Revenge was the hands down winner, but the award of Queen of the Show was nevertheless not awarded to it. The governing document for shows is the District Iris Society Show and Barbecuing Manual, and the manual disallowed it. It seems that by DISS rules, the Queen of the Show cannot be a hermaphrodite, and Montezuma's Revenge clearly was. It had both anthers and ovaries.

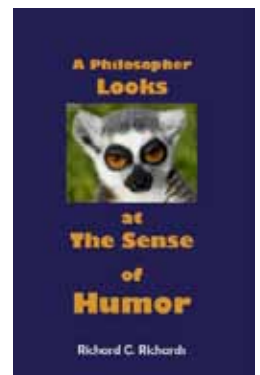
My iris has been DISSed. I was foiled yet again. That was how close I came to having Queen of the Show. Wait 'til next year!

About the Author

Richard C. Richards retired in 2002 from Cal State Polytechnic University Pomona after almost 40 years of teaching (courses such as Philosophy, Logic and Semantics, Ethics, and Existentialism and Ethics) as Emeritus Faculty Member. He has co-authored books with his wife Marlene Richards.

Richards is a noted iris hybridizer, producing award winning rebloomers such as 'Amethyst Winter' (1998) and 'Marty Richards' (2005). He introduced his green iris 'Easy Being Green' in 2007. Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden (aitken-garden.goodsie.com) is introducing Richard's newest introduction 'Classical Brass', winner of the Herb Holk Award for Best Iris Introduction at the 2013 AIS Region 15 Spring Trek. He is also a prolific writer. He says of his latest book *A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor* - "It has a serious intent and a humorous approach. That way I can offend a large number of people..."

Richards' book is available in print and electronic format from www.philosopherlooksathumor.com



In Memoriam: Kenneth M. Pierson (1932-2013)



Sadly, we lost a dear member of our society last October. Ken Pierson, iris hybridizer and long time member of the AIS and the San Diego Iris Society, served as president of the San Diego Iris Society. Ken recently introduced tall bearded iris 'Chad Curry', named for a friend's son who sadly passed away from cancer. Affectionately known as Tower of Power as a seedling because of its strong height and substance, 'Chad Curry' is a prolific iris and grows well in any San Diego garden. Ken and Christie (pictured left in a photo taken by Claire Schneider at the Region 15 Spring Trek banquet dinner) were recently featured in

the Region 15 newsletter for the miracle seedlings that bloomed from seeds they rescued from the fires that occurred 10 years ago. The two of them have worked wonderfully as a team to create beautiful irises (see Pierson seedlings in Region 15 Fall 2013 newsletter).

Ken was born January 12, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He joined the Navy when he was only 16 and served as a Pilot in the Korean War. He settled in San Diego, CA, and became an airline pilot for PSA and eventually retired as a Captain for U.S. Air. He loved to do volunteer work and started this early in life with the Boy Scouts of America. He had an explorer Scout post where he taught young people how to fly while working at PSA. Many became successful commercial airline pilots. He also taught flying to young people in Julian, Borrego and Ramona. He truly loved doing this! He was also a football and soccer coach in Julian. His last and most recent service was with the Senior Volunteer Sheriff's Patrol group in Ramona. He absolutely loved his job and all of the people he worked with.

Ken was an avid gardener and served as president of the East County Rose Society and the San Diego Iris Society. He was a kind and fun loving man and he will be greatly missed and remembered with lots of love by everyone, especially his family.

Consider Adding Median Irises to Your Garden by Katharina Notarianni

Have you noticed your favorite hybridizer(s) introducing more median irises? I certainly have. What differentiates the medians from TB's are the diminutive size and interesting colors and patterns.

In 1946, iris hybridizer Bennett Jones successfully incorporated *Iris pumila* into his breeding program and which resulted in the birth of the first standard dwarf bearded (SDB) iris. Bennett's Sass Medalist 'Peachy Face' was one of the first Intermediates recognized as having some degree of fertility. In 1981 the first median iris to win the Dykes Medal was Eugene Buckles' border bearded (BB) iris 'Brown Lasso', which David Niswonger selected for introduction. Niswonger himself won the Knowlton Medal for his BB iris 'Marmalade Skies' in 1984.

The Sass brothers, after whom the Sass Medal is named, bred all types of irises that would grow in Nebraska, but their early fame as hybridizers came for their work producing intermediate bearded (IB) irises. Crossing dwarf irises with tall bearded irises, they were the first American breeders to develop many new colors and forms in the intermediate class. They saw the great advantage of intermediate bearded irises on the windy prairie, and the value of a type of iris that filled out the bloom season between the early dwarf irises and the later tall bearded irises. Hans Sass was the first to introduce true reblooming cultivars, the tall bearded 'Autumn King' and the intermediate bearded 'Autumn Queen', in 1926.

Other well known award winning hybridizers who have recently contributed to the median world of irises include Terry Aitken, Paul Black, Tom Johnson, Brad Kasperek, Keith Keppel, Fred Kerr, and Larry Lauer to name a few. Some of the most recent award winning median irises are pictured on page 15, and page 40 features 2014 introductions available this season.

(SDB) Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris are some of the most useful garden plants, ranging in height from 20 cm (8 inches) to

Median Irises for the Garden (continued)

41 cm (16 inches). They begin their bloom as the MDBs are ending, still quite early in the iris season. They are best displayed in clumps where they give the effect of a “cushion” of individual blooms. The colors are nearly unlimited since the SDBs show all the different “spot patterns” of the miniatures, as well as the plicatas and pinks seen in the TBs. SDB’s are easier to grow than miniature dwarfs in Western gardens but perform best with some winter chill. They compete for the Cook-Douglas Medal.

(IB) Intermediate Bearded irises stand from 41 cm (16 inches) to 70 cm (27 1/2 inches) high, with their bloom season overlapping the SDBs and the TBs. Although the IBs show their dwarf ancestry in early bloom season and very interesting color patterns, they are large enough that their individual stalks may be nicely branched, forming an elegant bouquet. Some varieties are nicest in clumps, where they present a large amount of color (like the SDBs), while others are showiest in specimen plantings, where the stalks and individual blooms may be seen to best advantage. The highest award given is the Hans & Jacob Sass Medal.

(MTB) Miniature Tall Bearded irises are distinguished by daintiness and delicacy. Height from 41 cm (16 inches) to 70 cm (27 1/2 inches). The blooms are smaller than on a BB and the stems are thin and wiry. An MTB clump looks like a cloud of butterflies. They are often called “Table Irises” because they are so well suited for arrangements. These Irises compete for the Williamson-White Medal.

(BB) Border Bearded irises are essentially small versions of the TBs in the same height range and bloom size as the intermediates, but blooming with the tall bearded. Good BBs have round, ruffled petals that complement their small size. The highest award for this class is the Knowlton Medal.

Airlbred irises are part of the median class, but Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB) and Tall Bearded (TB) irises are not. If you are looking to extend the iris bloom season in your garden, consider median irises. These cute little irises will make a statement with their interesting color patterns.

Sources: AIS Wiki and Median Iris Society



SDB Wish Upon A Star (Black)



SDB Cat's Eye (Black)



SDB Puddy Tat (Black)



SDB Pele (Aitken)



IB Devil May Care (Black)



IB Hot Spice (Aitken)



IB Lemon Pop (Lauer)



IB Garnet Slippers (Keppel)



MTB Dividing Line (Bunnell)



MTB Plum Quirky (Probst)



BB Anaconda Love (Kasperek)



BB Eye Candy (Keppel)

Classified Ad: Help Wanted! Officers for Region 15

By Claire Schneider

Have you ever wondered what the work load is for an officer in Region 15? If you knew the perks, would you consider being an officer or a committee chair? Read on to learn or review the job descriptions of the officers and committee chairs of Region 15. Perhaps one of these will pique your interest.

The American Iris Society (AIS) is the guardian of twenty-two regions of iris societies. Region 15 covers Southern California and Arizona and represents ten local iris societies to the AIS. The governing body of Region 15 is the Executive Committee which is composed of four elected officers, several appointed committee chairs and a representative from each of the ten local iris societies in the Region. The four elected officers are the Regional Vice President (RVP), Assistant RVP, Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICERS JOB DESCRIPTION

The Regional Vice President (RVP), top officer in Region 15, presides over all Executive Committee and General meetings. The RVP appoints the chairs of all the committees and keeps track of their goings on. The RVP serves on the AIS Board of Counselors which convenes during the spring meetings of the AIS. (i.e. Portland, Oregon in May 2015; Newark, New Jersey in May 2016; and Des Moines, Iowa in May 2017.)

Job requirements: flexible wrist action for banging that gavel and an extra large rolodex for phone numbers and email addresses, vital when a task needs to be delegated. A sense of humor is helpful, but is not required.

Perquisites: After serving for three consecutive years, the RVP is bestowed with a gift of appreciation. But don't get too excited about this gift. According to the Region 15 Bylaws, Standing Rule #7, the value of the gift cannot exceed \$75. It's the thought that counts, right? The bigger perk is being sent to the AIS Conventions and viewing all the gardens of guest iris. You'll have a few meetings to attend, but oh, those glorious iris!! That's the great perk.

The Assistant RVP, as the name implies, assists the RVP with all regional activities and in case of an absence by the RVP, performs the duties of the RVP. The Assistant RVP is the chair of the Judges Training Committee and provides the local clubs with a list of available judges training programs as well as a list of qualified judges.

Job requirements: be a certified judge and able to herd cats. Uh, pardon me, slip of the tongue. Able to herd judges, the master, senior, garden/exhibition, apprentice and candidate judges into a list.

Perquisite: Likely to succeed the RVP and inherit the perk of being sent to the AIS Conventions.

The Secretary records the minutes at all meetings and sends official notices to important people as directed by the RVP. Nickname for Secretary is, "Laptop will travel."

Job requirements: nimble fingers on the keyboard and ability to use Spellchecker. Excellent hearing is helpful, but not required. The fall back strategy in each meeting is always, "What did you say?"

The Treasurer, according to Bylaws, is custodian of all moneys belonging to Region 15 or under its control. The Treasurer pays all bills and keeps accurate records of financial transactions. At each regional meeting, the Treasurer presents a budget report which lists all receipts and disbursements since the previous meeting.

Job Requirement: ability to count money without using fingers and toes.

Each year, the elected officers are expected to attend two Region 15 general meetings, usually held at the Spring and Fall Treks. In addition, there are a minimum of three Executive Board meetings, two of which are also held during the Treks. The third is held during the winter at a time and place determined by the RVP.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each elected officer must be a member in good standing with the American Iris Society and a resident within Region 15. Having an acre of iris in your garden is NOT a requirement, but it is admirable to have that yearning to sit in a field of blooming iris!

Classified Ad: Help Wanted! Officers for Region 15 (continued)

Here is an overview of the process so you will know what to expect:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee, created by the RVP, will consist of a minimum of one Executive Board member and three representatives from affiliated clubs, one of whom must be from Arizona. So far, Winona has appointed me, Claire Schneider of San Diego Iris Society, Mike Monninger of Southern California Iris Society and Ben Schleuning of Lompoc Area Iris Society, and one Arizona member yet to be appointed, to nominate a roster of irisarians from our region for the four open positions: Regional Vice President, Assistant Vice President & Judge's Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We are very grateful to our current Board executives (Winona Stevenson, Debbie Babuscio, Cheryl Deaton and Janis Shackelford) for volunteering their time and efforts to date.

ELECTION

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers at the Region 15 Fall General Meeting. For 2014, the election of officers will be held at the Fall Trek hosted by the Orange County Iris and Daylily Club. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the General Meeting. Although not a requirement, ideal candidates should have had experience serving on the Region 15 Executive Board. According to the Bylaws, officers and committee chairs can hold their office for a maximum of three consecutive years and be eligible again for that office after being out of office for one year. Also, according to the Bylaws, elections occur annually. But what isn't clear in the Bylaws is when, where and how the election occurs. At the 2013 Fall Trek, the slate of candidates stood before the assembly and was elected by a show of hands from members in the assembly.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee Chairs will be appointed by the new RVP after Fall elections. Here's a summary of the most important duties of the committee chairs.

- Awards Chair collects ballots and presents AIS awards to award winners at the Spring Trek.
- Editor & Circulation Chair publishes and distributes the semi-annual Regional Newsletter and coordinates posting relevant information on the Region 15 website with the webmaster.
- Membership Chair keeps track of current members and promotes interest in iris by recruiting new members.
- Ways & Means Chair organizes fund-raising activities for the region.
- Historian catalogs and safe guards records, newsletters and photographs of Region 15.
- Nominating Chair presents a slate of qualified candidates for annual elections.

REVIEW OF PERQUISITES

There are benefits to being an elected officer or committee chair in Region 15. A few are:

1. The receipt of personalized invitations to attend future AIS National Conventions: Dallas, Texas in April 2014; Portland, Oregon in May 2015; Newark, New Jersey in May 2016; and Des Moines, Iowa in May 2017.
2. A genuine feeling of camaraderie, joviality and esprit de corps at each Executive and General meeting. Maybe a free lunch will be included, too.
3. A sense of accomplishment, for keeping the spirit and enthusiasm of iris culture alive.

APPLICATION

Seriously, Region 15 is seeking iris enthusiasts to steer the society for the next three years. The work load is manageable and if you have been wondering what to do when your irises aren't in bloom and how to get to see as many gardens as possible during bloom season, you are an ideal candidate and the job can be yours!

If you are interested in becoming an elected officer or committee chair for Region 15, beginning with Fall 2014, please contact Claire Schneider at itsaclearday.claire@gmail.com.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Gratitude to Janis Shackelford for sending me the Region 15 Bylaws. Ditto for interpreting them!

AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 & SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014
HOSTED BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY



Join us on April 18-19 for Region 15's Spring Trek!

GARDEN TOUR of three Personal Residence Gardens with personal and Guest Iris including TBs, Spuria, Louisiana, and Medians!

GARDEN TOURS ON APRIL 19TH WILL BE ON BUSES LEAVING FROM AND RETURNING TO BOTH TREK HOTELS!

GUEST SPEAKER: Paul Black, Award Winning Hybridizer from Mid-America Garden

JUDGES TRAINING with Paul Black (Median Irises)
and Gerry Snyder (In-garden)

TREK HEADQUARTERS: HOLIDAY INN BURBANK MEDIA CENTER

150 East Angeleno Ave., Burbank, CA 91502

Phone (818) 841-4770

Room Rate: \$119 plus taxes (includes free parking)

RESERVE BY APRIL 11, 2014

ALTERNATE HOTEL: QUALITY INN BURBANK

2255 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91504

Phone (818) 848-1680

Room Rate: \$99 plus taxes (includes Continental breakfast,
Free parking and internet)

FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE TO BOTH HOTELS FROM BOB HOPE BURBANK AIRPORT. For Pick up using Hotel Courtesy Phone in Baggage Claim.



Photo of Paul Black in his Mid-America Garden in Salem OR.



AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK REGISTRATION
April 18-19, 2014 Burbank California

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 10, 2014

FULL REGISTRATION: # _____ x \$90 Total \$ _____
 (includes Awards Banquet, Garden tours and Sat lunch)
 YOUTH (19 and under): # _____ x \$45 Total \$ _____
 GARDEN TOURS ONLY: # _____ x \$50 Total \$ _____
 (includes Bus, lunch, and Trek Book)
 AWARDS BANQUET ONLY: # _____ x \$45 Total \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registrant #1

Name _____ Region _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Registrant #2

Name _____ Region _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Email _____
 Youth Registrants _____
 Email _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone _____

MEALS

Please select from the following choices:

Awards Banquet April 19th, 2014:

Registrant #1 ___ Chicken Cordon Blue ___ Roast Beef Bordelaise ___ Penne Pasta Primavera
 Registrant #2 ___ Chicken Cordon Blue ___ Roast Beef Bordelaise ___ Penne Pasta Primavera

Youth Meals are available upon request.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you need special accommodations for persons with disabilities or if you
 Have special diet requirements, please describe them here:

JUDGES TRAINING:

FRIDAY NIGHT JUDGES TRAINING WITH PAUL BLACK ON IRIS MEDIANS

SATURDAY IN-GARDEN JUDGES TRAINING WITH GERRY SNYDER

How many in your party will participate in Judges Training in the Garden? _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO "SCIS" BY APRIL 10th TO
 ANGIE FIERRO, REGISTRAR
 8249 RUSH STREET
 ROSEMEAD, CA 91770

If you have registration questions or need to make changes, Call Angie at (626) 307-5352.

AIS Region 15 Commercial Iris Gardens

Burgard Iris Farm - (805) 835-3965

Catherine & Emil Burgard
840 Climbing Tree Ln
Templeton, CA 93465
email burgardfarms@yahoo.com

Kary Iris Gardens - (480) 949-0253

Ardi Kary
6201 East Calle Rosa
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
www.karyiris.com
email ardikary@aol.com

Wild Oak Farms - (909) 307-4565

Tony & Cheryl Hicks
32036 Live Oak Canyon Rd
Redlands, CA 92373
wildoakfarms.redlands@gmail.com

Hummingbird Iris Garden - (928) 777-8110

Linda Rossman
5942 Old Black Canyon Hwy
Prescott AZ 86303
email lindarae@cableone.net

Mystic Lake Gardens - (951) 928-2337

Paul & Carole Buchheim
22177 Polley Street
Nuevo, CA 92567
www.mysticlakegardens.com
email cbuchheim@verizon.net

AIS Voucher Program - 2014

(Get a \$25 Voucher for joining or upgrading your AIS membership)

The Voucher Program is here for any new member of AIS, any new E-Member, or for any current member who upgrades membership; that is, upgrades from a single membership to a triennial or to a dual, or an E-Member who upgrades to multiple years of E-Membership. See ad on page 7 or get infor from the AIS website: <http://www.irises.org/pdf/2014voucherprogram.pdf>

Sponsor	Website	Min. Purchase
C and T Iris Patch	www.candtirispatch.com	\$50
Comanche Acres Iris	www.comancheacresiris.com	\$50
Griffin's Den	www.pilmore.com/griffinsden	\$50
Iris4U	www.iris4u.com	\$50*
*purchase a new intro and receive it for \$25		
Iris Sisters Farm	www.iris-sisters.com	\$50
Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm	www.mtpleasantiris.com	\$50
Mystic Lake Gardens	www.mysticlakegardens.com	\$35
Rainbow Iris Farms	www.rainbowfarms.net	\$50
Stout Gardens at Dancing Tree	www.stoutgardens.com	\$50
Wildwood Gardens	www.wildwoodgardens.net	\$100**
** will honor a voucher for the cost of AIS membership		
Winterberry Iris Gardens	www.winterberryirises.com	\$50

Click here for Nursery List: <http://www.irises.org/pdf/2014voucherprogramnurserieslist.pdf>

Region 15 Presidents' Reports

President's Report Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society

by Dan Dourney

High Desert Iris & Daylily Society: President - Dan Dourney, Vice President - Pam Montelono, Secretary - Nancy Walker, and Treasurer - Ellen O'Toole

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

In October, Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society hosted the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Lancaster, CA. We had a very good turnout and enjoyed guest speaker Brad Kasperek's talk. The raffle was a great success with many attendees going home with nice items.

In December we had our X-mas Dinner and installed officers for 2014. We welcomed our new Vice President Pam Montelongo.

January featured our guest speaker Glenn Guenter who spoke about low voltage lighting and water features.

In February our speaker was Curtis Thompos from Los Angeles Smart gardening. He gave a presentation on composting and worm rearing.

Our March speaker was Bill Maryott who presented a program on daylilies. On Mar. 21,22,23 HDIDS had our Iris sale at the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds Home Show.

In April our speaker will be Sharon Weisenberger teaching on floral arrangement preparing us for the upcoming show in May. On April 24th -27th we will bring our Iris to the 40th Huntington Gardens spring plant sale.

May 3rd and 4th will be our annual Show and Sale that will be held at A.V College Agriculture Building TE- at 3041 West Avenue K in Lancaster Ca. On May 17th we have Dine and Dash event - Garden Tour includes visits to the Escarcega, Anesi, Nygaard gardens after our meeting and Dinner with Barry Blyth at the Kiger's garden.



President's Report Inland Region Iris Society

by Carol Morgan

Here is a summary of I.R.I.S activities for the Spring of 2014:

January 4 - Bob Van Liere from IRIS 4 U in Denver will be our speaker on "Whats my line" Bob is a great speaker and it will be a great evening.

March 4 - Joyce Dean from Redlands is a Design expert and well known here in So. Calif. She will give a talk and demo on Artistic Design to help us get ready for our Spring show.

April 1 - monthly meeting TBA and meeting on final arrangements on our Show, Tour and Vendors Sales.

April 12 and 13 - Vendors Sale Riverside Flower Show with Pots and Rhizomes for sale.

April 24 - I.R.I.S. Annual Iris Flower Show - one day only, no rhizome sale.

April 26 - First time in a long time MEMBERS ONLY IRIS TOUR of 5 GARDENS and Lunch - Should be lots of fun!

May 16,17,& 18 - Vendors at Yucaipa Iris festival. Will sell Iris Pots and Rhizomes. This is our Big Sale with lots of people interested in IRIS.

JUNE monthly meeting brings ELECTIONS of Board Officers for I.R.I.S. All of us will term out, so officers will either rotate, or leave the board, except for our Newsletter Chairperson Beth Train, she has 2 more years.

That's It for our Spring schedule.

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

There Was A Crooked Man

There was a crooked man and he walked a crooked mile,
He found a crooked sixpence upon a crooked stile.
He bought a crooked cat, which caught a crooked mouse,
And they all lived together in a little crooked house.
In his crooked garden, he planted crooked rows.
Then he turned the water on and used a crooked hose.
What caused a crooked smile upon his crooked face?
The crooked flowers blooming brought beauty to your face.

British Nursery Rhyme Revised by Elizabeth Van Liere
'Crooked Little Smile' (Van Liere 2008) www.iris4u.com





Lompoc Valley
Iris Society

President's Report Lompoc Valley Iris Society

by Ben Schleuning

From Lompoc Valley Iris Society (LVIS), a quick update and a look into the new year.

Five of us attended the Fall Trek; thank you to all for a great event!

Our last meeting of 2013 was in October and included election of officers for 2014. The same people were placed back in office for another year: Ben Schleuning / President, Marie Jacobson / Vice President, Carol Huffman / Treasurer, Pat Dunn / Secretary, Florence Schleuning / Membership, and a new face..... Mary Beth Kerr / Publicity

Chairperson.

Due to difficulty in scheduling, we did not have a Christmas dinner. We chose to have a New Year dinner instead. Our dinner was well attended and it was decided by all present to repeat this event to welcome in 2015.

We had a January board meeting to develop our 2014 calendar.

- Sunday, 9 February: General meeting with video and demonstration on preparing iris for judging
- 18-19 April: Spring Trek in Burbank
- 26-27 April: Annual Iris Show
- Sunday, 18 May: General meeting; program on photographing our iris
- Sunday, 8 June: Pot Luck Picnic
- Saturday, 26 July: Rhizome Sale
- Sunday, 3 August: Pot Luck Picnic..... receive new rhizomes and rhizome door prizes to be awarded
- Saturday, 6 Sept: Potting Party of rhizomes for next year's iris show door prizes
- Sunday, 5 Oct: General meeting: election of officers
- Sunday, 2 Nov: General meeting: Program TBA



President's Report Orange County Iris and Daylily Club

by Lois Kam Lan Farr

The Orange County Iris and Day Lily Club continues, and like our iris, requires lots of nurture before the bloom.

Six of us enjoyed attending the October 2013 Fall Trek in Palmdale. What a fabulous feat our hosts accomplished. It was a perfect day, so well planned for us. It is always fun meeting familiar and new faces, especially gathered around the topic of IRISES! We enjoyed our day immensely and look forward to taking a turn hosting the October 2014 Fall Trek....

Our Orange County club continues to enjoy our monthly meetings, improving friendships and increasing gardening knowledge and abilities. We learned from a Master Gardener at our January meeting. Our speaker gave real definition to the word Master. Square foot gardens, raised beds, PH levels, complimentary plants and insects, organic fertilizers, composting are just a sample of topics we learned about. We were all mentally promoted one gardening grade level by the end of the meeting.

In November, consistent with the season, many of our members shared BOUNTIFULLY from the harvest of their gardens. Our share table was packed with pounds of beautifully tree-ripened persimmons, avocados, and lemons. Various Irises and day lilies adorned the table, and much more. It is good to be a part of such abundance, giving, sharing and thanks.

Our club looks forward to 2014. Our goal is to grow better and stronger, not necessarily larger, remaining focused on becoming better gardeners, better friends, and better Irismanians.

Thank you for all of the support and network you provide at this level.



President's Report Prescott Area Iris Society

by Dennis Luebkin



2013 is becoming an exciting and busy year for PAIS. Our Society is very active in our five public service projects along with our events and fund raising activities which not only support the society but also support our community outreach programs in the Prescott Quad City Area. Our programs in the Prescott area strengthen our ties and partnership with other organizations and the community which allows PAIS to provide information on Iris horticulture and help in the beautification of our community. Each of our outreach programs are considered long term programs that will be phased and take several years to complete.

These programs consist of the following:

1. Yavapai College Sculpture Garden- The Iris Gardens consist of the:

- The William R. Dykes Medal Iris Garden.
- The Children's Story Book Iris Garden begun in 2013.
- The Black Iris Garden begun in 2013.
- The Francelle Edwards Iris Garden.
- The new Memorial Iris Garden dedicated to the 19 Prescott Granite Mountain Hot Shots who lost their lives in the Yarnell fire of 2013.

We anticipate that each of the three gardens will be expanded this year.

2. Sharlot Hall Museum Historic Iris Gardens - Our first plantings occurred in 2013 and plantings will be expanded 2014. We hope to advertise and open these gardens in 2015.

3. Citizens Cemetery Restoration and Iris Reclamation Project - Our participation in this restoration project will continue this year with cleanup and replanting of iris at the grave sites, continuation of the iris identification, an iris garden at the entry to the cemetery of the iris found at the cemetery, transplanting iris to the Sharlot Hall Museum, digging iris for sale and our education program.

4. Growing Irisarians Education Program - During the months of August to November 2013 PAIS presented its iris education program to 129 students. The program was popular. This program will continue in the spring and will involve several new schools where we have been invited to teach.

5. Guest Lecture Series - PAIS presented its iris lecture and slide show series to the Prescott College Horticultural Dept in 2013. We have been asked to do this class again for other Horticultural classes at the College. We will also be presenting a three part lecture series at Yavapai College for the OLLI continuing education group in May. We have presented this lecture series to garden clubs and will be doing a presentation to the Master Gardeners of Yavapai County sometime during the year.

Our schedule of events will include:

A member's garden tour and progressive dinner of members gardens on May 10.

The Kaleidoscope of Color Iris Exhibit and spring sale on May 17.

Our Marking Party will be held on July 19.

Sharlot Hall Rhizome Sale on July 26 and 27

Yarnell Rhizome sale August 2

Ice Cream Social, Silent Auction and Photo Contest September 20.

Four General meetings are planned during the year along with several planting and cleanup days at the Sculpture Garden, Sharlot Hall, and the Citizens Cemetery.

Our Committee for the 2015 Fall Trek in Prescott has been formed and a venue selected for the Trek. Planning for the Trek has begun.

Our current membership now stands at 74 as of Jan 1, 2014.

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

President's Report San Diego Iris Society

by Janis Shackelford

We had a nice program in January by photographer Rita Spiegel on the techniques for photographing flowers. Bob Van Liere made a fine presentation for our 51st Birthday Party in February (photos below). In March we had our popular iris round table discussion. In April I plan to demonstrate preparing an iris stalk for our May Show and Sale. Members will be requested to bring one or two stalks to practice on and we will have a mini-show after the demonstration. We WILL have an AIS sanctioned Show in May at Balboa Park in San Diego after a two-year hiatus, and members are pot-sitting iris for the sale. Show awards, election of officers, and an ice cream social will take place in June. We go dark during July and August, and start the new year with rhizome sales two weekends in September.



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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Name:
San Fernando
Valley Iris Society



Since the last newsletter the SVFIS finished off 2013 with a Holiday Party but not before we had our annual games night, a few beautiful slide presentations showing Iris in bloom (of course what else would we show) and a program in January given by our own members of pictures they took in their own gardens.

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society is off to a great 2014. We start the year with Mr. Bob Van Liere and bah dah boom, we got the room so come for the JT to be had on February 6th. In March we will have an instructional demonstration on floral arranging by an Accredited National Garden Club Judge.

April is the busy month for all Iris Clubs and ours is no exception. The first Thursday of the month is our club meeting which will feature horticulture display tips and techniques demonstrated by three of our veteran show members. We want to break the group in three smaller groups and have each group go to a separate area and see a demonstration by one club member then everyone switches after 15 minutes and sees the same thing by a different exhibitor until each person has viewed each all three of the demonstrators.

The second week in April is the AIS National Convention followed by the Region 15 Spring Trek on the third weekend and our Spring Show on the 26th and 27th of April. That ends April but not our events. The first weekend in May is our local club trek and following that is our monthly meeting on the 6th with club member Andi Rivarola giving a program on Spuria which will include a one hour judges training.

June brings us to our Show Awards Potluck and Election of Officers for the 2014/2015 year. In July we will have Steve Gerischer of Larkspur Designs who will give a demonstration on how to make Hypertufa Containers made of three ingredients which can be purchased at any Home Depot or OSH. In August and September we have our annual rhizome sales at local Farmers Markets. We all here in the Valley hope to see you all soon at either one of our meetings or at the Regional in April. So until then....Happy Gardening!

DAVID T. ROSS AWARD

David and Beth Berry were the joint recipients of the award this year due to their active participation in the club since joining. Beth is currently Membership Chair and David is Mercantile Chair. They have attended marking parties, potting parties, iris sales (including helping set up and take down), helped with the set-up and take-down of the Spring Iris Show, exhibited at the show, hosted their garden on the Spring Trek, and have hosted several board meetings at their house including a December holiday potluck.



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

President's Report Southern California Iris Society

by Mike Monninger



**Southern
California
Iris Society**

Southern California Iris Society (SCIS) Held a Louisiana and Spuria iris auction in September followed by a Pacific Coast Native Iris auction in October. Our annual Christmas party and mini-business meeting was well attended. Much merriment was provided by the gift exchange when gifts were stolen from one member by another member.

January and March meetings are planning for the upcoming Region 15 Trek on April 18 and 19. Paul Black is the guest speaker and will give a judges training on medians Friday night April 18. Gerry Synder will give a 1 hour in-garden judges training on April 19. Only one bus will be at this location so you will have to be on the bus that Gerry is on. Please indicate if you are taking judges training on the registration form. We will have many newer iris in a silent auction at the hotel. April will be full of iris activities: The iris show at the Los Angeles Arboretum on April 12 and 13, the Region 15 Spring Trek on April 18 and 19 and finally the four day iris sale at South Coast Plaza April 24 - 27.

The region trek iris will be dug late June and sent to the clubs for July auctions.

**AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK
APRIL 18-19, 2014
HOSTED BY THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY**

President's Report Sun Country Iris Society

by Ardi Kary

Members are really getting in the mood for spring as the irises are starting to bloom. We have had a beautiful warm spring already, but the iris blossoms will make it official. We are getting ready for our spring events. Our first event will be the Early Iris Exhibit and Potted Iris Sales on March 29th. This gives the early blooming varieties a chance to be on the show bench even though they bloom too early for the Spring Show in April. Our AIS Spring Iris Show and Potted Iris Sales will be on April 12th at Christown Mall and we are looking forward to lots of visitors who will be enjoying our wonderful show. We'll have AIS Iris Judges from Tucson, Prescott and Phoenix. Our last exhibit will be on May 3rd and we're expecting lots of Spuria Irises to be exhibited. Both the Early and Late Iris Exhibits will be judged by the public. We have a photo contest at our May meeting that will be judged by our members. Awards will be given to all the winners at our Award Presentation in the May meeting.

We have several goals for this year. We are hoping for more members to make the most of their iris experience by entering more in the shows. We are encouraging more of our members to open their gardens for visitors during bloom season. And we'd like to share our love and enjoyment of irises with others as we invite them to become members of our club. We are looking forward to a very fulfilling year.

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

President's Report Tucson Area Iris Society

by Maxine Fifer, Secretary

Tucson Area Iris Society has planned an exciting year of events under the guidance of our steering committee: Anne Boyer Cotton, Fred Thorpe, Maxine Fifer, Melania and Toni Kutz, Susan Oates, Greta Dunnigan, Kevin Kartchner and Kristee West.

2014 Programs already scheduled are:

- Jan. 11: TB Iris that Rebloom in Zones 1-3 powerpoint
- Febr. 8: Steve Schreiner discussion of Schreiner Garden operation, history of their business, and new iris introductions. 42 guests (including from Sun Country Iris Society, Prescott Iris Society and 2 outlying Tucson garden groups attended this event. (Photo attached)
- Mar. 29: Tucson Organic Gardeners Presentation/Tour of Community Garden
- Apr. 12: Annual Iris Show sponsored by TAIS
- Aug. 9: Region 15 Rhizome Auction.
- Sept. 20: Annual rhizome/potted iris sale



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

Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Winter Board Meeting

February 1, 2014 Canyon Country, CA

Call to Order at 9:07 AM by RVP Winona Stevenson.

Attendees: Ben Schleuning, LVIS; Florence Schleuning, LVIS; Janis Shackelford, SDIS; Sharon Luebkin, PAIS, Mike Monninger, SCIS; Dennis Luebkin, PAIS; Carol Morgan, IRIS; Claire Schneider, SDIS; Cheryl Deaton, HDIDS, SCIS, SFVIS; Winona Stevenson, HDIDS; Debbie James, SFVIS; Jane Troutman, SFVIS.

Welcome by W. Stevenson and Introductions.

Committee Reports:

Minutes: J. Shackelford- Minutes of the Region 15 Fall Board Meeting of October 19, 2013 were read. Request to amend the minutes by D. Luebkin, page 2 Prescott: 111 children were given an iris and invited to their show. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by B. Schleuning, seconded by D. Luebkin. The motion was approved.

Treasurer: C. Deaton- For the period Oct 19, 2013 to Dec. 31, 2013 total deposits 2,912.40, total withdrawals, \$1674.84, ending checkbook balance \$23,012.73. Total Region 15 Assets \$35,775.79. Correction to deposits- \$300 indicated as a donation from SDIS was actually the rhizome sale proceeds from LVIS. Motion to file the budget report for audit was made by D. James, Second by B. Schleuning. The motion was approved.

Judges: D. James- nothing new to report. Assuming everything sent in to AIS is OK since nothing came back. Bob Van Liere may be giving Judge's Training at one or more meetings.

D. James is now an apprentice. For judging can have two judges and a master gardener, does not have to be an AIS judge for the Artistic section. List of judges from last year is still correct.

Membership: W. Stevenson for P. Orr. 278 AIS members.

Awards: J. Troutman- everything is ready for the Spring Trek.

Youth: C. Deaton- Still have 4 youth members.

Historian: Still vacant.

Editor: Requests affiliate presidents send in their reports ASAP.

Affiliate Reports:

Hi Desert: C. Deaton- Provided a check for \$75 for the AIS gift basket-\$25 for Home Depot and \$50 for a Deaton introduction. Have a new VP with different programs, way ahead of planning for 2017 Trek.

Inland: C. Morgan- Had a nice English Box training by Elliott, Van Liere coming next week, will have a one day sanctioned AIS flower show on April 24th. Will have a members only garden tour in April. Suggestions for advertising in the AAA magazine, and Sunset magazine (three months advance notice required). Meeting notices are sent to local garden clubs, which has tripled their attendance.

Lompoc: B. Schleuning- Held a New Years dinner instead of a Christmas dinner, well attended. Had election of officers, B. Schleuning will still be president. Lost three members this last year. An iris Holy Fire is putting on tremendous bloom.

Orange County: M. Monninger- their club is mostly iris now, most meetings Master Gardener oriented. No Shows, no date for fall meeting yet, might be in Sept. or Nov.

Prescott: D. Luebkin- they are having two shorter presentations at a meeting. Have various outreach programs, sculpture garden, education program, expanding guest lecture series, will have a members only garden tour with progressive meal. Will have a non-sanctioned show and sale this spring, three iris sales planned, an ice cream social, only have 4 general meetings a year for the membership. Have a phone tree, membership book, did adopt the harassment policy, suggested everyone look at their web site. Provided a list of iris they would like for their fireproof memorial garden.

San Diego: J. Shackelford- Nice program with photographer Rita Spiegel on techniques for photographing flowers last January, will have Van Liere at their 51st Birthday Party in Feb., iris round table in March. April she will do a demonstration on preparing a stalk for their show with members practicing on their own stalks, Show in May, awards and elections of officers in June.

San Fernando: D. James- Will have Van Liere in Feb., in March a National Garden Club judge will give demonstration on flower arranging, in April the last three people who won at their show will demonstrate how they prepare a stalk. Have had a hard time getting members to pot iris this year for sales. Want to hold a show at a mall that brings in members but not much revenue. Will have a mini-spuria show in May, with JT on Spuria by Andi. In July they will make hypertufa pots (peat moss or coconut husk, concrete, vermiculite or perlite.) Contribute \$50 for Gift Basket. Everyone should send a club membership list to Patrick Orr.

So. Cal: M. Monninger- planning for Trek, have done it so many times they are used to it. April rhizome sale will charge \$7.00 for older cultivars, \$12 for newer. Trek April 18-19th.

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Sun Country: W. Stevenson read a report from A. Kary- Had six rhizome sales plus a member's sale with remainder potted for spring events. Will have one spring AIS sanctioned iris show and two iris exhibits with the public voting for their favorites.

Tucson: W. Stevenson has no information, unable to contact their president. D. Luebkin has a good contact number for their secretary.

Unfinished Business:

EIN numbers: Cheryl has some, not all. Remaining clubs may not have them.

Gift Basket for AIS convention: Checks submitted so far total approximately \$275. Would be for Home Depot and gift certificates from various hybridizers.

J. Shackelford made a motion for the gift basket to have \$400.00 total value with any difference to be paid by the Region. Second B. Schleuning. The motion was approved.

Costs for Newsletters/Charge for printed copies: Question continued from previous meeting of whether to charge \$5.00 for printed copies. 2013 yearly expenditure was \$1347. Most members receive it by email, useful to have copies to encourage AIS membership. J Shackelford made a motion that there shall be no charge for the Regional newsletter at this time, second by B. Schleuning. The motion was approved.

Historian: Position not filled. D. James offered to have current backlog of documents scanned and placed on discs, so a volunteer would have only new documents to deal with. Thank you Debbie!

Trek Wheel: Spring 2014- Southern Cal; Fall 2014- Orange County; Spring 2015- none; Fall 2015- Prescott; Spring 2016- San Fernando; Fall 2016- Lompoc; Spring 2017- Hi Desert; Fall 2017- S. Cal; Spring, 2018- Suggesting Sun Country; Fall 2018- open.

New Business:

AIS Affiliate applications- submitted by four or five clubs, others will be contacted.

Request from Michelle Snyder: Would like to hold the 2016 Fall AIS National Board Meeting in Sedona, AZ. Would Region 15 cover the cost of the meeting room and snacks, \$500 to \$600?

Discussion of whether Sedona is too distant from nearest airport. B. Schleuning made a motion for the Region to provide \$600 for the 2016 Fall Meeting of the AIS National Board if held in Region 15. J. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Proposed budget for 2014 and 2015. C. Deaton presented the proposed budgets for both years. Region would operate slightly in the red in 2014. There will not be a rhizome sale in 2015 so minimal income but is hoping for each club to donate \$500 to the Region, making the budget balance. D. James made a motion to accept the proposed budgets, second by D. Luebkin. The motion was approved.

Nominating Committee: All terms of current board members end in October. Will need a new slate of officers to be presented in April.

W. Stevenson appointed C. Schneider as committee chair, M. Monninger and B. Schleuning to be the nominating committee.

Other New Business:

D. Luebkin- developing a firefighter memorial, distributed a list of iris they are looking for.

C. Deaton- possibility B. Blyth will be here in May.

S. Luebkin- Kelly Norris will be the guest speaker for the Fall 2015 Trek hosted by PAIS.

C. Deaton- is now in charge of bequests and donations for AIS. What can AIS do for the clubs that it is not doing? Suggestion is for AIS to provide guidelines to the affiliates and hybridizers for both receipt and return of Trek or National Convention rhizomes. The cost to hybridizers to send rhizomes to Treks is significant and the return shipping costs to hybridizers is a substantial impact to Trek and Convention budgets.

J. Shackelford noted the Region's web site home page needed to be updated regarding number of clubs. She also asked who was doing the required reporting to the IRS and possibly to the State for the clubs? Suggested she contact J. Bonino.

B. Schleuning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m., seconded by D. Luebkin. The motion was approved.

Submitted by,

Janis Shackelford, Secretary

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Call to Order at 9:15 AM by RVP Winona Stevenson.

Attendees: Mike Monninger, SCIS; Elaine Monninger, SCIS; Virginia Sartwell, HDIDS; Claire Schneider, SDIS; Katharina Notarianni, SDIS; AnnMarie Wren, HDIDS; Florence Schleuning, LVIS; Ben Schleuning, LVIS; Marie Jacobsen, LVIS; Pamela Montelongo, HDIDS; Carol Morgan, IRIS; Ann Hernandez, IRIS; Debbie James, SFVIS; Jane Troutwell, SFVIS; Dennis Luebkin, PAIS; Sharon Luebkin, PAIS; Kathleen Shaffer, PAIS; Vera Stewart, PAIS; Judy Book, PAIS; Stan Book, PAIS; Jill Bonino, SFVIS/SCIS; Laura Martin, SCIS; Kyria Peavy, SCIS; Dan Dourney, SDIDS; Brad Kasperek, Region 12; Jeanie Moeckel, OCIDC; Lois Farr, OCIDC; John Huffman, LVIS; Carol Huffman, LVIS; Narilyn Kiger, HDIDS; Patti Nygaard, HDIDS; Mary Escarcega, HDIDS, Doug Mull, HDIDS, Al Escarcega, HDIDS; Al Anesi, HDIDS.

Welcome and Introductions.

Minutes of the Region 15 Spring Board Meeting of April 26, 2013 were read. Motion to approve the minutes by D. Luebkin, Second by B. Schleuning. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report - C. Deaton: Region's assets as of Oct. 19, 2013 are \$34,138.07. The tax returns for the Convention are available. The Money Market account has earned only \$0.30 interest. Would like to move the money market account to earn more interest. Prefer 3 to 5 year CDs, and a location with no fees. Motion to send the report to audit by D. James, second J. Bonino. The motion was approved.

Judges Training - D. James

The Judge's Activity forms were sent out by email and she has compiled all responses. She identified current judges who need additional training hours and needs a contact phone number for B. Lauck. Sue Brown has advanced from apprentice to G/E. The Region has 26 judges with only 8 in Arizona. We need judges! She is preparing a list of judges and their email and phone numbers and will send it to club presidents. C. Deaton noted you don't need two panels of 3, and you can use Master Gardeners as long as they are not a majority and know something about iris.

Membership - Winona Stevenson/Patrick Orr. P. Orr doesn't travel, W. Stevenson reported he has requested presidents to review what membership programs work and will compile a list of suggestions. We have 274 AIS members. We could consider paying for e-memberships for AIS members.

Awards - Jane Troutman - There is a complete case of awards ready to go for the Spring Trek, all paid for.

Youth - Cheryl Deaton - We have increased youth members by 100%- now have four. A national coloring contest is going on. We need to encourage youth interest in iris- check with local elementary schools, see if schools have a beautification program. We need younger people to take over for us.

Historian - Position still open to anyone interested. Linda Smith digitized most of the records prior to her passing. Old documents can be sent to AIS.

Newsletter - K Notarianni - Attendees commented on how beautiful the newsletter is.

Printed copies have been sent to presidents. Cost of a copy is \$3.00 to print, \$2.00 to mail.

C. Morgan- Newsletter is available on the Region 15 website, an incentive to join AIS has been lost. Should we consider paying \$5.00 for hard copies of the newsletter? Motion by B. Schleuning to pay \$5.00 for hard copies of the newsletter, motion seconded by J. Troutman. Motion was amended to suggest a \$5.00 donation to the Region. Motion was tabled to bring up the issue at the General Meeting. K. Notarianni would like Affiliate reports for the Spring newsletter by January 15th. She would also like pictures of club members or events.

Affiliate Reports:

High Desert - Dan Dourney: Starting to plan the 2017 Spring Trek.

Inland - Carol Morgan: Had their end of summer rhizome sales and trades. Did lots of advertising and had a couple of thousand dollars profit. Programs on organic gardening and will have Judges training by Al Elliot on English Boxes. Bob Van Liere will speak in February and a one day flower show in April.

Lompoc - Ben Schleuning: His report is not in the newsletter. They had a wonderful show and sale in the spring but lost lots of iris to gophers. Highlight of the year was going to Winona's Lakeside Garden to help dig, she has wonderful soil. Will have a special November meeting for election of officers and a program on the beginning of space age iris.

Orange County - Lois Farr: She is still learning about irises, let alone being president. Have planned a couple of interesting programs on bee keeping and butterfly garden plants. Had a fun auction in September and are discussing the direction of the club. Using email to keep members active during the summer months.

Prescott - Dennis Luebkin: This has been a busy year with good membership response, 63 members and one youth. They have a number of outreach programs. Storybook garden, black iris garden, and will be expanding a firefighters

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memorial garden in Yavapai. Also have a historic iris garden and an education program for kids with three public school programs this year. Lectures on iris have been given to a horticultural class at Prescott College and at Yavapai College. They are bringing students (111 students) to their iris shows and children and their parents are invited.

San Diego - Janis Shackelford: They had a successful rhizome sale at Balboa Park and, more importantly, gained 12 new members since June. Just completed the auction of the 2013 Trek rhizomes. Carole Buchheim will present both a program and judge's training on Nov. 10th. December is their Christmas party, January a program by photographer Rita Spiegel "Creating Portraits with Flowers", February is the annual birthday party (51 years old) with Bob Van Liere the guest speaker. She really likes how three clubs were able to schedule the same speaker, interested in doing it again. March TBD. In April she will do a program on preparing a stalk for their show, and in May they WILL have a Show and Sale after a two-year hiatus- problems with the City taking the room.

San Fernando - Debbie James: Held their auction and rhizome sales, having problem with the same members showing up, trying to get other members involved. They have 92 members, club turned 40 and have published a booklet for their 40th anniversary. Jill Bonino will present a program on the International Competition in Italy, January they will have members give ten- minute slide shows of pictures from their yards, February will have Bob Van Liere, March will have Janet Switzer demonstrate floral arranging and design. Spring show in April and in May judge's training on spuria by Andi Rivarola.

Southern Cal - Mike Monninger: Completed their member's auction with lots of competition for the iris. Distributed flyers for the Spring Trek, April 18-19, 2014. Will have buses, cost \$90 for everything. Paul Black will give a JT on Medians on Friday.

Sun Country - Kyria Peavy, incoming VP. Their public sales were very successful. Their treasurer is moving to San Diego, will be holding election for replacement.

Tucson - no one present

Unfinished Business:

Harassment Policy - Policy is available. It is up to each club whether to add it to your standing rules.

New Business:

Brad Kasperek- Several regions are starting to ask hybridizers to reimburse for shipping back seedlings. He appreciated having his initial shipping costs paid. Noted the cost for hybridizers is substantial to mail introductions to each region, becoming a financial burden.

EIN Numbers- Have obtained the EIN numbers from eight clubs, still missing two. The Region files both state and federal reports for all the clubs.

C. Morgan- they are required to have a sign saying tax is included at rhizome sales and have a vendor's permit.

Trek wheel- Treks provide funding for the Region, currently the only source of income.

2017 Fall ?

2018 Spring- Sun County? Kyria will bring it up with their club.

2018 Fall- ?

D. Leubkin- Prescott weather is a problem for spring treks because of their altitude. Will host Fall Treks.

AIS calendars available.

Marketing handbook available.

Dallas convention in early April, brochures available and badges.

Does our Region want to donate a basket for 2014 Convention? At the 2012 convention baskets went for less than their values. Most people fly, don't have room to take a basket home. C. Deaton suggested gift certificates. Discussion of which certificates to buy, request each club to buy one, how to avoid duplication.

J. Shackelford made a motion to submit gift certificates for the 2014 convention, motion seconded by B. Schleuning. The motion was approved.

D. James- At a Trek you can vote for any iris seen in the garden, including Louisianas. Should be a category on the ballots.

J. Troutman has California Park calendars available for \$5.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Submitted by,

Janis Shackelford, Secretary

Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Fall General Meeting October 19, 2013 Lancaster, CA

Regional Vice President Winona Stevenson called the General Meeting to order at 3:41 PM.

Welcome & Introductions

Affiliate role call: High Desert (20), Inland Region (5), Lompoc Valley (5), Orange County (4), Prescott Area (6), San Diego (3), Southern California (4), San Fernando Valley (3), Sun Country (2), Tucson (0).

The Valle Verde Iris Society has disbanded. Information on the 2014 Region 15 Spring Trek was distributed. The Spring Trek will be hosted by the SCIS and held in Burbank, California.

Discussion of the Region 15 Newsletter: About 30% of the Region's members receive the newsletter by mail, printing cost is \$3.00 / issue, and \$2.00 for mailing. Total cost is \$5.00. It was discussed at the Board meeting whether there should be a donation of \$5.00 per copy for those who wish to receive a hard copy. Currently the newsletter costs are under budget. D. Gerald was opposed to requiring a payment, it should be a voluntary donation. Only AIS members receive the newsletter and it is available on the web site. There is not much incentive to hybridizers to buy advertising due to the number of members. Could clubs order and pay for copies to distribute to their members? Can be arranged by the Editor. Club presidents could use the newsletter to encourage new AIS memberships. Issue will be considered again in the future.

Previously there were rhizome and potted iris sales to benefit the Region. This has not been done for years. Treks are the only source of Region income, will be discussed at the next meeting.

Each Region is asked to contribute a basket to the National Convention. The Board proposed to give gift certificates for the basket and request each club to donate a gift certificate. Suggest each club contribute \$25.00 to the Region, earmarked for the gift basket. Presidents can bring the donation to the winter board meeting, or send to the Region.

Treasurer's Report- C. Deaton - For the period from April 26, 2013 to October 19, 2013, beginning checkbook balance was \$20,569.79 and ending balance was \$21,375.17. The Total Region assets are \$34,138.07.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Submitted by:
Janis Shackelford, Secretary



Your Support is Needed for The Granite Mountain Firefighters Memorial Garden Prescott, Arizona

Tragically, on June 30, 2013, nineteen members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots were overrun and killed by the Yarnell Hills Fire. To honor the courage and sacrifice of these firefighters, the Prescott Area Iris Society is constructing a Memorial Garden of iris with a dedicated firefighter theme. You can add your respect and gratitude to these courageous firefighters by contributing any of these varieties of iris to the Memorial Garden:

- Bravery (photo bottom right)
- Dream Team (photo bottom left)
- Great Balls of Fire
- Guardian Angel
- Heaven and Earth
- High Spirited
- Kind Hearted
- Love and Devotion
- Mighty Warrior
- Rare Quality
- Standing Proud
- Team Spirit
- Way up High



OTHER IRIS desired for the Firefighters Memorial Garden include any of the following:

Backdraft (photo bottom middle), Be Counted, Best Friend, Blaze, Blaze of Fire, Blazing Fire, Blazing Fury, Brave Heart, Bravery, Dedication, Deep Devotion, Defender, Eagles Wings, Ember, Ember Glow, Faithful and True, Final Act, Final Call, Fire and Brimstone, Fire Ball, Fire Break, Fire Brigade, Flame, Flame Burst, Flaming Fire, Glowing Embers, Honor, Honor Guard, In Smoke, Living on the Edge, Red Ember, Red Flame, Red Glow, Remember Me, Remembrance, Smoke and Fire, Smokey, Smoldering Fire, Team Work, Valley of Fire, Wild Fire and Wind Swept Flame.

Please contact Dennis Luebkin at president@prescottirissociety.org for information on how you can contribute any of these special varieties of iris. We will pay postage for the iris.

In the memory of these courageous heroes, we thank you.

Prescott Area Iris Society



AIS Region 15 - 2014 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location	Contact	
March	4	IRIS Guest speaker Joyce Dean of Redlands on Design	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan	
	4	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Ardi Kary	
	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	
	11	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
	13	PAIS - YCSG Garden Clean Up	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	15	HDIDS General Meeting with Bill Maryott on daylilies	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
	21-23	HDIDS iris sale at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds Home Show	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
	22	SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger	
	29	Sun Country Iris Society Early Iris Exhibit at Baker Nursery	Phoenix, AZ	Ardi Kary	
	29	TAIS Potluck/Tour - Tucson Organic Gardeners at Eckstrom- Columbus Library	Tucson, AZ	Anne Boyer Cotten	
	April	1	IRIS Meeting	Ontario, CA	Carol Morgan
		2	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Ardi Kary
		3	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James
5-10		AIS National Convention Convention Hotel: Crowne Plaza Dallas in Addison TX	Dallas, TX www.irises.org	Bonnie Nichols	
8		OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
12		Sun Country Iris Society Spring Show at Christown Mall	Phoenix, CA	Gary Miller	
12		TAIS Iris Exhibit 'Jewels of the Garden' at Murphy-Wilmot Library	Tucson, AZ	Anne Boyer Cotten	
12-13		IRIS Riverside Flower Show - Vendors Sale	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan	
12-13		SCIS Annual Spring Flower Show & Sale	Los Angeles, CA	Mike Monninger	
13		SDIS Meeting - Preparing Iris Bloom Stalks for Show	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	
18-19		AIS Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by the Southern California Iris Society Featuring Paul Black of MidAmerica Gardens	Burbank, CA	Mike Monninger	
19		HDIDS General Meeting with Sharon Weisenberger on floral arrangements	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
24		IRIS Annual Flower Show	Ontario, CA	Carol Morgan	
24-27		SCIS South Coast Plaza Flower Show	Costa Mesa, CA	Mike Monninger	
24-27		HDIDS taking irises to Huntington Gardens plant sale	Pasadena, CA	Dan Dourney	
26		IRIS Members Only 5 Gardens Tour	Ontario, CA	Carol Morgan	
26		PAIS General Meeting	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
26-27		LVIS Annual Iris Show	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
May		1	SFVIS Meeting and Judges Training	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James
	2	Yavapai College Lecture Series (Session 1)	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	3	Sharlot Hall Museum Planting	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	3	Sun Country Iris Society Late Iris Exhibit at Baker Nursery	Phoenix, CA	Ardi Kary	
	3-4	HDIDS Show	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
	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	
	7-8	PAIS YCSG Garden Clean Up	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	9	Yavapai College Lecture Series (Session 2)	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	10	PAIS Member Garden Tour	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	10	TAIS General Meeting	Tucson, AZ	Anne Boyer Cotten	
	13	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
	16	PAIS - Setup Iris Exhibit	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	16-18	Yucaipa Iris Festival	Ontario, CA	Carol Morgan	
	17	HDIDS Dine and Dash garden tours with Barry Blyth	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney	
	17	PAIS Spring Show & Sale "Kaleidoscope of Color"	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	17	Yavapai College Lecture Series (Session 3)	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	18	LVIS General Meeting, Program on Photographing Iris	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
	18	Barry Blyth presents at SDIS	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	

Month	Day	Event	Location	Contact	
June	3	IRIS General Meeting - Election of Officers	Ontario, CA	Carol Morgan	
	4	Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Ardi Kary	
	5	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA	Debbie James	
	7	Sharlot Hall Museum Planting	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	8	LVIS Potluck Picnic	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
	8	SDIS Awards and Election of Officers with Ice Cream Social	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	
	10	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr	
	28	SCIS Meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum	Arcadia, CA	Mike Monninger	
	July	12	PAIS Citizens Cemetery Iris Dig	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin
		16-17	PAIS - YCSG Iris Dig	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin
19		PAIS Iris Marking Party	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
26		LVIS Rhizome Sale	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
26-27		PAIS Annual Rhizome Sale at Sharlot Hall Museum	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
31		PAIS Cemetery Iris Dig	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
August	2	PAIS Rhizome Sale - Dan's Garden	Yarnell, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	3	LVIS Potluck Picnic	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
	9	TAIS Rhizome Auction of Region 15 irises	Tucson, AZ	Anne Boyer Cotten	
	16	PAIS New Member Iris Care Training at Mortimer Nursery	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
September	6	LVIS Potting Party of rhizomes for next year's show	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
	14 & 21	SDIS Annual Rhizome Sale at Balboa Park	San Diego, CA	Janis Shackelford	
	20	PAIS General Meeting	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	20	TAIS Annual rhizome / potted iris sale	Tucson, AZ	Anne Boyer Cotten	
October	1-2	PAIS YCSG Garden Clean Up	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
	5	LVIS General Meeting and election of officers	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
	12	SDIS Members Only Region 15 Rhizome Auction	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	
November	2	LVIS General Meeting	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning	
	9	SDIS General Meeting	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford	
	15	PAIS General Meeting	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin	
December	14	SDIS Christmas Party Potluck	TBD	Janis Shackelford	

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. www.inlandiris.org
- For Lompoc Valley Iris Society meetings see above calendar and visit their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lompoc-Valley-Iris-Society/186211374729079>
- 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. www.sandiegoirissociety.org
- 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. sanfernandovalleyirissociety.org
- 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. www.facebook.com/SouthernCaliforniaIrisSociety
- 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. www.suncountryiris.org
- Tucson Area Iris Society (TAIS) - Calendar of events posted to TAIS website at www.tucsoniris.org

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