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Fall 2017 Semi-annual Report

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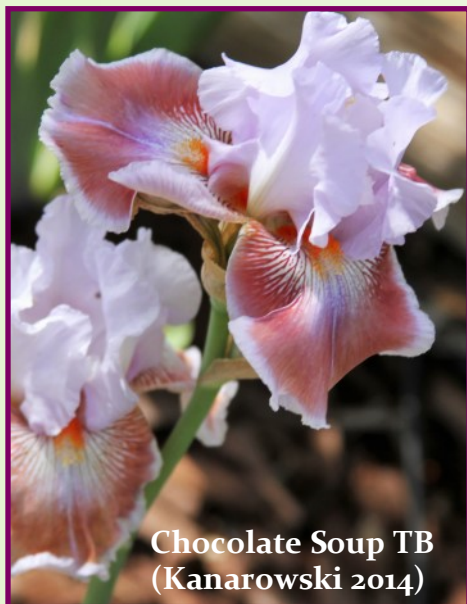
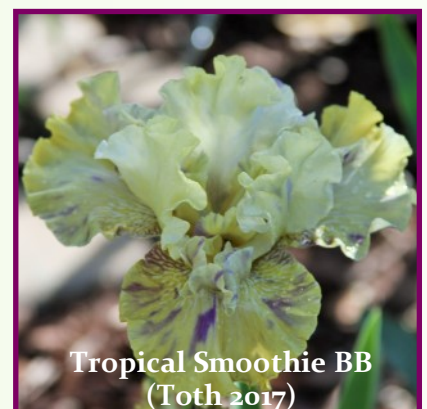
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Spring Trek 2017 Guest Irises



Letter from the Editor

“September is a gratifying and excellent month; not only because golden rod, autumnal asters, and Indian chrysanthemums are in flower; not only because of you, heavy and amazing dahlias. For know ye, unbelievers, that September is the chosen month for everything that flowers a second time.”

Karel Capek, The Gardener's Year



Wow! What a season of superlatives! The refreshing wet winter brought a spring superbloom to gardens and wild spaces all over Southern California. The summer heralded triple digit temperatures that broke records. Luckily, the AIS Region 15 Spring Trek got underway before the heat waves. The gardens were beautiful! The HDIDS members warm and welcoming! Thank you for such an enjoyable iris gardens tour. There are photos of the event all throughout this issue.

As I write this, it is mid-August and I am ready for the last day of summer. With week after week of oppressive and stifling heat, I am hoping (so does my garden) that autumn comes in fast. I can't wait for that first cold night of the season and the first rebloom in the iris beds. We are lucky to live where it is favorable to remontant irises as Carole Buchheim points out in her article on page 9.

RVP Debbie James' report is on page 5, Sue Brown's on page 6. Affiliate reports start on page 18, the minutes of the spring board meeting are on page 29. Check out the Region calendar- there are a lot of interesting programs at the affiliate meetings and drop by if you are in the area.

The Region welcomes DeDe Utter and Katharina Notarianni, presidents of IRIS and SDIS respectively. Both have held 1st VP positions in the prior years and will surely do a great job. Several affiliate societies are scheduled to have elections late this year.

Don't forget to register and attend the Fall Meeting hosted by the Southern California Iris Society. Information and registration form can be found on pages 10-11. Robert Treadway, president of the Society for Louisiana Irises, will present a program and judges training on LA irises. This will be a good preview as the AIS National Convention in April 2018 will be in New Orleans, LA where attendees will learn more about LA irises and tour impressive Louisiana iris gardens.

I miss terribly the brilliant fall foliage of my New England days but take comfort in the asters, chrysanthemums, dahlias...and reblooming irises that will grace the garden come the crisp autumn days.

See you at the gardens,

Beth Balaney-Train, Editor

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On the Cover: 'Rock Star RE' (Byers 1990)

Photo by B. Balaney-Train

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

| Event | Trek Host | Location |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 2017 Fall Meeting | Southern California Iris Society | San Marino, CA |
| 2018 Spring Trek | Sun Country Iris Society April 20-21, 2018 | Phoenix, AZ |
| 2018 Fall Meeting | San Diego Iris Society | |
| 2019 Virtual Spring Trek | Inland Region Iris Society | Jurupa Valley, Riverside, CA |
| 2019 Fall Meeting | Inland Region Iris Society | |
| 2020 Spring Trek | Tucson Area Iris Society (tentative) | |

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks
from our website

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AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Debbie Babuscio-James, Region 15 RVP

What an awesome bloom season this past spring. All of my new rhizomes I purchased last year bloomed and they were spectacular. I actually purchased some irises other than yellow and I loved them all.. As I write this I just received two shipments of new rhizomes from two growers. There were beautiful blooms in every garden I went to. The AIS National Convention in Des Moines was at peak bloom while we were there. The City was beautiful and there was plenty to see and do while there. We visited the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, which was the lunch stop on one of the tour days. The guest irises were planted in a raised bed that ran along the river. It was really nice to have the iris blooms at eye level and no one had to bend over or stoop to get a better look. The home gardens we visited were just as splendid as the botanical gardens. I have never seen such a huge assortment of Hosta plants growing in one place. There were so many different varieties of them and they were happily growing in a very large area under several large trees that made it picturesque.

I'm sure you don't need reminding, but for the last three years I have had the honor of being the RVP for Region 15. I really want to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity to serve this great Region, I had a blast. I went to New York/New Jersey, Oregon and Des Moines. I saw places I probably would not have seen or gone to and for that I am grateful. So with sorrow I must pass the gavel on but excited that it's going to a great home.

I will continue to grow, show and promote irises, the AIS and attend the Regional and National events pertaining to irises. As of now, I have received two of my rhizome orders of new introductions and the Club and Region Auctions are around the corner. I will have plenty of digging, dividing, planting and replanting to keep me busy throughout the fall season.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Meeting on October 14 at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens and next spring in Sun Country, AZ.

Signing over and out and Happy Gardening...

Debbie James

Region 15, RVP



Membership Update

By Patrick Orr, Membership Chair

TOTAL MEMBERS 254. We are the fifth largest regional section of AIS.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS 222

TOTAL YOUTH 5. Gained one.

TOTAL AFFILIATES 10. No change.



AIS Judges Training

By Sue Brown, Region 15 Asst. RVP and Judges Training Chair

Rain, rain, rain. April showers brings May flowers. The Region 15 Spring Trek was in late April and the rain in early April was extremely helpful. We visited seven gardens in eight hours. At the end of the day, we were tired but were excited by the fabulous blooms in the gardens. I would like to thank the judges who gave up valuable times to tutor our apprentices. Bonnie Nichols, our speaker, the banquet and the silent auction were wonderful. Thank you to the members of Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society for putting on a great Spring Trek.

I was lucky to be able to attend the mini-convention held by the Spuria Iris Society in the Los Angeles area. The weather was beautiful and The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens was marvelous. We spent the morning looking over 50 Spuria iris planted in beds. Some had finish blooming. More than half of them were blooming gloriously. After the informative in-garden training by Lee Walker, I will be planting some more Spuria irises in my garden.

The next day, it was drizzling while we were at the Descanso Gardens. The Spuria irises were growing beautifully among companion plants. I had the best Judges Training by Anna Cadd. Her classroom presentation was funny and educational. Even though it was sprinkling, we put on our rain ponchos and followed Anna into the garden. She demonstrated to us the parts of the flower that made a showy flower vs. an ordinary flower. She is a great teacher.

"Rhythm of the Prairie" at Des Moines, Iowa was fabulous. Each garden had its own unique charm. There were so many wonderful blooms. There were TB's, AB's, MTB's and Species. I took many pictures of Siberians, hosta and peonies, plants that will not grow in the Antelope Valley. I made new friends at the Dine-Around. A new friend from Washington promised to send me a peony that will grown in a dry climate.

I am sorry to report that one of our judges will retire due to poor health. Exciting news, due to the hard work of our apprentices, we may have six new judges in the coming year. Region 15 still needs more judges. The application form is on the Region 15 website in the Spring 2013 newsletter or you can email me at irisfor15w@gmail.com to request a copy. I am looking forward to more applications.

2018 Your Invitation to Attend the AIS/SLI Conventions in New Orleans 2018 Votre Invitation à Assister Aux Conventions AIS / SLI à New Orleans

The American Iris Society, The Greater New Orleans Iris Society, and The Society For Louisiana Irises are glad to be the hosts for the 2018 AIS/SLI Conventions in New Orleans, LA. New Orleans "The Big Easy" is the largest city in Louisiana. It was established by French colonists and strongly influenced by their European culture.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour 6 beautiful gardens for three days. Wednesday we will tour Longue Vue House & Gardens and NOMA Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden. Thursday travel to and tour "A Louisiana Pond" in Madisonville and Hammond Research Station of the LSU Ag Center. Friday travel to Baton Rouge to tour Burden Museum & Gardens and The Baton Rouge Botanic Gardens.

The Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel located in Kenner, LA with free shuttle service to and from the airport. Also, the hotel is offering our attendees 'Complimentary' Parking as well as 'Complimentary' WIFI in the guest rooms and meeting rooms.

Watch for more information on the AIS web site as well as in upcoming issues of "IRISES" and "News and Notes".

You are invited to Come to New Orleans and enjoy two wonderful conventions and see the city of New Orleans.

Paul W. Gossett, 2018 Convention Co-Chair

Joe Musacchia, 2018 Convention Co-Chair

AIS/SLI Convention website: <http://www.2018irisconvention.org>



AIS Youth Program Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 and AIS Youth Chair

Our youth membership is GROWING! We now have 9 youth members in Region 15: 3 in Arizona and 6 in California. We could use more! I want to thank the Prescott Area Iris Society for their generous donation to the National Youth Fund recently. As youth members, kids receive 2 newsletters each year, can enter contests such as the Annual Coloring Contest, the Ackerman Essay Contest and the AIS Photo Contest, and are usually the recipients of free irises from the National AIS Convention.

Unfortunately, due to catastrophic failure in 2 of the national guest gardens (mostly weather related), AIS Youth members will not be receiving irises this year. This is one way that our young irisarians can grow newer irises. If your club would like to donate a newer iris to our youth members, please send 9 irises to me at 27218 Walnut Springs Avenue, Canyon Country, CA 91351-3314, and I will forward them to the youth.

I am always interested in ideas for helping to develop a stronger youth program in Region 15, so send me your suggestions to region15kids@hotmail.com. We have programs for youth groups and classrooms that encourage an interest in our favorite flowers. WE NEED MORE YOUTH MEMBERS! If we don't get kids interested in growing irises now, we won't have a future. Irises are drought tolerant and a great addition to your garden, whether you grow them in beds or containers. Sign up a young person today. It's only \$8 per year, which is one of the best values around.

Happy Irising!

Cheryl Deaton



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www.aislookup.org

Renew membership
(pay by check, Visa, or MasterCard)
www.irises.org

The American Iris Society

Membership Rates:

Annual Single \$30/Dual \$35
Triennial Single \$70/Dual \$85
Life Single \$1000/Dual \$1500
Annual E-membership \$15
(online Bulletin, no printed copy)
Life Senior (65+) 15% discount
Youth (< 19 y/o)
with Bulletin \$12
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www.AISYouth.com

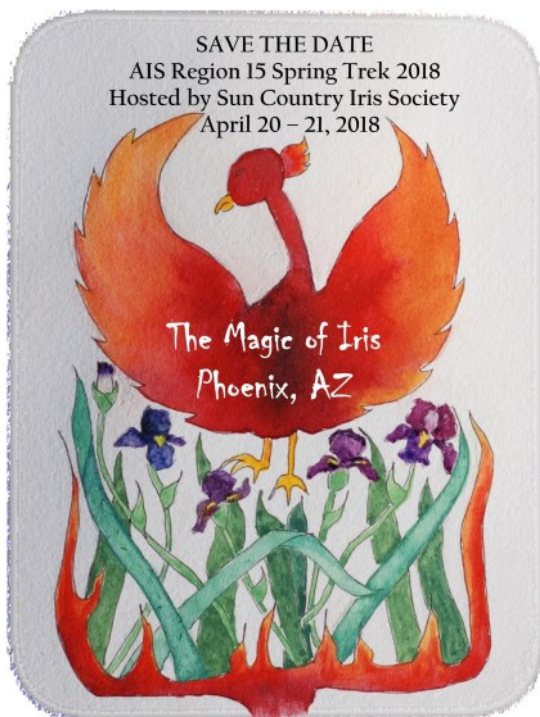
Please include youth's name,
address, email, and birthdate.

AIS Region 15 Treasurer's Report

By Carol Huffman, Treasurer

January 1, 2017 to July 1, 2017

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| CHECKBOOK BEGINNING BALANCE | | \$19,452.62 |
| Income from Region Iris Rhizomes and Donations: | | |
| Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society | \$ 500.00 | |
| Sun Country Iris Society | \$ 205.00 | |
| Tucson Area Iris Society | \$ 211.00 | |
| Total from Affiliates | \$ 916.00 | |
| Advertising Revenue | \$ 55.00 | |
| Total Income | | \$ 971.00 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Seed Money for Spring Trek 2017 | \$ 600.00 | |
| Regional Vice President Expense | \$ 1,209.20 | |
| Website Maintenance | \$ 495.00 | |
| Newsletter Expenses (Fall 2016 & Spring 2017) | \$ 1,477.60 | |
| Total Expenses | | \$ 3,781.80 |
| CHECKBOOK ENDING BALANCE as of 07/01/2017 | | \$16,641.82 |
| EDWARD JONES ACCOUNT | | \$12,770.04 |
| TOTAL ASSETS as of 04/01/2017 | | \$29,411.86 |



RHIZOME SALE

BULK ORDERS

**Need extra iris for club
sales?**

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society

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Southern California is the Reblooming Iris Capital of the World

by Carole Buchheim. IRIS

Whether you know it or not, Southern California is the Reblooming Iris Capital of the World! Here in USDA zones 9 and 10 we have a great potential for extended iris bloom and rebloom because of our long growing season and very mild winters. If an iris has the genetic potential to rebloom and the garden conditions are amenable, we can enjoy springtime glory for much of the year.

We iris lovers have a unique opportunity that should be taken advantage of. Why plant “spring only bloomers” when you can have a whole lot more. Expect the unexpected. Give your garden a chance to reach its blossoming potential. Try something new. If you grow only tall bearded irises, give medians a whirl as well. Search your annual iris catalogs for those two little magic letters “RE” and make some rewarding purchases. And don’t forget to read the fine print on new introductions. Some state “rebloom or potential rebloom” even though it’s not noted in the iris registration pedigree (example: EM & RE).

Since January of this year, Mystic Lake Gardens has been brimming with surprises. I’m seeing more and more of what Terry Aitken of Aitken’s Salmon Creek Garden is classifying as “extended bloom” in remount irises. I mean irises that are in bloom for four or five months straight! Included in this year’s extended bloom champions are: ‘Cloud Reflection’ (F. Edwards ’09), ‘My Generation’ (L. Lauer ’09), ‘Struck Twice’ (L. Lauer ’09), ‘Summer Sunburst’ (J.T. Aitken ’10), and ‘Brouhaha’ (J. Ghio ’12). That’s a lot of bloom and a lot of enjoyment. Another star, ‘Always Lovely’ BB (P. Black ’10), without the “RE” registration pedigree, clocked in with five months of bloom. Others like ‘Wizard of Odds’ (P. Black ’09), ‘Honeycomb’ (L. Lauer ’06), and ‘La Scala’ (K. Keppel ’08), though not classified as rebloomers, bloomed multiple times between mid January and mid June.



Summer Sunburst TB RE
(T. Aitken 2010)



Always Lovely BB
(P. Black 2010)



Wizard of Odds TB
(P. Black 2009)



Honeycomb TB
(L. Lauer 2006)

What are the secrets for high performance in iris extended bloom and rebloom? TLC and lots of it . . . as well as the following tips:

- 1) ask around and find what iris cultivars have the potential
- 2) prepare your beds well and give your REs more growing space
- 3) fertilize three times a year instead of two with a low nitrogen fertilizer
- 4) bearded irises perform best in well-drained soil
- 5) water regularly, especial during summer
- 6) plant where your irises will get at least a half day of sun, and
- 7) keep your beds clean, free of weeds and leaf litter.

*First published in the September 2014 issue of the Inland Region Iris Society Newsletter.
Photos by Carole Buchheim*

LOUISIANA IRIS !

REGION 15 2017 FALL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2017 SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

MEETING HEADQUARTERS: HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS,
& BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, CA 91108

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 10, 2017

SCHEDULE: 7:30 am- 8:00 am Registration—Botanical Center
8:00 am- 9:00 am Region Board Meeting— Botanical Center: Ahmanson Room
9:00 am- 10:00 am Judges Training Program by Robert Treadway
on LA Irises (1 hour credit)
10:00 am- 11:00 am Break- Continental Breakfast
11:00 am- 11:30 am General Meeting and Election
11:30 am- 12:30 pm Program by Robert Treadway on Louisiana Irises
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Raffle/Silent Auction
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm Lunch (on your own) and time in the Gardens



REGISTRATION FORM

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 _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have special dietary or physical needs, please describe them here:

REGISTRATION RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 10, 2017

FULL REGISTRATION: # _____ x \$25.00 Total \$ _____



SEND THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "SCIS" TO

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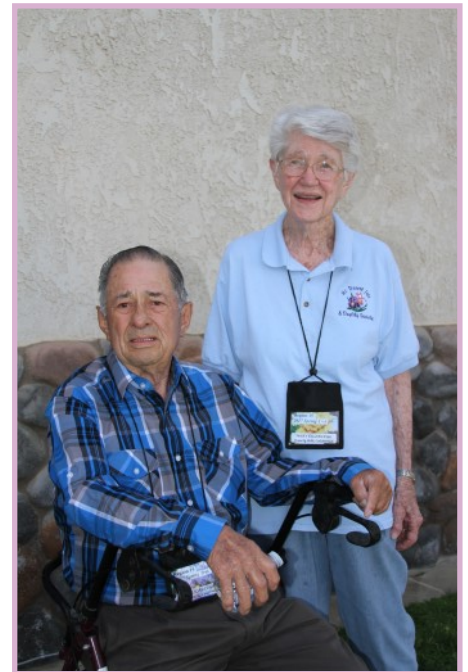
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If you have registration questions and/or need to make changes, call Jill at (818) 424-8186 or email her at jillbiris62@gmail.com

AIS Region 15 Spring Trek

April 21-22, 2017

Photos by Mason and Beth Train



Thank you Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society !



SMILE!!!



BARR AWARD
Best Out-of-Region Intro
**'JELLY BEAN
PARADE' TB**
(D. Kanarowski 2014)





**HOLK
AWARD**
Best In-Region Intro
**'I'M SO
CONFUSED'**
TB SA
(C. Deaton 2014)



In-Garden JT on Space Agers with guest speaker
Bonnie Nichols



JUDGES TRAINING



Lunch at the Jamison's



Dinner and Awards Night



REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

By Marilyn Kiger, President

Our hosting of the 2017 Spring Trek, "Desert Rainbow" is as they say in Hollywood, "it's a wrap folks"! After a hot long week in August we completed our final trek chores and sent out 9 shipments of rhizomes to each of our sister clubs. We worked hard and are pleased with our contribution of almost 800 iris shipped to support our regions fundraising efforts.

Planning and preparing for a Spring Trek is a job equal to planning a wedding. I can't begin the list of thanks to everyone and anyone associated with this huge endeavor for surely I will miss the most important. Beginning with our esteemed Trek Chair, Richard Jamison, trek committee, guest gardeners, speakers, hotel staff and all involved from the beginning to the end, including our guests... with gratitude Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!!

Of course without the support of contributing hybridizers we would not have had lovely guest gardens to show, judges training to advance our knowledge, nor enjoyed the beauty of the flower that we all love. Support these hybridizers that faithfully support us with sharing their ever changing creations of beauty for us to enjoy; Tasco, Duncan, Toth, Sutton, Lauer, Burseen, Deaton, Kasperek, Painter, Probst, Schreiners's, Trio, Tyson, and Nichols.

It seems that HDIDS will continue to be working through late fall with digs and potting parties as many of our members are busy getting dirty in their gardens, digging and dividing. We anticipate an abundance of extra iris in our nursery this year and are in a position to sell excess rhizomes to clubs for sales, on a first come first served basis with bulk order pricing. Contact me for additional information if your club is interested.

There is an end of the rainbow...



and I'm looking forward to putting my feet up in Phoenix next spring and enjoying, *The Magic of Iris!*

Carpe Rutrum!! (seize the spade)

PS: trekker's trivia: You might remember the day of the trek our hotel offered slim pickings for parking. It's been confirmed, a Ford Edge commercial "For the Ones You Love" was being filmed that evening.

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Inland Region Iris Society Report

By DeDe Utter, President

Hello from Inland Region Iris Society!

Our summer has flown by- It seems like yesterday when I was in Des Moines at the American Iris Society National Trek. My mom, sister-in-law, niece and great niece Callie (7 months old and already an iris fan!) toured several of the gardens with me. We had a great time and really enjoyed all the gardens. We had our Iris Show and Sale in April with lots of beautiful iris and arrangements. 'Scoonchee' (DeSantis 1997) was our Queen of the Show, with 5 open blooms on a beautiful stalk. If you don't have 'Scoonchee' in your garden, you need it! It is one of our club's favorites. Our 3 day sale in Yucaipa in May was well attended Friday and Saturday (despite the rainy, cold weather) but was rained out completely on Sunday. We potted all the rhizomes we had left, and had a one day potted iris sale in June. Labor Day weekend is coming soon and we are all looking forward to fall weather (coming soon I hope). Our iris are tough and well rooted but this heat is oppressive and everything is pretty crunchy now. I know they will survive and be pretty and green again when we get some cooler weather and rains.

Our next big sale is September 15-17 at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center. We have held this sale at the Drought Tolerant Water District garden in Riverside for many years, but the property is being sold, so we had to change locations. We are advertising and blasting emails and Facebook posts hoping our regular customers will follow us to the new venue. We will return to Yucaipa in October for our final sale of the year, then get busy tilling, amending and replanting our beds for 2018 blooms!

We are starting to receive some rhizomes for the Region 15 2019 Spring Trek. We are potting them as they come in and will plant them in mid-October when it cools down. Our club garden at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center will have all the trek iris planted in Bed 4. We are doing it a little differently than traditional treks, since the AIS Nationals are in Northern California in 2019. We have many members who will be attending Nationals, and thought that other clubs in Region 15 would be as well, which would affect attendance if we hosted a formal trek. We will instead post photos and updates on growth and bud counts on a special Facebook page and website. Our club garden located at 7621 Granite Hills Drive Riverside, CA (jmcd.org) is open to the public Tuesday – Sunday and our peak bloom occurs early to mid-April. We host our annual Iris show at the garden as well at that time. Clubs and individuals are welcome to visit at any time, and we will make arrangements to have members there if you let us know when you are coming.

We had our elections in June and had our installation of new officers in August, in conjunction with our Member's Only Auction. We had some great new iris from many hybridizers and are anxious to see the new blooms next year.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Trek at the Huntington Gardens!



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Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report

By Ben Schleuning, President

Membership remains at 25 members, 12 active. We have lost two of our wonderful members, John and Carol Huffman, to you Southerners. Maureen Tolson and Julie Davies stepped up to co-fill the office of treasurer, a vacancy created by Carol's departure. All other officers remain unchanged. Our election of officers for 2018 will be held at our October meeting.

Our main fundraiser for the year, our annual rhizome sale, was held on 30 July. We netted approximately \$650. This is an all time low for us. Possible cause: change of venue as well as changing from a Saturday morning to a Sunday afternoon. We did have beautiful weather though! Our next event is our annual potluck with distribution of door prize rhizomes as well as the new society iris. This will take place on Sunday, 20 August at 1:00 p.m. A speaker from Chaotic Exotics, an Orchid grower, is scheduled to present at our September meeting. Our new board will meet in November to plan the 2018 calendar.



**Ben and Florence at the 2017 Region 15
Spring Trek in Palmdale, CA.**

Photos by: Beth Train

[facebook.com/LompocValleyIrisSociety](https://www.facebook.com/LompocValleyIrisSociety)



Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

By Lois Farr, Vice President

Orange County enjoyed 2 months of fine evening weather and friendly potlucks. Our members live in many directions -- Huntington Beach, Riverside, Long Beach, Costa Mesa, Anaheim and Garden Grove are a few of our residences. With the typical Orange Crush traffic, we appreciate our monthly meetings and the effort members make to attend.

In September we look forward to a beardless iris auction, October is open, and November will be our member speaker, Ramona Stevenson, on "How to create a friendly garden from fishing line and". We are looking forward to learning from our own team member.

We continue to seek ways to grow our club in both quality and quantity. Growing irises is very similar to growing friendships -- takes lots of love, kindness, attention, know how, and work.

Photos taken at the Region 15 Spring Trek by B. Train



Lois, Sharon and Debbie in Des Moines, IA
Photo credit: Debbie James



Prescott Area Iris Society Report

By Dennis Luebkin, President

2017 has been a busy year for PAIS. 2017 began with preparation for our Kaleidoscope of Color Spring Iris Festival with our People's Choice Award program and the addition of an AIS judged show this year. It was a successful event. Our public outreach programs have reached new heights. The Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College was used for several events this spring during the bloom season and the reviews by those attending the events on the beauty of the irises in bloom was a joy to hear. We are currently working on the expansion of the sculpture garden that will nearly double the plantings there. Completion will be in the Spring of 2018. Planting areas will be dedicated to the works of Arizona hybridizers such as Francelle Edwards, Margie Valenzuela, Don Shepard, Dr. B. Charles Jenkins, Floyd Wickenkamp, and Larry Johnson. Other areas and theme plantings will also be added. Themed plantings of western/cowboy irises, broken color irises, space age/novelty irises will be provided. Tall Bearded and Spurias will be used for the plantings.

The expansion of the Memorial Gardens at Embry-Riddle University which was begun in 2014 in memory of the loss of the 19 Granite Mountain Hot Shots was expanded this spring and more than doubled the planting areas. Plantings of irises, daylilies and daffodils grace the walkways with a view of Willow Lake as a backdrop to the Hot Shot Memorial itself. Next spring's display of bloom will be a magnificent show of color to honor the fallen. Many have commented on what a beautiful and peaceful area on the campus this has become for students, staff and visitors.

Four years after the establishment of the Sharlot Hall Museum Historic Iris Gardens, it was time to dig and divide the original plantings. It was amazing to see how well they had grown and increased. The historic irises dating from 1497 to the early twentieth century have become a draw for the museum in the spring. We are continuing at the recent request of the museum to supplement the current plantings with some new additions including the addition of the Grace Sturtevant collection of irises from HIPS to be housed at the museum. Area preparation and irrigation system will begin this fall and planting will begin in the spring of 2018.

With the completion of these three current garden expansion programs, PAIS will end its garden expansions. A huge thank you to our dedicated member volunteers for their hard work and efforts in the planting, maintenance, and care of these beautiful public gardens which greatly enhance the Prescott community.

We have had several financially successful sales years with visitors coming from around the southwest to buy potted irises at the Kaleidoscope of Color Iris Festival in May and at our Summer Rhizome Sale in July. For the fall semester of 2017, PAIS has initiated two scholarships for students in the horticultural program at Yavapai College along with financial support for the historic Citizens Cemetery Restoration, Sharlot Hall Museum, the AIS Youth Program, and the Yavapai Food Bank. Our adult and youth education programs have continued this year and will continue in 2018.

We look forward to another wonderful year in 2018.

Best Regards to All.

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REGION 15 AFFILIATE EVENTS



PAIS Classroom Education Program



SDIS Howse garden visit



Carol and Beth with guest speaker Gary White at the IRIS meeting on May 3rd



PAIS marking party



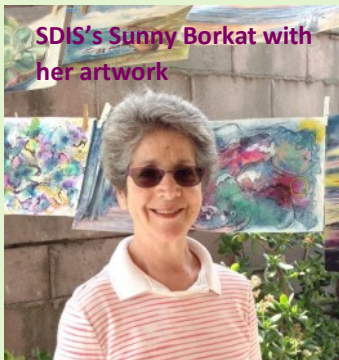
Claire wins Best of Show with 'Brass Knocker' SPU (Evans 1997/98)



Gary White, AIS President, awards AIS Show certificates to Barbara at the IRIS meeting



Mason wins first place for his Table Setting entry at IRIS Show



SDIS's Sunny Borkat with her artwork



PAIS Summer Sale



SDIS Shackelford garden visit



San Diego Iris Society Report

By Katharina Notarianni, President

New officers and committee chairs were installed at our June meeting: Katharina Notarianni, president; Bill Molnar, vice president; Janis Shackelford, treasurer and membership chair; Mary Hanson continues as secretary, historian, librarian and facebook chairs; Patti Anderson continues as publicity chair; Edith Schade as nominating committee chair; Tammy Priest, Janis Shackelford and Jan Benoit as show co-chairs; and Claire Schneider is immediate past president and will take over the job of editor. I am grateful to Claire for all she has done for the San Diego Iris Society during her recent years of service as our president. Hers will be a hard act to follow.

Since Claire's last president's report to you, we had our Spring garden tour which featured four members' gardens: The Borkat's garden was delightful. They have a mixed perennial bed full of roses, irises and other beautiful plants in front of the house. Artwork by Sunny Borkat was strung under the eaves and placed around the garden for our viewing pleasure. The backyard had extensive fruit trees and vegetable beds including hydroponics, and master gardener Frank Borkat took time to explain his techniques as we wandered through the garden. We also visited Ted and Rose Howse's and Janis and Gordon Shackelford's iris gardens, which many of you had a chance to see during a recent Region 15 Spring Trek. Bill Molnar's riot of color with his mixed planting of irises, salvias, snap dragons and roses is always fantastic and this year was no exception. He even had a lot of his prize winning orchids in bloom.

We held our annual Spring Show and Sale at Balboa Park, which is one of our main fundraisers. I want to extend a big thank you to Tammy Priest, Janis Shackelford and Jan Benoit for organizing a fantastic show. We sold potted irises including rebloomers, Louisiana and Spuria irises with the rebloomers being the most popular. We held a popular vote and had over 500 votes to count at the end of the show. The winner of the popular vote was Steve Rocha's own bearded iris 'Elvis'.

We are grateful to the AIS judges who traveled to San Diego and thank them all for doing a fine job judging our show. Congratulations Claire Schneider for winning the Best Specimen of Show Trophy (aka Queen of Show) and the Owen Trophy for Best Spuria Iris for spuria iris 'Brass Knockers' at the San Diego Iris Society 2017 Spring Show! Congratulations also on winning the AIS Bronze Medal for the second most blue ribbons in the show! Congratulations Janis Shackelford for winning the AIS Silver Medal Trophy for the most blue ribbons during our Spring Show, the Tom Craig Trophy for Best Red Iris 'Hearty Burgundy,' the Weaver Trophy for Best Plicata Iris 'High Desert,' the Leon and Norma Vogel Trophy for Best Space Ager Iris 'Doctor No,' the Lawson Trophy for Best White Tall Bearded Iris 'Fresh Powder,' the Jack Fitzgerald Trophy for Best Yellow Tall Bearded Iris 'Notta Lemon,' and the San Diego 200th Anniversary Bowl for Best Californicae Iris 'Susie Knapp.' Congratulations Bill Molnar for winning the Gorrell Trophy for Best Blue Tall Bearded Iris 'Arms Wide Open.' Congratulations Patricia Anderson for winning the Jerry Kuck Memorial Trophy for Best Historic Iris 'Quaker Lady.' Congratulations Ted and Rose Howse for winning the Runde Trophy for Best Pink Iris 'Celebration Song' and the Richard Richards Trophy for Best Miscellaneous Iris 'Polite Applause.' Congratulations Steve and Sharlyn Rocha for winning the George Bange Trophy for Best Purple Iris and the Howard Trophy for Best Louisiana Iris 'Jeri', and the Carrington Trophy for Best Iris Seedling 'SRP-5'. Visit www.sandiegoirissociety.org to see all our Spring Show Trophy winners.

Also in May we had a booth at the La Jolla Historical Society's Secret Garden event and so we spent a day enjoying San Diego beach weather while selling rhizomes to the public. It was a fun event and during our breaks we were able to view the gardens on the tour.

Bill Molnar, our new Vice President has been busy organizing interesting programs. In September we will have two weekends of iris rhizome sales at Balboa Park. That means a lot of rhizomes will be needed. Thankfully we have several members who need their iris beds dug so we will gather together to trim and clean and label many irises in early September. Our October meeting features the annual Region 15 iris auction, and we hope to get a lot of really nice irises from this year's Spring Trek hosted by Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society. A speaker is being organized for our November meeting, and December features our annual holiday party.

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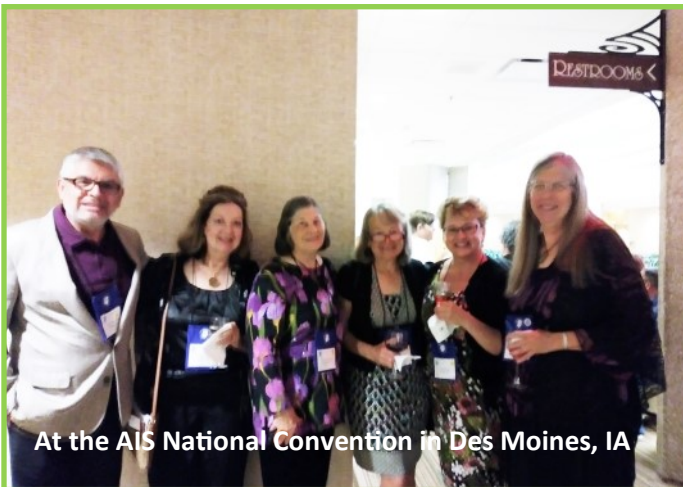
San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

By Andi Rivarola, President

Spring 2017 was very successful for our club. Our members enjoyed the Spring Show held (for the last time, unfortunately) at the Green Thumb in Canoga Park, attended both the National Convocation in Des Moines, Iowa and the Regional Convention in the Lancaster area, and culminated with the election of new officers: Andi Rivarola, President; Debbie James, VP; John Huffman, Treasurer; and Nancy Bernstein, Secretary.

In the next six months, we look forward to the Fall Board Meeting hosted by the Southern California Iris Society on October 14th. Then we start our programs at the September meeting with the Club's Annual Auction. October is usually our Games Night but this year we switched things up and the club will host Dell Perry of Seandel Iris Gardens in Plano, Texas. Dell will do a program and JT on Spuria Irises. November will be our Games Night and December is our annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner. In January 2018, we will have a digital program by Doug Kanarowski of Mariposa Iris Gardens. February will be Master Gardener Bettina Gatti speaking on companion plantings and soil health. In March we will have a program on Show Preparation and Artistic Demonstration for the Show in April.

Photos by Debbie James and Jill Bonino



At the AIS National Convention in Des Moines, IA



Jan Lauritzen wins Artistic Sweepstakes



Iris Show at Green Thumb Nursery



Debbie and Jane
Happy 91st birthday Jane Troutman!



Gary White at the May meeting

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Southern California Iris Society Report

By Mike Monninger, President

SCIS had better April sales this year than last year at both our iris show and at the four day sale at South Coast Plaza.

The Best Specimen Award was won by Anne Michaelson. This is the fourth year she has entered and to beat long time and expert exhibitors like Lynn McIlwain and Leigh Nicolai-Moon is a true accomplishment. The head table was well represented and honors were divided among the exhibitors.

Derry Gerald won Best Design and Design Sweepstakes. We also had exhibitors in Novice and Intermediate categories.

The officers for this year are the same as last year; who knew!

SCIS bylaws were last revised in 1997 and many changes are required. We made significant progress at the July meeting and hope to complete the changes at the next meeting with available time. Lynn McIlwain is in charge of the bylaw revision and is doing a fantastic job.

Next up are the member's only auctions of bearded iris in August and beardless iris in September.

SCIS is hosting the Region 15 Fall Meeting and it will be held at the Huntington Library Museums and Botanical Gardens on October 14. Registration is \$25 each. There is no lunch but a continental breakfast catered by Panera Bread will be available. There will also be additional time to look at the gardens with the absence of a lunch. We are planning for a silent auction and a raffle of donated items.

We are planning our Holiday meeting at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte the first Saturday in December.

Wishing everyone happy irising!!

**Left to right: Anne Michaelson wins Best Specimen of Show with 'Hearts on Fire' TB (photo by Jill Bonino).
Derry Gerald with her Best Design of Show entry (photo by Jill Bonino).
Mike and Elaine Monninger at the McClung's garden , Region 15 Spring Trek 2017 (photo by B. Train).**



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Sun Country Iris Society Report

By Kyria Peavy, President

I am so thankful September is approaching. With September comes slightly cooler evening and morning temperatures and less humidity making it possible to spend a little longer outside without melting. My irises are begging for a little love and attention after this extremely warm summer and I'm sure will appreciate those cooler temperatures too. Luckily we have members with homes and gardens in Forest Lakes who shared their gardens with the rest of us, so we were able to enjoy one day of reprieve. The photos below are of our trip to Hall Bradshaw's and Lyn & Bill DeHaven's homes, both in Forest Lakes

Our club is knee deep in preparing for the Region 15 Spring Trek in 2018 and probably haven't put as much into planning next year's programs as we should. We're arranging some nice things for those who will attend next year's trek. We hope everyone can attend!

Here's what we're expecting to do during our last few programs of 2017:

August – Caring for irises in the summer

September – Region 15 Iris Auction

October – Member Only Auction

November – 2017 Year Wrap Up

December – End of Year Party



Counterclockwise, from left (photos by K. Peavy):
Enjoying the afternoon at Lyn and Bill DeHaven's home;

Judges Training at Hall Bradshaw's home;
In-Garden Judges Training at Hall's garden.



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Tucson Area Iris Society Report

By E. Kristee West, President

We in the Tucson Area Iris Society, TAIS, are looking forward to Fall. The record heat and rains here are contributing to our nemesis: rhizome rot. But, our rhizome sale in September will provide us with new cultivars to enjoy.

For all things current for TAIS see our website: <http://www.tucsoniris.org>

Calendar:

September 23 - Annual Iris Rhizome Sale

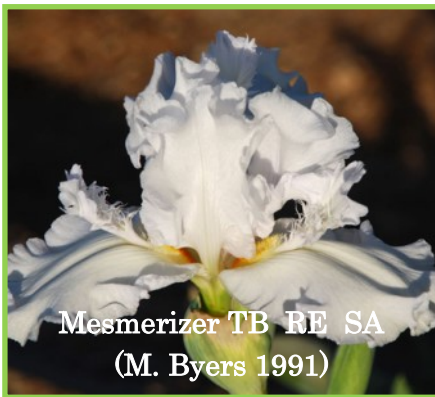
October 14 - Speaker: Andy Bessy on Iris Companion Plants

Election of Officers and board members, committees.

November - Meeting and Pot Luck

April - Annual Flower Show

Photos by: Carole Buchheim



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Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Spring Board Meeting

April 21, 2017

Palmdale, CA

The meeting was called to order by Debbie James at 4:30 p.m. and all the affiliates were represented except Tucson Area Iris Society. There were 29 members present and signed in, but some were looking at the auction items which were displayed in the same room.

The minutes of the winter zoom meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer, Carol Huffman, reported a balance in the checking account of \$18,407.34 as of 4/1/2017 and our total assets are \$31,172.50 (report included).

Judges training – Sue Brown reported that we have 22 current judges, 9 apprentices, and 10 students. More judges are needed!

Membership stands at 256 members with 10 affiliates.

Claire Schneider reported that the awards are o.k.

Cheryl Deaton reported that we have 8 current youth enrolled, and we ALL need to encourage more.

Editor Beth Belaney-Train sent out the spring bulletin on e-mail on time, but a new printer had to be located, and thus the postal edition was a bit late. It has now arrived and is excellent. The next reports are due August 6, and more photos are needed – send jpg to aisregion15 editor@gmail.com. Please also send photos to our web master Tim Valenzuela – webdev@region15ais.org.

Winona Stevenson is our new Historian and would like newsletters sent to her by snail mail.

Affiliates Reports:

Hi Desert & Daylily – they have worked hard to put on this TREK – Desert Rainbows, and had 2 sales.

Inland – show was on 4/15 – Iris Gems, and are looking for new officers.

Lompoc – recovering from the fall trek (well done) and planning a show

Orange County Iris and Daylily –revamping programs to meet changing needs.

Prescott – planning their 1st judged show in 10 years and established a scholarship fund.

San Fernando – President Gary White will speak on 5/4, then they will host the Spuria Fest on 5/5-5/6

Southern California – sales and show on 4/9

Sun Country – 3 shows and passed out flyers for the next spring trek

Tucson – just hosted a “popular vote” show on 4/8

Old Business: Donations are being collected from each club for the AIS Basket which Debbie will take to the National convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

New Business: \$500 budget income from each club as proceeds from the Region Auction. Each club needs to set a minimum bid on Irises to increase funds received on Auction.

The Trek Wheel is full until 2018, and Dark for Spring 2019 due to the AIS National in Region 14.

Need to fill 2020 which is the AIS 100th Anniversary !!

Sue Brown called for adjournment at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Larson, Secretary

Remembering Friends



In Memoriam: Audrey Kenyon

November 20, 1918– May 23, 2017

Mom died Tuesday. She was born in Ohio in 1918. We all moved to Anaheim in 1952, then to Riverside county in 1967.

Mom went to school to become a CNA at 70 years old after caring for dad and her sister while they passed. She worked as a CNA for fifteen years. She then retired to work in the gardens at Sims Tree Learning Center. Mom, my son Kevin and I attended Iris Treks as long as we could.

Up to three years ago mom would work as she could in the gardens deadheading and checking people in who attended educational programs at Sims.

She was a lifetime member of Inland Region Iris Society. She so loved the iris.

- Susan Sims, daughter

In Memory of: Donna Marie Daugherty

December 7, 1939 - August 4, 2017

Donna Marie (Smart) Daugherty, a longtime resident of Riverside and Claremont, has left us to be with the Lord. Donna was a bright spirit that continues to shine within all she touched. Donna, age 77, was born in Mangum, OK on Dec 7th, 1939, and passed Aug 4th in Montclair. Donna graduated from Edmond High School in Edmond, OK in 1957. She attended the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO where she met her first love of her life Richard Allen Shaw. After Richard graduated, they married and moved to Riverside, CA in 1960. Donna continued with her education at Long Beach State where she received a bachelor's in Business Administration. Richard and Donna had three boys, Greg, Mark, and Jeff Shaw. Donna worked for 36 yrs., starting in the Riverside Unified School District offices, and retired from University of California Riverside in 2002 where she worked in the Air Pollution Research and Biomedical Science departments as a grant project planner and accountant.

The second love of her life Olen (Joe) Daugherty came into her life in 1998 through a mutual interest in square dancing at Cowtown USA in Woodcrest. They were paired together and were inseparable from then on. They were married in 2000, and moved to Upland in 2001 and later to Claremont. Donna was a member of the El Riva Court 102 of ladies' Oriental Shriners where she served in different capacities, including High Priestess, and touched many lives along with Joe as volunteers at Shriners Hospitals and other Southern California events.

She was an avid bowler and loved her music, and dancing. She had been a long-time IRIS member with her husband Joe. Despite her illness, she attended IRIS meetings and Christmas parties, and joined Region 15 Spring Treks when able. She enjoyed the beautiful drought tolerant and iris (mainly arilbreds) garden that Joe lovingly tended. Mostly, she enjoyed Joe's tender love and care as well as the love and support of family and friends.



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MONTMARTRE TB (KEITH KEPPEL 2008)

Luminata. Height 33". Early thru midseason bloom.
Standards greyed red-purple; Falls velvety dark red purple,
narrow oyster white rim, white around beard; Beards yellow .
Honorable Mention 2010, Award of Merit 2012,
Wister Medal 2014, American Dykes Medal 2017 .

AIS Region 15 2017-2018 Calendar

| Month | Day | Event | Location | |
|-----------|----------|---|--|------------------------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 5 | IRIS Region 15 Rhizome Auction/Sale | Riverside, CA | |
| | | Sun Country Iris Society Region 15 Iris Auction | Phoenix, AZ | |
| | 7 | SFVIS Annual Rhizome Auction | Canoga Park, CA | |
| | 9-10 | SDIS Fall Rhizome Sale at Casa del Prado patio, Balboa Park | San Diego, CA | |
| | 12 | OCIDC Meeting | Garden Grove, CA | |
| | 15-17 | IRIS Annual Fall Rhizome and Potted Iris Sale at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center | Riverside, CA | |
| | 16 | HDIDS Rubles Auction with Region 15 Irises | Lancaster, CA | |
| | | PAIS Meeting: Eric Moore talks on Birds in the Garden | Prescott, AZ | |
| | 16-17 | SDIS Iris Sale at Casa del Prado Room 101, Balboa Park | San Diego, CA | |
| | 23 | TAIS Rhizome Sale at Harlow Gardens Nursery | Tucson, AZ | |
| OCTOBER | | SCIS Meeting at the Bamboo Room, LA Arboretum | Arcadia, CA | |
| | 3 | IRIS Meeting: Dell Perry of Seandel Iris Gardens in Plano, TX Program on Aril and Arilbred Irises and Their Culture Sun Country Iris Society meeting | Riverside CA Phoenix, AZ | |
| | 5 | SFVIS Meeting: Judges Training with Dell Perry | Canoga Park, CA | |
| | 8 | SDIS Annual Region 15 Iris Auction | San Diego, CA | |
| | 10 | OCIDC Members Only Iris Auction | Garden Grove, CA | |
| | 14 | AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting at the Huntington Library, Museum, and Botanical Gardens, Ahmanson Room Hosted by the Southern California Iris Society Guest Speaker and Judges Training with Robert Treadway, President of the Society for LA Iris | San Marino, CA | |
| | 14 | TAIS Meeting at the Murphy-Wilmot Library. Election of officers, boards members, and committee heads. Guest speaker: Andy Bessy on Iris Companion Plants | Tucson, AZ | |
| | 21 | HDIDS Meeting | Lancaster, CA | |
| | 28 | SCIS Meeting | Arcadia, CA | |
| | NOVEMBER | 2 | SFVIS Games Night | Canoga Park, CA |
| 7 | | IRIS Meeting: Carole Buchheim of Mystic Lake Iris Gardens Program: Digital Slide Presentation on the Gardens and Guest Irises at the AIS National Convention in Des Moines, IA Sun Country Iris Society: 2017 Year Wrap-up | Riverside, CA Phoenix, AZ | |
| 12 | | SDIS Meeting | San Diego, CA | |
| 14 | | OCIDC Meeting | Garden Grove, CA | |
| 18 | | HDIDS Meeting: Jill Bonino's slide presentation on AIS | | |
| 28 | | Convention and Tours PAIS Meeting: Election of Officers | Lancaster, CA Prescott, AZ | |
| DECEMBER | | 2 | SCIS Holiday Party at the Old Spaghetti Factory | Duarte, CA |
| | | 5 | IRIS Christmas Party and Gift Exchange Sun Country Iris Society End of Year Party | Riverside, CA Phoenix, AZ |
| | 7 | SFVIS Holiday Potluck Dinner | Canoga Park, CA | |
| | 10 | SDIS Annual Holiday Party | Ramona, CA | |
| | 16 | HDIDS Christmas Party and Installation of Officers | Lancaster, CA | |

| Month | Day | Event | Location |
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| JANUARY | 4 | SFVIS Meeting: Program by Doug Kanarowski of Mariposa Iris in Mariposa, CA | Canoga Park, CA |
| | 9 | OCIDC Meeting | Garden Grove, CA |
| | 14 | SDIS Meeting | San Diego, CA |
| | 20 | HDIDS Meeting | Lancaster, CA |
| | 27 | SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum | Arcadia, CA |
| FEBRUARY | 1 | SFVIS Meeting: Master Gardener Bettina Gatti on Companion Planting and Soil Health | Canoga Park, CA |
| | 6 | IRIS Meeting: Judges Training with Jill Bonino on Iris Color Patterns | Riverside, CA |
| MARCH | 17 | HDIDS Meeting | Lancaster, CA |
| | 1 | SFVIS Show Preparation | Canoga Park, CA |
| | 6 | IRIS Meeting: Andi Rivarola Judges Training on Spuria Irises | Riverside, CA |
| APRIL | 13 | OCIDC Meeting | Garden Grove, CA |
| | 3 | IRIS Meeting: Joyce Dean on Two Container Flower Arrangements Using Irises and Beth Train on Horticulture Entry How-Tos | Riverside, CA |
| | 8-13 | AIS National Convention hosted by the Society for Louisiana Irises | New Orleans, LA |
| | 14-15 | IRIS Rhizome Sale at the Riverside Garden Tours and Flower Show at Elks Lodge | Riverside, CA |
| | 20-21 | AIS Region 15 'The Magic of Iris' Spring Trek hosted by the Sun Country Iris Society | Phoenix, AZ |

AIS REGION 15 AFFILIATE SOCIETY MEETINGS

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society (HDIDS) meetings : 1-3 pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Antelope Valley College Agriculture Bldg. TE-3, 3041 West Avenue K, Lancaster, CA unless otherwise stated. HDIDS, P.O. Box 3014, Quartz Hill, CA 93586 Visit on facebook/Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society-Region 15 Antelope Valley

Inland Region Iris Society (IRIS) meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at the Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA. facebook.com/Inland Region Iris Society

For Lompoc Valley Iris Society meetings contact the LVIS president or visit facebook.com/Lompoc Valley Iris Society

Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meetings: 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30 pm 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 (except as noted) at Yavapai Title, 1235 E. Gurley at Sheldon intersection Prescott, AZ. For calendar of events go to PAIS website at www.prescottirissociety.org or facebook.

San Diego Iris Society (SDIS) meetings: 2nd Sunday of most months of the year at 1 pm (unless a 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: 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Canoga Park Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA. sanfernandovalleyirissociety.org or facebook.com/San Fernando Valley Iris Society

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 am. 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. See facebook.com/Southern California Iris Society

Sun Country Iris Society meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at the Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. www.suncountryiris.org

Tucson Area Iris Society (TAIS): Visit on facebook. Calendar of events posted to the TAIS website at www.tucsoniris.org

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Spring Trek 2017 Guest Irises



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Velvet Valentine TB
(Tasco 2015)



Power Lines TB SA
(R. Probst 2013)



Holiday in Mexico MTB
(R. Probst 2012)



Seedling CRCG 45-16
(Deaton)



A Grape Fit TB
(Schreiner 2015)



Sunny Slope TB
(M. Sutton 2014)



Cornbread N' Honey TB
(Schreiner 2014)



Skirting the Issue TB
(Schreiner 2014)



W.II and Adele TB
(Lauer 2014)



Peach Pearl TB
(Tasco 2014)

REBLOOMERS



Autumn Sunburst TB RE
(T. Aitken 2010)



Struck Twice TB RE
(L. Lauer 2009)



Double Shot TB RE
(G. Sutton 2000)



Desert Aria TB RE
(F. Edwards 2014)



Boundless TB RE
(M. Sutton 2010)



I'm Back TB RE
(T. Johnson 2007)



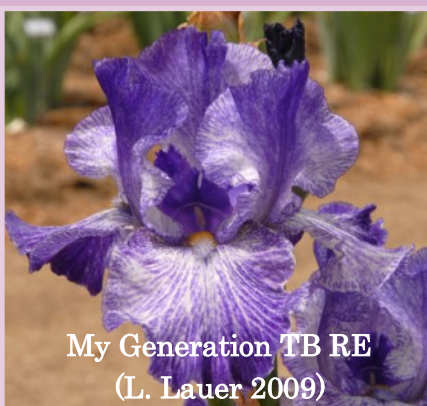
Battle of the Bands TB RE
(M. Sutton 2011)



Pieces of April TB SA
(Burseen 2005)



Brouhaha TB RE
(J. Ghio 2012)



My Generation TB RE
(L. Lauer 2009)



Oh Carol TB RE
(L. Lauer 2012)



Golden Immortal TB RE
(G. Sutton 1997)

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