

Region 15

Fall 2018 Semi-annual Report

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REGION 15 SPRING TREK 2018



All By Design (J. Ghio 2016)



Speeding Star (A. & D. Cadd 2002) Best Spuria Award



Coffee House Chatter (H. Nichols 2015)



Sdling 32-7637-25 (F. Edwards) Bernard Hamner Award (in– region)



At Kyria Peavy's urban garden



Admirers of Howie Dash's Seedling ADG 13-13-01, winner of the Best Iris Seedling Award (outside of Region 15)



Seedling ADG 13-13-01 (H. Dash)

Photos by Mason and Beth Train

Letter from the Editor



I have agreed to be the editor for an issue or two. I am overcoming a learning curve on the program used to produce the newsletter. So hopefully by next issue I should have it down.

I always say a club is only as good as it's membership and the newsletter could be the same. It will only be a good newsletter when every club sends in an article and pictures. Without your submissions, this newsletter would have a lot less pages. Thanks to everyone who sent in their information on time (or relatively close to it). I really do enjoy seeing the photos of what other clubs are doing so thanks for sending in your pictures.

I am looking forward to the Fall Meeting in San Diego. It should be a great event with Howie Dash as the speaker. I hope you will all consider attending. It is only a one day event if your located in So Cal there really isn't a reason why your not going. And it's only \$35 for a delicious lunch, Judges Training and an awesome speaker. I hope to see you all there and bring a friend, you can carpool together.

I really want to thank Beth Train for the work she's done in the past as the Newsletter Editor. I know it is not an easy job compiling the information and reports, photographs and the calendar which can be time consuming. Beth has been an asset to the Region as was her predecessor Katarina. I hope you find this issue informative and a delight to read.

Until then, Happy Gardening, **Debbie James,** Interim Editor

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On the Cover: **'Calypso Dancer AB'** (R. Tasco 2017) Photo from Superstition Gardens FB page

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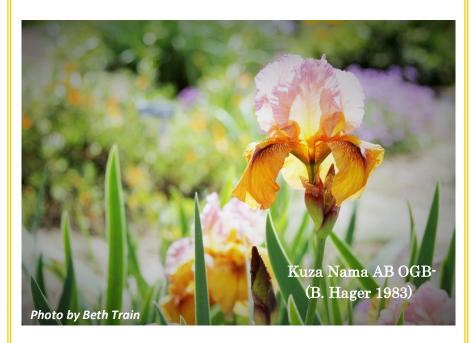
AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2018 Fall Meeting	San Diego Iris Society	San Diego, CA
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	
2020 Fall Meeting	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Burbank, CA
2021 Spring Trek	San Diego Iris Society	
2021 Fall Meeting	Prescott Area Iris Society	Prescott, AZ

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks from our website

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AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Sue Brown, Region 15 RVP

What a HOT, HOT, HOT summer! In the Antelope Valley, from June to the middle of August, we had 39 days of high temperature over 100 degrees. (I know Arizona is even hotter.) All the plants are in distress. All my Arilbred are in their dormant state. Many of my bearded Irises may not survive. I am hoping that cooler weather will arrive soon, and the irises will put up new growths. The irises I had ordered from hybridizers had arrived. Today's high temperature is 104 and the low is 74. Too hot to plant the rhizomes in the beds. They are potted in gallon pots, placed in the shade and watered daily before sunrise.

The Spring of 2017 was fabulous. The National Convention was in New Orleans, LA hosted by The American Iris Society, Society for Louisiana Irises and Greater New Orleans Iris Society. All the guest irises were Louisiana's. They were gorgeous. It was amazing seeing species Louisiana Irises growing in a swap. New Orleans Botanical Garden had wonderful sculptures placed all over

the garden with guest irises around a lagoon. Longue Vue is a National Historic Landmark with decorative arts inside the main house, 16 garden spaces and 24 fountains. There were 3,500 Louisiana Irises planted in the Wild Garden and many of them were in bloom.

A Louisiana Pond was a manmade pond, part of a housing subdivision. What a beautiful pond, with Louisiana Irises on the edge of the pond and ducks swimming in it. At the Hammond Research Station, we had Judges Training. At the Burden Museum and Gardens, we saw Irises in a natural planting and visited a recreation of a working plantation. There were so many beds of Louisiana Irises at the Baton Rouge Botanic Garden, I don't know where to start. I spent so much time with the new cultivars and missed many of the older cultivars.

A week afterward, it was the Region 15 Spring Trek. "The Magic of Iris" was hosted by Sun County Iris Society in Phoenix, Az. Denise and Bill Stine provide a wonderful breakfast for us to start a day of evaluating irises. There were many guest irises in bloom in front of Cheryl and Al Dreska's house for Kathy Chilton to give a Judge's Training. I learned so much about Arizona after lunch at the Arizona Historic Society Museum. Many beautiful irises bloomed at Kyria Peavy's garden. I saw bearded irises behind Nancy Evans' house and Spuria Irises in front. I must thank Sun County Iris Society for the magician who entertained us during social hour. Our speaker, Steve Schreiner was so funny.

Many members are telling me that they are downsizing. Some had moved to condos and apartments without any yard space to grow irises. I was living in an apartment with a small patio outside of sliding glass door. I had six pots with cannas in them and they were doing fine. Some of our members are successfully growing irises in pots. One club grow their irises in a community garden. Last week, I visit it and their rows of irises growing beautifully. So, irisarian, think outside of the box.

The San Diego Iris Society will be hosting the 2018 Fall Meeting on October 13, 2018. Our speaker Howie Dash will be teaching us about Aril and Arilbred Iris. These Irises love the heat. Irisarians make plan to spend a wonderful October day in San Diego.

Membership Update

By Kyria Peavy, Membership Chair

TOTAL MEMBERS:251TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS:219TOTAL YOUTH:12

AIS Judges Training



By Janis Shackelford, Region 15 Asst. RVP

and Judges Training Chair

This month I will be recommending the advancement of four Apprentices to G/E Judge status- I will not list their names since this decision rests with AIS. Two are in Arizona and two are in California. Also one student has reached the required hours of training and I am awaiting her letters of recommendation for advancement. I must report that a Master judge has requested being moved to Retired status and I know we will be sorry to lose his expertise.

I hope everyone continues to take advantage of the various training sessions offered by your clubs, or at Region Treks, or at AIS Conventions. You can never learn too much about irises! Quite a few people are accumulating training hours but, since they have not formally entered the Judge's Training Program, these hours cannot be credited. So if you are considering becoming a judge, please fill out the form appearing in this issue or on the Region 15 website and send it to me.

Most of the forms on the Region's website are in PDF format and must be printed out, filled out by hand, and then USPS-mailed to me. I am planning to convert a number of the PDF forms to a "writeable" docx format that will facilitate email communication. I have already emailed the Activity Report form to several people, who for some reason, failed to receive the USPS-mailed form. Please remember everyone must fill out the annual Activity Report, including students.

One final request - if you are a Judge, or are in the judge's training program and move your street address or change your email address <u>PLEASE</u> let me know.

You may contact me at 619-561-6323 or by email at: jgshackelford@cox.net

Watch the spelling of my last name since it will not work with an extra "c" or "le".





AIS Youth Program Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 and AIS Youth Chair

Well folks, we need to recruit more youth members for Region 15.

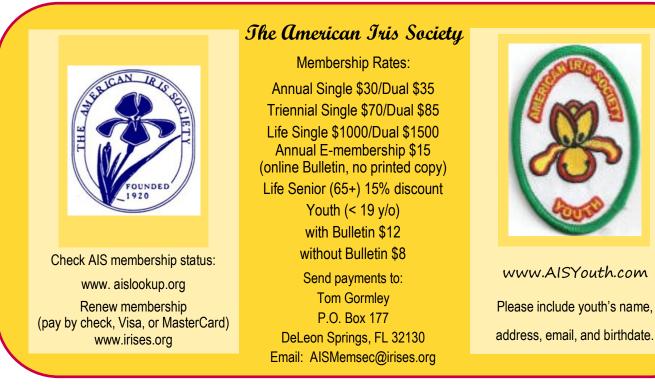
Hello everyone! I hope you had a wonderful summer and that your new irises are thriving in your garden. Our youth members are thriving and recently received a Louisiana iris donated by a wonderful gentleman named Robert Treadway. He is the President of the

Society for Louisiana Iris (SLI). They hope that the AIS Youth will begin to grow LAs and learn to love them. They provide a variety of colors and patterns that are not available in tall bearded, and because they like different growing conditions, they can be part of your garden not served by bearded irises.

We currently have 12 Youth members!! Yay! We have grown 2 new youth members since the spring! Of course, we could always use more. You know, if you get the kids involved, you might just get the parents involved, which brings an increase in membership, and opportunities for your club activities. Don't sell the kids short! They are computer savvy, where most of us barely get by, they use social media the way we used to use the telephone, and they have a fresh outlook on things. There is a classroom iris program in Missouri that decided to create their own show theme, artistic classes and show booklet by themselves. These kids are in elementary school, and they had a very successful show, with just a little bit of mentoring by their adult advisors. You can encourage kids in your neighborhood, local schools, your church or other youth group to start growing irises. Since they are drought tolerant, it makes sense for kids to grow them in their gardens, which are smaller and more in tune with the environment.

Youth are the future of our clubs and AIS. We need to cultivate them, just as we cultivate our favorite flower. I have resources that are yours for the asking. Let's get a few more young people involved with irises - it could lead to a lifetime of enjoyment.

Until I see you in a garden somewhere, Happy Irising!



Region 15 Spring Board Meeting April 20, 2018

Members in attendance: Janice Shackelford, Cheryl Deaton, Bill Molnar, Mary Ann Houston, Claire Schneider, Marilyn Kiger, Yvette McClung, Winona Stevenson, Dennis Luebkin, Kyria Peavy, Jenine Cook, Dan Dourney, Gerry Snyder, Beth Train, Mason Train, Ben Schleuning, Debbie James and Sue Brown.

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes from the Winter Board Meeting were read. Cheryl Deaton moved to approve with minor change, Winona Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report by Cheryl Deaton:

New account was opened with Bank of America.

Suggestion was made to reduce RVP travel amount; however, it was stated that the current allotment isn't even enough to cover expenses.

Suggestion was made to increase the allocated dollars for the Fall Speaker. Cheryl stated the allotment is not supposed to cover the entire cost of the speaker. It would be necessary to increase income from clubs.

Judges Training Report by Janice Shackelford:

Several apprentices require in-garden tutoring. Current judges will be needed to perform the tutoring.

Membership Report:

None

Kyria agreed to be Membership Chair

Awards Report by Claire Schneider:

Region 15 has 2 of each of the 6 trophies needed for the Spring Trek.

Awards cost \$50 a piece for a total of \$350, but only \$250 was budgeted. Claire will purchase 6 more trophies. Suggestion was made to look at local trophy shops for better rate.

Youth Report by Cheryl Deaton:

Currently have 9 youth members. We would love to have more.

Dennis suggested speaking at the schools. He goes into Prescott classrooms and brings activities for the kids. Dan suggested giving memberships as gifts.

Editor's Report by Beth Train:

A new editor is needed. The Spring 2018 newsletter will be Beth's last.

Historian Report by Winona Stevenson:

Winona hasn't received anything from the clubs.

Please forward all materials, i.e. meeting minutes, treasurer's report, etc. to Winona via USPS.

Affiliates in attendance provided reports.

New Business – Preserving records.

There are 12 books of records. Kyria will attempt to scan.

Trek Wheel was reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Kyria Peavy, Region 15 Secretary

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Rhizome Iris Sale

NEED EXTRA IRIS?

BULK ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR

IRIS CLUB SALES & EVENTS.

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AIS Region 15 Treasurer's Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Treasurer

Fall 2018

I opened the business checking account on 4/3/2018 with \$17,318.58 at Bank of America. Apparently, the previous checking account that I had opened 16 years prior and the Region had been using, was not "legal" for a 501C3 corporation.

The Edward Jones account had \$12,828.65.

Jill Bonino conducted an audit of the previous checking account and found no discrepancies. Every deposit and checks written had documentation. Her only recommendation was to change the Edward Jones account to earn more money.

In order to earn more interest, from the Edward Jones account, I invested \$5000 in a 24 month CD at the rate of 2.75%, maturing on 5/18/2020. \$5000 in an 18 month CD at the rate of 2.45%, maturing on 11/18/2019, and \$5000 in a 12 month CD at the rate of 2.3% with a maturity date of 5/23/2019. A check in the amount of \$2171.65 was written to bring the total amount of investments to \$15,000. After maintenance fees, the current value of all 3 CDs is \$14,980.83

The total income for the checking account as of September 1, 2018 is \$15.00.

The total expenses for the checking account as of September 1, 2018 is \$4323.88.

The balance of the checking account as of September 1, 2018 is \$13009.70.

A full report of the Region accounts will be presented at the Fall Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer

Life Lessons from an Iris Garden

There's a season for everything.

A time to expand one's efforts, a time to contribute your unique offerings to the community, a time to multiply for the future, a time to rest and be restored.

Don't cling to what's outgrown or no longer needed. Shed the old and outworn. Make room for new growth.

If not hybridizing, remove faded flowers ~ seed pods take energy and valuable resources from growing rhizomes. Clean up old leaves, year round, to remove hiding places for pests like aphids.

Be resilient. Persist in the face of challenges over which you have no control. Circumstances do change.

Aphids, gopher predation, disease, intense sun, drought, wind, downpours, hail, deep cold ~ all are survivable.

Too much of a good thing may undermine well-being. Don't over do.

Too much water, intense hot sun, too much fertilizer, overly rich deep soil do not promote rhizome health.

Don't get lost in the crowd.

Crowding diminishes vitality, reduces access to nutrients and sunlight, and inhibits growth.

Beauty is its own reward.

Much more than a passing fancy... Lovely blooms attract pollinators and admirers, bringing the sort of attention that insures survival.

Be a good neighbor. Give yourself and others space to thrive. Take your space, but not too much. Complement those you associate with. Enhance their best attributes.

Stand tall with quiet confidence. Just be.

Your existence is a celebration and will attract the best of attention.

Be a source of joy and inspiration by simply being yourself. Life and living are enriched. When bringing joy to others, ALL benefit!

Nothing lives forever. Be here now.

Don't dwell on the past or project too far into the future. Engage and appreciate the preciousness of your current moments. It's all we truly have. A gift. That's why it's called 'the present.'

Observations: Cynthe Brush Ilustration: Pierre Joseph Redoute



San Diego Iris Society Invites you to the AIS REGION 15 FALL MEETING Saturday, October 13, 2018

Event headquarters:

Best Western Seven Seas Hotel

411 Hotel Circle South San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 291-1300

Featured Speaker:

Howard (Howie) Dash, Picacho Mountain Iris

On Aril



Sand Dancer AB OGB (R. Tasco 2010)

and



Yangara AB OGB RE (G. Sutton 2003)





bred Iris

Xerxes AB OGB (L. Baumunk 2010)

Registration received by September 28, 2018: \$35.00 Registration received between September 29 and by October 4, 2018: \$45.00.



ARIL TREK 2018

By Tom Waters

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'Point Well Taken' (McAllister, 1998) at the Pountney garden

On April 6 and 7, aril and arilbred enthusiasts from parts far and wide converged on Las Cruces, New Mexico, to enjoy each other's company and an astonishing array of arilbreds in bloom.

The Aril Trek was a joint undertaking of the Aril Society International and the Mesilla Valley Iris Society, and the arrangements were all excellent and smoothly executed.

Friday evening registration was followed an educational session of "aril bingo" and a panel discussion with Dell Perry, Pete McGrath, Rick Tasco, Perry Dyer, and (much to my surprise) yours truly.

The heart of the weekend was four garden tours on Saturday: the small but beautifully designed Pountney garden in the residential Tortugas area south of Las Cruces, the expansive Dash garden high in the West Mesa desert, the glorious Wilson Garden north of the city, with row upon abundant row of perfectly grown irises of many types, and the delightfully ornamented Ayres garden, northeast of the city.



A labyrinth patterned after the one at Chartres Cathedral, in Howard Dash's garden .

The timing seemed perfect for arilbreds, with both halfbreds and quarterbreds apparently near peak bloom, amidst late medians and early TBs. I got to see many old and new cultivars in bloom that I have not grown myself. It was also rewarding to see such fine arilbred performance in gardens with such different growing conditions: desert sand to river-valley clay, cool verdant niches to sites exposed to the full sun, wind, and temperature extremes of southern New Mexico.

Saturday afternoon featured informative judges training led by Dell Perry (who took us through the intricacies of aril and arilbred classification and characteristics with verve and expertise) and Perry Dyer (who applied his experience and keen eye to show how to look at these varied plants in the garden). Yes, I did pass the test at the end!



'New Vision' (Tasco, 2012) at the Dash garden



'Dubai' (Johnson, 2013) at the Wilson Garden



'Mean Mr. Mustard' (McGrath, 2010) at the Ayres garden

At the Saturday night dinner, keynote speaker Pete McGrath amazed us all with slides of startlingly beautiful pure aril hybrids and tantalizing arilbred seedlings from his continuing effort to bring bolder veining into this group. Pete's talk was also a story of his experience with aril and arilbred irises, full of deep disappointments and unexpected rewards, and always coming back to the personal dimension: the people and relationships that affected him and his work, often in profound ways.

It was a great weekend. I particularly enjoyed renewing old acquaintances in the iris world, and meeting other new friends I had only known on line. If you are an iris lover, but not sure if you can manage the time and expense of attending a national convention, regional and special-interest gatherings such as the Aril Trek are a comfortable and rewarding way to see some beautiful iris gardens and meet many wonderful people!



'Gideon's Lamp' (McGrath, 2004) at the Wilson Garden



At the Wilson Garden

Photo credits: Tom Waters

REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report



By Marilyn Kiger, President

It's certainly been a hot time in the summertime! A few leaves in the garden are starting to turn yellow a sure sign fall is on its way in these parts. Cooler days and nights as the days get shorter. Finally, more gardening will get done.

Our "Blooming 30 Years" proved to be a fabulous show this year and one of our most profitable sales events yet! I think we've made our founding members proud. Our new Treasurer, Bea McGowan won Queen of Show with Rick Tasco's, "Black Magic Woman". It was a pleasure to host our local Girl Scouts on Friday evening with Sharon Weisenberger's design guidance with an abundance of iris donated by our members. The Artistic entries proved that all of these girls are extremely talented.

With our "HOT" August we were more than ready for our well-timed Ice Cream Social and club Rhizome Giveaway. The ever popular Ruble Auction in September had club members bidding paddles flying, and new iris introductions were deservedly earned by hard working contributing club Irisarian's.

HDIDS celebrates our 30th Anniversary Year with a special club celebration at our October meeting. A BBQ luncheon and raffles are planned, as well as, the Succulent Plant Lady will gift our members with an afternoon designing their own succulent pots to take home.

November is a business meeting with elections for President and Vice President. Sadly, our Vice-President, Melissa Zimmerman, has relocated to San Diego and I can't begin to tell you how much she will be missed here at Hi Desert. We send our best and are envious of her new climate zone. I know that SDIS will give her a warm welcome and take great care of her for us.

Our club nursery is on overload with members digging their gardens. We've potted so many hundreds of iris we're all due for manicures. If any clubs are in need of 1 gallon potted iris for sales we have a hundreds available for sale-dirt cheap. Give me a call or email, <u>mwkiger@msn.com</u> for additional info.

A special shout out to Kyria Peavy and her crew at Sun Country Iris Society. You were gracious hosts, your speaker Steve Schreiner was a hoot and we totally enjoyed your *Magic of Iris* 2018 Spring Trek. THANK YOU!! Back to my garden, see you in October~

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Inland Region Iris Society Report

By Mason Train, President

Hello autumn and goodbye summer heat! That's what I'm looking forward to. We are seeing a few rebloomers as our weather cools. YAY! Keep on blooming!

DeDe Utter did move to Denver, CO last spring shortly after our successful Riverside Community Garden Tour. Our club garden showed well and received much praise. Many thanks to DeDe, Carol, Maggie, Beverley, Ann, Steve, Beth, Mary, Tassie and other IRIS members who made everything look

bright and beautiful.

As per IRIS ByLaws, I became the Acting President (while also serving as 1st VP and Secretary) after DeDe's move. Her shoes were a challenge to fill. With the members' help and support, I have made the transition and am doing my best. In our recent election, I was elected and accepted the role of President. The rest of the Board members are: Beth– 1st VP, Correspondence Secretary and Editor, Carol – 2nd VP, Lori – Recording Secretary and Carolyn– Treasurer.

The "Holiday Celebration" Iris Show (dedicated to Chuck) last April 28th had a good turnout with many outstanding blooms, colorful English Box displays, and creative floral designs. Barbara Brooker won the AIS Silver Medal while Penny Culbertson (daughter of Beverley, herself a multi-awardee) garnered the Bronze.

Our spring sales went well given the circumstances with proceeds not as much as in the previous years. The Members Only and Region 15 Rhizome Fundraiser Auctions' earnings were commensurate to the quality of the rhizomes, as well as the presence/absence of avid collectors or bidders. We are having a FALL RHIZOME SALE on September 15-16 at our club garden in Jurupa. Ads were placed in the local paper and we are hoping for brisk and heavy sales.

The Guest Iris Bed in our club garden is doing well. There were a lot of maiden blooms and good increase. We are looking forward to hosting the Region 15 Virtual Spring Trek in 2019. Peak bloom is expected to be around the 2nd-3rd week of April. Everyone is invited to the garden located at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center, Tuesday-Saturday 8 am to 3 pm and Sunday 12 noon-3 pm. Don't come in later than 3 pm as the gate is closed promptly at 5 pm. Photos and videos will be posted on our FB page with updates as they become available.

The April 2019 schedule is looking full especially with the AIS National Convention just north of us. Our IRIS Show "Cinema Iridaceae– Iris at the Movies" is scheduled for April 20. The club garden and most especially the Guest Iris area is open for tours. Both self-tour and guided tours are available, let us know if you are in town! Better yet, if you are driving to the Nationals, get a break from the long drive and do spend some time with us.

While we still miss Chuck's friendly smile, DeDe's bubbly utterances and the presence of other IRIS members who are no longer able to actively participate in our meetings and events, we are going strong with an energetic base of 15 or so active members. Members are aging, the weather's been too hot...yet we all do what we can as our time allows to keep and enjoy our iris gardens and continue to share the beauty of the iris we all so love.



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Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report



By Ben Schleuning, President

Our annual holiday / New Year dinner was held on 21 January 2018 in Santa Ynez at The Vineyard House.

Day two of our second rhizome sale. Thanks to Winona's trust in us, we had photos of all 345 cultivars. (We made copies of all her pictures). Our annual rhizome sale was in Lompoc on 28 July. Sketchy response to all three though and we haven't even addressed the Region 15 rhizomes . LVIS iris show at the end of April was smaller but lovely and was judged by Cheryl Deaton. We have an election of officers coming up at our October meeting. Will have more news following that.



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Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report



By Lois Farr, Vice President

First off, thank you Sun Country Iris for the over-the-top Spring Trek! Each garden full of loving care provided tons of inspiration and ideas. I'm still enjoying memories of the gardens, friends, food and memoirs – my orange phoenix centerpiece is on the patio, the iris soaps are too pretty to use, but I used one anyway, the canvas Trek bag is in my car, and the memories of fun, fun, fun ... Thank you for good times, good friends, and rich moments. Oh, and I almost won Coconut Snow at last month's auction. All because of Spring Trek in Arizona.

While I was frolicking at Spring Trek, the rest of the club worked hard at the annual Fullerton Arboretum Green Scene, beating last year's earnings. Soon we will discuss plans for Green Scene 2019. Importantly, thank you to Mystic Gardens and Hi Desert for the generous help.

Summer months for our club is about outdoor potlucks and auctions. Bobbie Hogancamp, our Day Lily leader, and her husband, Frank, created a Day Lily 101 power point presentation, teaching us the basics of raising day lilies and the many varieties available. Day Lily 101 prepared us for the following month day lily auction. Bobbie ordered our special requests -- large, tall, spiders, reds, ruffles, etc. Our day lily auction was a friendlier format, where everyone could purchase, take an equal turn, and bring home a valuable day lily assortment at a very af-fordable price. The Hogancamp team really made it fun.

Somehow our potlucks, without menu planners, combine into a delicious meal -- this last one was particularly tasty. Mike Monninger played the auctioneer for our Beardless Iris Auction. We were sooooo happy to bring those home to our gardens. Can't wait to increase and share back.

Our final auction, this month, included remnant Green Scene potted iris and the Region Iris, plus a change in our meeting time! Put all together, our meeting was a fresh spot. After years, maybe decades, of meeting on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm., we finally realized since most members are retired, why not meet in the day, avoid-ing the hazardous night driving. That idea passed unanimously, and we enjoyed a larger number. Of course, combined with an iris auction, it was a winning pair.

September is succulents and cactus speaker ... and any news beyond that is for the next edition. Happy gardening to all and see you at the Fall Trek.



Prescott Area Iris Society Report By Sherry Williams, President



2017 was a great year for PAIS and the outlook for 2018 is amazing.

What an amazing spring & summer we have had. Our Color Kaleidoscope and Spring Sale in April was a great event. We had so many beautiful exhibits and entries in our People's Choice, display arrangements & Grandma's table. We hold our event in the greenhouse at one our local nursery's, Mortimer's Nursery, and they outdid themselves by putting a new sunscreen on the greenhouse which provided an amazingly comfortable day for our event. Many people from our area and around the state look forward to our event each year and based on the comments, we didn't disappoint this year. And we sold every potted iris we had available and people were still wanting more.

We had our Summer Rhizome sale in July and what a great event. We had people lined up at the door and around the building waiting to get in. Dennis Luebkin managed to keep the crowd happy with training on iris planting and care in the patio area. Once the door's opened we looked a lot like Macy's on Black Friday. But what fun. We met new people from all over the state, sold a lot of rhizomes and had a number of folks join as new members.

Our public gardens at Yavapai College Sculpture Garden, Embry-Riddle University and the Sharlot Hall Museum were beautiful this spring. We are pleased to be able to add to our historical collections of Whiting & Sturtevant in these locations this year with the assistance of the Historical Iris Preservation Society and Region 15 contributions.



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San Diego Iris Society Report By Claire Schneider, President

Over the first weekend in May, SDIS had their Spring Show and Sale. By all measures, the show and sale event was successful. Best in Show was "Vibrato" shown by Janis Shackelford. The AIS Silver Medal for Most Blue Ribbons was won by Janis Shackelford and the Bronze Medal for Second Most Blue Ribbons was won by Claire Schneider. We sold over 400 pots of iris which helped defray the costs of putting on a spring show. Thanks to Jill Bonino's suggestion of using "the Square," sales via credit card have boosted our bottom line.

What else has SDIS been doing? At the June meeting the program was the show awards ceremony, an ice cream social and elections of officers. Claire Schneider is the new president, Bill Molnar will continue as vice president, Janis Shackelford will continue as treasurer and Olga Batalov will be secretary.

SDIS does not meet during the summer. The Fall Rhizome Sale will be held on September 8, 9, 15 and 16 in the Casa de Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, in room 101. We have added Louisiana and spuria to the sales tables and our customers gobble them up. The members-only auction of trek iris will be held on October 14 at the Lakeside Historic Building in Lakeside. For more information about our programs and events, please visit our website. <u>www.sandiegoirissociety.org</u> We're on Facebook, too. Facebook.com/SanDiegoIrisSociety

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Region 15 Fall Meeting, October 13. Howie Dash will be the celebrity speaker on the topic of aril and arilbred iris. He also will be giving a judges training on arils and arilbreds. There will be a special raffle of new and newer iris at the end of the meeting. We have reserved a very nice venue and lunch. There is a small restaurant in the building where you can have break-fast. Parking is free. More information and a registration form for the Fall Meeting can be found in this newsletter, on the Region 15 website and on the SDIS website. We hope to see you there!!

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By Andi Rivarola, President

Our club finished a successful iris auction, why many members in attendance. This year we increased the number of irises purchased from hybridizers. We're not sure yet if it makes a difference to spend more money on irises, or if it's better to

spend less, get less so that members spend more on what's available. The jury is still out on your experience?

this. What's your experience?

We arrived at the new year with a problematic banking issue, and happily we have resolved it by opening a new account at Union Bank. So far, our local Union Bank branch has had a friendly relationship with us, and since, a change of officers took place without a hitch.

For one more year I will be the President, but this is my third and last. Looking forward to working with a new SFVIS President next year. Our current officers are: VP and Program Chair and Secretary is Christine Anderson; Treasurer, Mary Anne Abrahms. As I became the new newsletter editor and will still be the spring show's chair, I have plenty to do.

In October our club members will show pictures of their own gardens via a digital presentation. November will be GAMES night. December is our Holiday Party and potluck dinner.

We're looking forward to a 2019 year with lots of new activities.





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Southern California Iris Society Report



By Mike Monninger, President

We've been busy so far. First, we have been re-vamping our by-laws which haven't been touched in over 15 years. We held our club auction, and the regional auction, and we will be having the beardless auction for members only soon. Jill Bonino presented her program on the National Convention in New Orleans, LA and the Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by Sun Country Iris Society (same club initials!). Everyone enjoyed viewing the newer irises and the gardens.

We held an in garden judges' training at the home of Ann Michaelson and Linda Meyer. They have been re-designing their gardens and have been very successful with the new spaces. Our show at the LA Arboretum was a huge success, and we nearly sold out of irises the first day. Our annual sale at the South Coast Plaza was terrific. Four days of selling irises to the plant loving public is our biggest fundraiser, and many repeat customers return year after year. This year we nearly sold out, and the leftover irises will be potted for sale at our show next April.

We don't have a meeting in November, so we will meet up in early December for our annual luncheon and final business meeting at the Spaghetti Factory. Our gift exchange is a lot of fun because we can 'steal' a gift if we like it, and members can steal our gift as well, but only twice. We are looking forward to some interesting programs from AIS and club members in the new year.



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Sun Country Iris Society Report



By Jenine Cook, President

We all rested for a bit after the conclusion of the 2018 Region 15 Trek and our final iris exhibit in early May. We did not convene a general meeting in July. Now we have returned to our usual flow of events. We are holding rhizome auctions with rhizomes purchased through club funds with the intent of filling our members' gardens with new varieties to enhance the entries in our 2019 Show and exhibits. We will also conduct officer elections, update our bylaws, and host our annual end of the year celebration.

We have selected the dates for our spring 2019 events. Our AIS Show will be April 13, 2019 and our 2 exhibits will be on March 23rd and May 4th. We hope a few Region 15 members who enjoyed their visit for the 2018 Trek will return to attend one of our spring events. If you are thinking of doing so, get in touch with any of our board members. We are happy to provide suggestions for places to stay and to arrange visits to members' gardens while you're here. The 2019 spring show will be a very special event as 2019 is our 50th year as an organization and affiliate of AIS!

Thanks to Ardi's diligent efforts and enduring commitment our club has high quality Judges' Trainings and five AIS accredited judges (Gary, Ardi, Kyria, Denise and Sharon). The benefits of Ardi's efforts to our club's events and to the education of our membership are unmatched. There is no end to our gratitude to her. We will share dates for the spring trainings as they are confirmed. There will be a show training on April 13th and we welcome you all to attend.

Gary created an SCIS Facebook page several years ago and we are now on Instagram with thanks to Brittany who set up and administers our account. Nancy and I have taken on a new project, we created a class on caring for and selecting irises for the home gardener. We are presenting the class to other garden clubs and at Summerwinds Nursery locations in the Phoenix area.

In addition to new events and activities, we cherish our friendships and enjoy sharing our iris and garden experiences with each other. We do this through the happy times and the sad ones. Unfortunately, we have several members who have recently lost loved ones and others whose loved ones are very ill. Our thoughts are with them and we look forward to continuing our friendships and love of growing irises.

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Tucson Area Iris Society Report



BY: Sue Clark for Kevin Kartchner, President

The Tucson Area Iris Society is busy preparing for our annual rhizome sale. Last year we ran out of rhizomes early because we only sold irises that our members had grown donated. So this year we ordered from four hybridizers and are hoping for better luck, as attendees were not pleased when there were few or no rhizomes left! Harlow's Gardens nursery is graciously hosting our sale again this year. Everyone who attended our August meeting with its AIS auction went home with at least one new and exciting rhizome for their garden. There were a few good-natured bidding wars, lots of laughter, and some ice cream treats.

In May, I presented a slideshow of the AIS Spring Trek in Phoenix. It was my first Trek and I really enjoyed it! I met Steve Schreiner and saw a lovely parrot who stopped by the first garden with his owner who was taking him for a ride on a bicycle - taking the parrot, not Steve Schreiner, that is! Many of our members, including me, are struggling with watering our irises and are trying to figure out the best way to keep them alive through summers of high heat without over-compensating by watering too much. Several of us are experimenting with self-watering pots. Our Spring show drew about 60 individuals, many of whom went around the display two to three times to narrow down their favorites. I thought it was interesting that scent was important to many of the attendees. I presented a slide show prior to the show so that members could display their blooms to their best advantage. Earlier this year, our members enjoyed Rick Tasco's presentation about hybridizing irises, and some decided to give it a go themselves.

PS. The attached photos are by Tony Kutz.



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AIS Region 15 Spring Trek

April 20-21, 2018















Thank you Sun Country Iris Society !

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AIS Dykes Medal Winner 2018

Congratulations!

HAUNTED HEART TB (Keith Keppel 2010)

Standards pale pinkish grey-white; style arms same, lavender lip; falls pinkish lavender-grey white ground heavily overlaid heliotrope grey to lobelia violet fine lining and texture veining, heaviest toward haft; beards light shrimp pink, light blue at end; light lace, heavy ruffling. Honorable Mention 2012, Award of Merit 2014; Wister Medal 2016.



AIS Region 15 2018-2019 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location
SEPTEMBER	4	IRIS Region 15 Iris Auction Fundraiser	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	6	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	8	PAIS Ice Cream Social, Photo Contest and Region 15	
		Rhizomes Silent Auction	Prescott, AZ
	11	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	15	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	15-16	IRIS Annual Fall Rhizome Sale at Jurupa Mountains	
		Discovery Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Jurupa Valley	Riverside, CA
		SDIS Fall Rhizome Sale, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.	San Diego, CA
	22	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
OCTOBER	2	IRIS Meeting with IRIS member Lori Rhodes' digital slide	
		presentation of the Gardens and LA Irises at the AIS	
		National Convention in New Orleans, LA last April 2018.	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	4	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	13	AIS REGION 15 FALL MEETING hosted by the San Diego	
		Iris Society.	
		Guest Speaker: Howie Dash, Arilbred Hybridizer.	San Diego, CA
	14	SDIS Members Only Region 15 Iris Auction	Lakeside, CA
	20	HDIDS meeting	Lancaster, CA
	27	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
NOVEMBER	1	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	6	IRIS Meeting with guest speaker Carole Buchheim of Mystic Lake	
		Gardens. Program: Rebloomers.	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	10	PAIS Elections and Potluck	Prescott, AZ
	11	SDIS Meeting	Lakeside, CA
	13	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	17	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
DECEMBER	4	Inland Region Iris Society Christmas Party	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Prescott, AZ
	6	SFVIS Christmas Party	Canoga Park, CA
	9	SDIS Christmas Party	TBD
	11	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	15	HDIDS Christmas Party	Lancaster, CA
JANUARY	3	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	8	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	19	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	26	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA

Month	Day	Event	Location
FEBRUARY	5	IRIS Meeting: Guest Speaker Lynda Miller of Manor Gardens, OR	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, CA
	7	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	10	SDIS Meeting	San Diego, CA
	12	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	16	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	23	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
	5	Inland Region Iris Society Meeting: Program TBA	Riverside, CA
MARCH		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	12	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	16	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	23	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
	2	IRIS Meeting: floral Design Demonstration by Joyce Dean	Riverside, CA
APRIL	4	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	13-14	IRIS Annual Spring Rhizome Sale at the Riverside Community	
		Flower Show and Garden Tour. Elks Lodge, Barton Road	Riverside, CA
	20	IRIS' Holk Memorial Iris Garden Tour featuring the	
		AIS Region 15 Virtual Spring Trek 2019 Guest Irises	
		and IRIS Flower Show and Sale at the JMDC, Jurupa Valley.	
		Theme: Cinema Iridaceae – Iris at the Movies	Riverside, CA

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.com/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. Visit on: 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

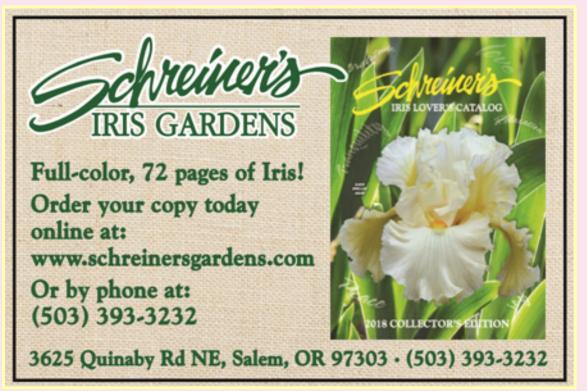
Southern California Iris Society (SCIS), holds regularly scheduled meetings at the Los Angeles Arboretum in the Lecture Hall (known as the Bamboo Room) at 10 am. Meetings are on the 4th Saturday in the months of January, February, March, June, September and October. The Los Angeles Arboretum is located 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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REGION 15 SPRING TREK 2018



Harry's Beloved (I. Howard 2016) Herb Holk Award



Judges Training with Kathy Chilton



RVP Sue Brown, guest garden hostess Nancy Evans, and assistant RVP Janis Shackelford



Coconut Snow (J. Painter 2016) Claire Barr Award



Seedling A62-2 (L. Lauer)



Give It Away (L. Lauer 2015)



Toltec Talisman (F. Edwards 2012)

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ARILBRED IRISES





Kalifa's Horn AB OGB (R. Annand 1995)





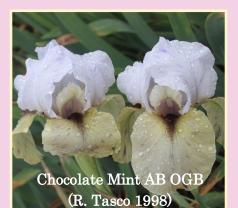


(L. Rich 1978)



Buttered Berries AB OGB-(Brown 2006)





Sri Lanka AB OGB (T. Johnson 2010)

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(R. Tasco 2009)



Refiner's Fire AB OGE (P. McGrath 2007)

