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# Region 15

Spring 2018 Semi-annual Report

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## SPRING TREK 2018

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# LOUISIANA IRISES



Lady Regina LA (Bourque 2008)  
Photo by J. Shackelford



Peaches in Wine LA (H. Pryor 1998)  
Photo by J. Shackelford



Enviably LA (Faith 2002)  
Photo by J. Shackelford



Romantic Memory LA  
(B. Pryor 2012)  
Photo by J. Shackelford



Great White Hope LA  
(Haymon 2000)  
Photo by J. Shackelford



Adell Tingle LA (Hutchins 2006)  
Photo by J. Shackelford



Black Widow LA  
(MacMillan1953)  
Photo by B. Train



Brazos Moon LA  
(H. Nichols 2016)  
Photo by B. Train



Valentine Passion LA  
(H. Nichols 2013)  
Photo by B. Train

## Letter from the Editor

*“One of the most delightful things about gardening is the freemasonry it gives with other gardeners, and the interest and pleasure all gardeners get by visiting other people’s gardens. We all have a lot to learn and in every new garden there is a chance of finding inspiration...Even if it is a garden you know by heart there are twelve months in the year and every month means a different garden, and the discovery of things unexpected all throughout the year.” -Margery Fish*



Spring bloom season is in full swing! The iris bloomstalks that looked like spears pointing toward the skies a week ago are now showing color. It is amazing to see how the garden changes, not only from season to season, but also from day to day. Even in the span of a few hours, a flower garden can surprise and delight.

This issue features Louisiana irises. Robert Treadway’s presentation at last autumn’s meeting inspired most of us to grow these irises in our hot and dry southwest climate. The AIS National Convention this April, set in Louisiana iris country, will give us more ideas. Many thanks to Richard Drouant, photographer and member of the Greater New Orleans Iris Society, for his wonderful photos of both species and hybrid Louisiana irises. The images are copyrighted and I was given permission specifically for use in this issue only. If you like to use his photos, be sure to contact him first.

The AIS Region 15 Spring Trek will be in Phoenix, AZ. Steve Schreiner is the guest speaker. Registration and information forms are on pages 10-11. Photos from the Fall Meeting are on pages 12 and 26.

We have new board members. Let us welcome Sue Brown, the RVP. Her message is on page 5. Janis Shackelford is the new assistant RVP and judges chair. She encourages Region 15 members to apply for AIS Judges. The form is on page 8 and on the region’s website. Affiliate presidents’ reports begin on page 17.

Garden clubs are much like the gardens we grow. Members come and go, there are successes and failures, and discoveries of old and new. As we enjoy and nurture our gardens, let us continue to cultivate and treasure the friendships and camaraderie that our garden clubs bring us.

See you at the gardens,

*Beth Balaney-Train*, Editor

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On the Cover: ‘Sinfonietta LA’ (R. Raabe 1987)  
Photo from Schreiner’s Iris Gardens website

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# AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2018 Spring Trek	Sun Country Iris Society	Phoenix, AZ
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	Riverside, CA
2020 Spring Trek	Tucson Area Iris Society	
2020 Fall Meeting		

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks  
from our website

[www.region15ais.org](http://www.region15ais.org)

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## AIS Region 15 RVP Message

*By Sue Brown, Region 15 RVP*

Hello irisarians, it is an honor to be the RVP for Region 15. However, I am at the bottom of the learning curve. There are so much information to be processed and slowly I am learning who is in charge of the different departments within the American Iris Society. Please accept my apology for the mistakes I will make because of my ignorance. I am asking every member within Region 15 to do their best to make Region 15 an organization of which we are proud of.

The Spring 2018 Semi-Annual Report is the last issue for our wonderful editor Beth Balaney-Train. Beth, thank you for your hard work. We will miss the fabulous pictures you took. **REGION 15, WE NEED A NEW EDITOR.** Anyone interested, please contact me by email at [region15rvp@gmail.com](mailto:region15rvp@gmail.com) or call me at 661-947- 8659.

Our Fall Meeting was at the Huntington Library and Botanical Garden hosted by Southern California Iris Society. It was a sunny and beautiful October day. I saw several reblooming irises in the garden. Thanks to Mr. Treadway's program and judge's training, I am confident that I can grow Louisiana irises in the high desert.

It is winter, but the day time temperature is in the 70's. In the planter of my workplace, the Tall Bearded irises are not rebloomers. Almost every fan has a stalk and two are in full bloom. The weather is confusing all the plants. Our Spring Trek is scheduled on April 20 & 21, 2018 in Arizona. I am looking forward to see fabulous blooms in the Phoenix Area. Most of all, I am excited to see all the members of Region 15.

*Sue Brown*

Region 15, RVP



## Membership Update

*By Patrick Orr, Membership Chair*

**TOTAL MEMBERS:** No report

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS:** No report

**TOTAL YOUTH:** No report

**TOTAL AFFILIATES:** 10. No change.



# AIS Judges Training

*By Janis Shackelford, Region 15 Asst. RVP*

*and Judges Training Chair*

Hello to all in Region 15,

I would like to congratulate Kyria Peavy, Sharon Petterson, Claire Schneider, and Denise Stine who have been advanced to G/E judge status by AIS. Our Region currently has 25 judges, 8 apprentices and 8 students. While there are currently only 8 judges in Arizona, 6 of the apprentices and 3 students reside there and hopefully we can look forward to more than doubling the number of judges in Arizona in the future.

I first attended a judge's training session at the 2009 Spring Trek in Phoenix out of a simple desire to learn more about these flowers that I love. After registering as a student I continued to attend Treks and training sessions, and eventually advanced through apprentice to my current status as a G/E judge. The entire process is enjoyable. I have seen beautiful gardens, met wonderful people, improved my cultivation techniques, and learned so much about all species of iris.

Becoming a judge does require continued training and a commitment to serve the entire Region. If you are considering becoming a judge and would like to begin the adventure, please fill out the Judge's Training Application form and mail it to me. You will need to purchase the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials from AIS and maintain your AIS membership. I hope to see all of you at the 2018 Spring Trek in Phoenix.

## Region 15 Affiliate Club Memberships

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society	69 + 7 youth
Inland Region Iris Society	34
Lompoc Valley Iris Society	20
Orange County Iris & Daylily Society	30
Prescott Area Iris Society	68 + 2 youth
San Diego Iris Society	103
San Fernando Valley Iris Society	55
Southern California Iris Society	30
Sun Country Iris Society	53
Tucson Area Iris Society	29
TOTAL	491 + 9 youth

*NOTE: Not all club members are registered American Iris Society members.*

**THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY REGION 15**

**APPLICATION FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE JOINED THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH A "YES" OR "NO" ANSWER:*

Do you have the latest copy of the Judges Handbook?

Did you visit at least 3 gardens that displayed a substantial number of recent iris introductions during the past bloom season?

Have you attended an annual convention/meeting of the American Iris Society?

Did you attend the last regional meeting/trek of Region 15?

Have you attended more than half of the meetings of your local iris society?

Have you been the announced speaker on the subject of iris before an organized group?

Have you written an article for publication on iris or related subject?

Have you been an officer of your local iris society?

Have you prepared an educational exhibit for a show?

Did you enter three or more specimens in a iris show during the past bloom season?

Have you held a position of leadership in a local or regional activity?

Have you held discharged the duties of a local or regional officer?

Have you assumed the responsibility for increasing the membership of the American Iris Society?

Have you participated actively in an iris robin?

Have you served as a classification chair or registration worker at an iris show?

Have you managed an iris show or iris specimen section of a show?

Have you participated actively in a specialty iris group recognized by the American Iris Society?

Have you raised seedlings from your own iris crosses?

Have you registered or introduced an iris?

Would you be willing to judge an iris show anywhere within your own region, knowing that this activity is a gratuitous service?

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INDICATE THE TYPES OF IRIS PRESENTLY GROWING IN YOUR OWN GARDEN

Arilbreds \_\_\_\_\_ Median Bearded \_\_\_\_\_ Tall Bearded \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Coast \_\_\_\_\_

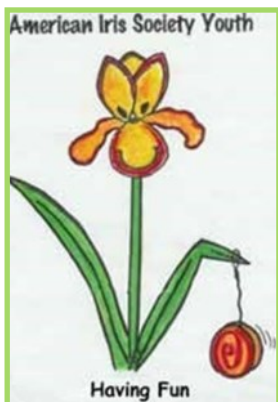
Spurias \_\_\_\_\_ Louisianas \_\_\_\_\_ Siberians \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Upon completion of this form, please return it to your Regional Judges Training Chair:

Janis Shackelford  
9716 Red Pony Lane  
El Cajon, CA 92021

You may call me if you have any questions about the process of becoming an AIS Judge at: (619) 561-6323



## 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. We are one of the largest regions in AIS, but we only have 8 youth members - 6 in California and 2 in Arizona. Do any of you know a youth group, Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop, teacher in a classroom that would like to grow irises at the school?

Children love to grow things, and irises do well in combination gardens with vegetables and ornamental plants. If your club has extra rhizomes after the sales, or from your members digging clumps, approach a youth group and see if they would be interested in growing these beautiful drought tolerant plants. Having a member or two to speak or give a CD presentation is a terrific way to encourage young people to make the environment greener, and to learn about our favorite flowers.

Why not create a 'kids table' at your next show and sale? Place one or two irises in containers that they can touch, and smell, give them pages to color (I can provide some for you), word search puzzles (I've got those too!), and use old catalogs that they can look through. Old catalogs also make wonderful collage material that the kids can cut and glue onto a picture to take home.

Membership in AIS is only \$8 a year without the Bulletin, and provides youth with a handbook about growing irises, 2 youth newsletters just for them, and the opportunity to receive newer irises donated by AIS. This year AIS Youth members will be getting a Louisiana iris! So let's recruit more youth members. You will be glad you did.

*Cheryl Deaton*



Check AIS membership status:

[www.aislookup.org](http://www.aislookup.org)

Renew membership  
(pay by check, Visa, or MasterCard)  
[www.irises.org](http://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  
without Bulletin \$8

Send payments to:

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[www.AISYouth.com](http://www.AISYouth.com)

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



# AIS Region 15 Treasurer's Report

*By Cheryl Deaton, Treasurer*

I am hoping to have a more comprehensive report at the Region 15 Spring meeting. The books are undergoing an audit, per the region by-laws. Once that job has been completed, I will proceed with opening a new checking account and hopefully transfer our money market account to somewhere that will offer us more income than the few cents we have been earning each month.

We need to approve a Region 15 budget. Any suggestions from the clubs for fund raising efforts would be appreciated. We really need each region affiliate to commit to a minimum \$500 commitment, plus volunteer to host either a spring or fall regional. Currently, we are running in the red and have been for a few years. Our normal region expenses just do not get covered by the income we generate, so I would really like to hear your views on fundraising.

Our expenses average more than \$5200 per year, which includes our website, our newsletter (which is one of the best in AIS), awards, officer expenses, cost of hosting the Spring and Fall meetings, shipping and postage, and miscellaneous charges that we may encounter. With a minimum commitment of \$500 from each of our 10 affiliates, we can raise \$5000. I am aiming to present the budget at the Region 15 Spring meeting. Any ideas or suggestion are welcome. Thank you.

## 2018 Budget for Region 15

Approved as of February 24, 2018

RVP Travel	\$1,000.00
Officer's Fund	\$1,000.00
Spring Trek	\$ 600.00
Fall Meeting	\$ 400.00
Newsletter (2 issues)	\$2,000.00
Shipping of Rhizomes	\$ 250.00
Awards	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00
Total expenses:	\$5,700.00

# The Magic of Iris

## Region 15 Spring Trek 2018

Hosted by Sun Country Iris Society  
Phoenix, AZ

April 20 & 21, 2018

Featured banquet speaker Steve Schreiner  
In-garden Judges Training by Kathy Chilton

### Trek Headquarters

Four Points Phoenix North (by Sheraton )

2532 W Peoria Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029

Hotel Reservations: 866-716-8133

**NOTE: Discount rate of \$109 per night for convention guests**  
(To guarantee convention room rate, reserve room by March 20, 2018, use code  
"Sun Country Iris," there are a limited number rooms available at this rate)  
[fourpointsphoenixnorth.com](http://fourpointsphoenixnorth.com)

Trek registration check in at the Hotel lobby starts 2 pm on April 20, 2018  
(check Sun Country Iris Society website for schedule of events: [suncountryiris.org](http://suncountryiris.org))

### Boxed lunch @ Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park

Arizona Historical Society  
1300 North College Ave., Tempe, AZ 85281  
(admission included )

Judges Training Friday evening  
In-Garden Judges Training

# Registration Deadline: March 20, 2018

**Please print – Registrant 1**

**Name (to appear on badge):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print – Registrant 1**

**Name (to appear on badge):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending In-Garden Judges Training: Registrant 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Registrant 2: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Saturday Dinner Choice:**

**New York Strip Steak** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chicken Gruyere** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grilled Salmon** (stuffed with crabmeat) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please notify in advance of any dietary restrictions – vegetarian available on request.*

**Full registration** (on or before March 20, includes tour, lunch & banquet) \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$100 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full registration** (after March 20, includes tour lunch and Banquet) ..... \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$120 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden tour only** (includes lunch) ..... \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$ 50 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet only** ..... \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$ 50 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration and check payable to “Sun Country Iris Society,” mail to:  
 Bob Buchwald  
 5866 E. Ironwood Dr.  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85266

For inquiries or questions, email: [Suncountryiris@yahoo.com](mailto:Suncountryiris@yahoo.com)

# **Welcome to the 2018 Region 15 Spring Trek “The Magic of Iris”**

***Welcome Friends!***

***Sun Country Iris Society is looking forward to having both our old and new friends join us for the 2018 Region 15 Spring Trek. It's been 9 years since the last spring trek was held in Phoenix. Our club is continuing to grow with new names and faces, so if you joined us in 2009, you will not see the same gardens. The gardens selected for this year's trek are all very different and positively just as beautiful. We hope you enjoy them as much as we have enjoyed preparing them for you.***

***Why "The Magic of Iris" you ask? The Phoenix bird is a mythical creature associated with the worship of the sun. Its feathers are brilliantly colored and it was said to live in the deserts of ancient Egypt. The myth states that every 500 years or so when the Phoenix bird decides its end is nearing, it builds a nest and sets itself on fire only to die in the flames.***

***Magically, a new Phoenix bird rises from the dust and ashes. To us the Phoenix bird symbolizes the magic of growing irises in our Phoenix Valley. Our summers are hot, dry and dusty, but somehow, out of that dry soil, magically beautiful, brilliantly colored irises appear.***

***In addition to the garden tours, we also have two options for judges training planned, one Friday evening and the other while in the garden on Saturday. We'll be lunching at the Arizona Heritage Center in Tempe, AZ where we'll enjoy food, friendship and learn a little something about Arizona's history. Each attendee will receive free entrance to the museum, so eat quickly to ensure you have time to roam the halls!***

***Once the tours are over and everyone has had a minute of relaxation, it will be time for a magical cocktail hour and dinner. We'll conclude our Trek Saturday evening when one of the best, Steve Schreiner, will share his knowledge of irises with us.***

***While you're in Phoenix we hope you take advantage of all there is to see and do. Why not stay a day or two extra? April is one of the most spectacular months in Arizona. Don't miss out on the Desert Botanical Garden, a living museum with over 50,000 plants, the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, beautiful any time of year, located just outside of Phoenix in Superior, AZ or maybe the Musical Instrument Museum with more than 6,600 instruments from 200 countries around the world. We also have a multitude of new restaurants that are just begging to be tried. What about sitting out on the patio, enjoying the warm evening along with a glass of wine?***

***Check your gift bag for a list of more interesting places to see. If you have any questions or concerns while you're visiting, feel free to reach out to any of our club members. (You can identify us by our shirts).***

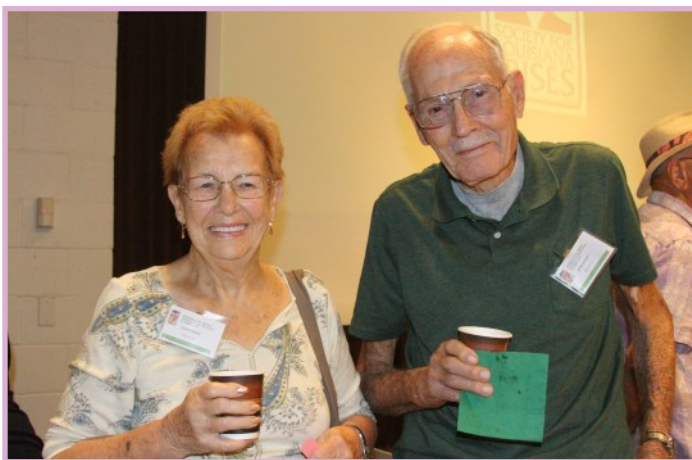
***We want to make your visit as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.***

***Kyria Peavy, Trek Chairman***

# AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting

October 14, 2017

*Photos by Mason and Beth Train*



**Thank you Southern California Iris Society !**

# LOUISIANA IRIS GROWING TIPS

## LOCATION:

- \* Provide at least a half day of sun. Unless the irises are growing in water, a little shade is a good thing.
- \* Avoid tree roots to the extent possible.
- \* Regular beds are fine; boggy conditions are great but not necessary.
- \* Be able to provide consistent moisture. If the irises are exposed to a summer dry spell without consistent watering, they will tend to go dormant, and, at least, the foliage may not look good until fall.

## SOIL PREPARATION:

- \* Dig in several inches of compost or other organic material (e.g., finely ground bark or peat moss).
- \* If preparing the beds several weeks in advance, work in chemical or organic fertilizer (equivalent of 1 lb. of 8-8-8 per 10 square feet of iris beds; if planting irises immediately, apply the fertilizer as a top dressing after the irises are planted).
- \* An acid to slightly alkaline soil is fine.

## PLANTING:

- \* Space irises with room to "walk" in the direction in which the leaves are growing from the rhizome and 6" to 9" apart in a triangular pattern.
- \* Plant with the rhizome just covered with soil, 1/2 to 3/4 inches.
- \* Mulch after planting, e.g., with 2-3 inches of ground bark, leaves, or pine straw.

## MAINTENANCE:

- \* Fertilize established beds in September or October and again in late February or March.
- \* In the Fall, use 1 lb. of 8-8-8, or equivalent, per 10 sq. ft of iris bed. In the Spring, use the same amount, or a bit less.
- \* Regularly remove and discard any foliage that yellows. Don't compost the yellowed foliage since it can harbor the disease of rust.
- \* Keep the beds consistently moist. If the irises get too dry, they will cease growing and the foliage will not be attractive. The plants will resume growing in the fall, however.
- \* Remove bloom stalks after the bloom season unless you want to harvest seeds in late June or early July. Cut stalk to within an inch or so of the ground.
- \* If the stalks are not removed, at least remove any seed pods before summer to avoid unwanted seedlings popping up among existing plants.

*Source:*

<http://www.louisianairisgnois.com/IrisCulture/index.html>

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*I. fulva* –Ouachita Half Moon



Delta Star LA (Granger 1968)



*I. virginica*



*I. virginica* and bumblebee



*I. fulva*, yellow



*I. fulva*, rust



*I. fulva*



*I. giganteaerulea*, wild



*I. giganteaerulea*, lavender



*I. giganteaerulea*, white variant

# REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



## Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

*By Marilyn Kiger, President*

Can't you hear the Beatles faintly in the background singing, "♪♪ They Say It's Your Birthday!! ♪" I think we're one of the babies in the region, celebrating our 30th birthday this year and we're pretty excited. Happy Birthday to us! We started 2018 with a yummy 30th Anniversary cake at our January meeting and have plans for several fun celebrations throughout the year.

Like most clubs in our region, we've enjoyed a mild and pretty pleasant winter. We're not sure what spring will bring, other than drought conditions. December had us thinking it was spring already! Months ago we scheduled our 2018 Show & Sale, "Blooming 30 Years", for the end of April and are now crossing our fingers & toes that the date picked isn't too late in the season for the sought after peak iris bloom at show time!

In addition to hosting a Spring Trek, 2017 gave us an opportunity to organize and improve our club nursery. We usually carry over 2,000+ iris donated from our member's vigorous gardens and purchased much needed 24" high commercial grade nursery tables. With our new tables, weeding and watering is no longer a back aching chore for us senior members. Our irises are sorted, alphabetized and now out of reach of the wittle wabbits. Our iris sales are scheduled from spring through fall and starts with our local, AV Home & Garden Show in March at the fairgrounds.

HDIDS ended the year with a change to our board, the office of Treasurer. We are sorry to lose Ann Wren, she did an amazing job as our Treasurer for the past three years and brought so much more than expected to her position. Her dedication is endless. As our new treasurer, we welcome Bea McGowan and look forward to utilizing her bookkeeping background and skills to our advantage. Welcome Bea!!

Congratulations to Sue Brown from Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society on your new position as Region 15's RVP!

This year's HDIDS Board members: Marilyn Kiger-President; Melissa Zimmerman- VP/ Programs; Secretary- Pam Montelongo; and Treasurer- Bea McGowan.

*Photos by M. Kiger*

See ya'll in Phoenix,

*Marilyn Kiger*



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# Inland Region Iris Society Report

*By DeDe Utter, President*

Spring is nearly here, and we are all anxious to see our blooms in the garden. It is so rewarding to see the bloom stalks and increase on the iris after months of prepping, planting, weeding and watering.

We are happy to report that the guest iris we are growing for the Spring 2019 Virtual Trek are doing very well in our club garden at the Jurupa Mountain Discovery Center. We have all the Tall Bearded Guests in Bed 4 and we made 2 special beds for the Louisiana and Arilbred guest irises. They are all showing great increase and we are already getting bloom stalks on some of the Louisianas. Hooker Nichols and Jim Hedgecock sent us a nice selection of LA rhizomes, which we planted in sunken containers in one of the low raised beds. We have TBs, BBs and ABs from Kanarowski, Schreiners, Keppel, Sutton, Painters, Gedietz, Deaton, Hedgecock and Toth and some seedlings from these hybridizers as well. All the rhizomes we received in August, September and October were immediately potted and kept in filtered sun until the end of October to give them a head start in the grueling heat we have here in Riverside. We have found our late summers to be way too hot and dry for new rhizomes to be planted directly into the ground on arrival, but with the extra TLC they rooted well, and many had started to increase when we planted them the 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

Our garden was selected to be on the Riverside Community Flower Show and garden Tours this year. The show is located at the Elks Club in Riverside and there are 6 gardens on the tour April 14 and 15. The link for more information is <http://www.riversideflowershow.info/>. We are excited for the opportunity to share our love of iris with those who are touring the gardens and hope to get more people informed and enthused about growing irises. We will have our first sales that weekend with a small booth at the garden and our usual booth at the Elks Club.

Our club iris show and sale is April 28<sup>th</sup> this year at Jurupa Mountain Discovery Center. We had to schedule it later this year due to all the commitments with the Riverside Flower Show and to give our members a weekend to attend the Region 15 Spring Trek April 20 and 21 in Phoenix. Our theme this year is "Holiday Celebration" and we will have horticulture and design categories. We are working with a local girl scout group to teach them design- we will have a youth design category this year as well. Our final spring sale is at the Yucaipa Music and Art Festival May 4, 5, and 6 in Yucaipa CA. We were rained (and nearly snowed) out last year and are hoping for much nicer weather and better sales this year.

We lost a dear member and friend Chuck to cancer last month. Charles (Chuck) Brooker and his wife Barbara have been long time active members of our club, participating in our marking parties, sales and displaying beautiful stalks and arrangements in our shows. We will miss his smile, and hello hugs.

My husband and I are relocating to Denver to be closer to our parents. I will be stepping down as President of Inland Region Iris Society, but plan to remain involved in the club as much as possible and will be assisting with the Facebook photos and informational posts for our Virtual Spring Trek 2019. We hope to be able to spend a few months back in California as well to help attend to the garden through the winter. I have been potting iris to take back with me to plant in our yard in Denver - I'm sure I'll need a shoehorn to get them all in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, but I have too many favorites. "My name is DeDe Utter, and I am addicted to Iris! "

See you in the garden!

*Photos on page 18 by B. Train*

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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. Fourteen members and six guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner and a fun social time.

We will enjoy a new venue for our February 18 and March 18 meetings. Kiki Shappell has invited us to meet at her home in Lompoc: 1504 North F Street. We meet at 2:00 p.m. The topic of discussion for the March meeting will be "Prepping your iris for show". We have new members who will benefit from this information.

April will be a fun month as everyone's iris will start to bloom! Flo and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Trek in Phoenix and then we hurry home to get ready for our iris show on the 29th and 30th of April. We are happy that we will have Cheryl Deaton here again to judge our juried section.

Our 10 June meeting will be a pot luck dinner and social time. We will host this event at our home: 517 Mercury Avenue in Vandenberg Village.

Our annual rhizome sale will be on 28 July; location TBA. A second rhizome sale will be held on our drive on August 17-18.

The August 19th meeting will be held at our home also. We will enjoy another pot luck dinner followed by distribution of newly purchased rhizomes to qualifying club members. Door prize iris, signed for during the previous meetings, will be given to the winners by the club growers. This is probably the happiest and most chaotic meeting of the year and culminates with club members hurrying home to find planting space in their respective gardens.

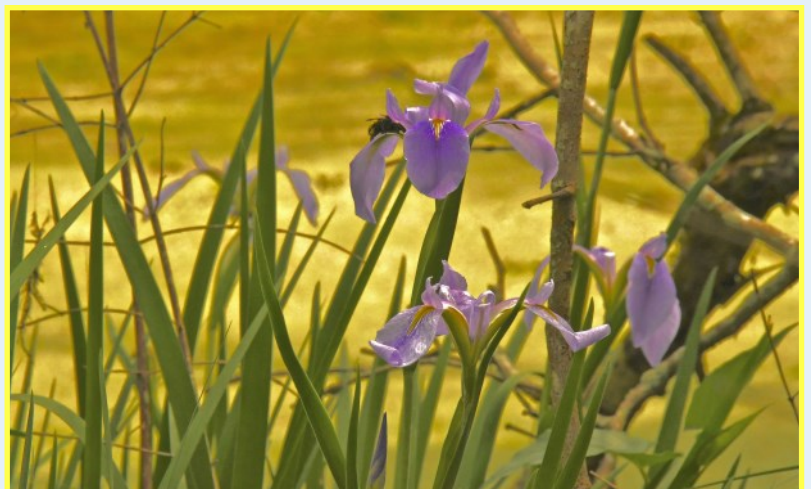
The final meeting of 2018 will be in October and will consist of election of officers.

Personally, Flo and I have been delighted by many beautiful re-blooming iris and are excited to see which iris will be blooming for our club's show.

*Photos by: Richard Drouant of GNOIS*



*I. giganteaerulea and Silver Spotted Skipper*



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## Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

*By Derry Gerald, President*

Hello everyone from Orange County. We are waiting anxiously for our iris to “wake up”. Such strange weather, we are looking for spring and having summer days. It was 89 degrees in January.

Our club is struggling to maintain the membership due to illness and aging and are looking for ways to get new members.

We had a wonderful Christmas Party with fellowship, a turkey dinner potluck, and gift exchange. Our Board graciously agreed to stay on for another year:

President– Derry Gerald; Vice President– Lois Farr; Secretary– Peggy Sheldon; Treasurer– Jeanie Moeckel; Advisor– Mike Monninger.

Our future meetings will be Iris 101, Daylily 101, DVDs from AIS. April will be a work party for our sale at the Green Scene in Cal State Fullerton. In summer, potlucks on the patio. We have Members Only Daylily, Bearded and Beardless Iris Auctions.

Our plant table usually has an interesting variety of all types of plant materials such as seeds, bulbs, rhizomes, pots, cuttings, and produce from our gardens.

Best wishes for 2018.



Rigolets LA (P. O'Connor 2005)



LA iris, wild, vinicolor type



Ann Chowning LA (F. Chowning 1976)

Sinfonietta LA (R. Raabe 1987)

*Photos by Richard Drouant of GNOIS*



## Prescott Area Iris Society Report

*By Sherry Williams, President*

2017 was a great year for PAIS and the outlook for 2018 is amazing. The PAIS membership has stayed steady with some new members throughout the year that have volunteered for the board and other activities including myself as the new president. Dennis will continue on the board and will provide me with training & assistance to assure an incredible year for PAIS.

Our outreach programs continue to be successful and we have plans to expand them into 2018. We provided a scholarship to one of the horticulture students at Yavapai Collage and received an amazing thank you letter that makes it all worthwhile.

We have moved our General Meeting and Summer Sale location to a new facility. The new facility provides us with a larger meeting room, great kitchen accommodations and a lovely courtyard view. The Kaleidoscope of Color Festival of Irises Exhibit and Sale remains at Mortimer's Nursery Greenhouse.

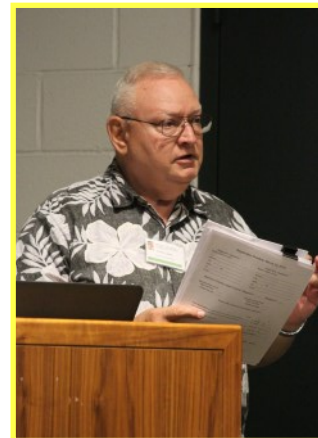
Our major events for 2018 include:

Kaleidoscope of Color Festival of Irises (Spring Iris Exhibit and sale)	April 28
Iris Class at Yavapai College	April
Summer Iris Rhizome Sale	July 28
Community Iris Care Class	August 11
Ice Cream Social, Photo Contest & Silent Auction	September 8
Elections & Pot Luck	November 10
General Meetings are held the second Saturday of the month	

Volunteer days & Community Outreach are scheduled as needed throughout the year.

As a new member of the PAIS and new to Arizona, I have a lot to learn and I am looking forward to an exciting and challenging year.

*Region 15 Fall*



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## **San Diego Iris Society Report**

*By Katharina Notarianni, President*

We were very pleased to be rewarded for our efforts at the September 2017 iris rhizome sales which we hold at Balboa Park each year. We made some changes this time around. By holding the sales over two weekends on both Saturday and Sunday each weekend our customers had more days to choose when to attend. We raised our prices and gave discounts for buying in quantity. Our customers purchased larger quantities and many were pleased to have the choice to pay by debit or credit card. We had a great turnout of volunteers for the events and are grateful to those members who dug irises from their gardens – Thank you Claire Schneider, Janis Shackelford, Jim and Edith Schade, and Gene Petersen and Carol Brody who all brought in the majority of rhizomes that sold so well. We also gained several new members from our sale activities bringing our membership to around 100 families.

In October Richard Wurtele acted as auctioneer and members had fun bidding on irises from the prior Spring Trek. The auction brought in almost \$500 for Region 15.

In November we were pleased to see Carole Buchheim again and hear about her experiences at the AIS National Convention. So many beautiful irises!

Many thanks to immediate past president Claire Schneider who graciously hosted our December holiday party at her home and garden in Ramona where peacocks freely roam. Many members comment that it is worth becoming an SDIS member just to attend our holiday parties! This was a potluck style lunch where the club provides a turkey and a ham. As is our tradition, one lucky SDIS member received a membership to the AIS, and everyone went home with an iris.

Our secretary Mary Hanson has updated the San Diego Iris Society Facebook public page. In addition the SDIS closed Facebook group was created so our members can freely post photos of irises blooming in their gardens and interact with other SDIS members.

Vice president Bill Molnar has arranged a very interesting series of meetings for the year. Here are details as they currently stand:

At our January meeting John and I gave a demonstration on how to take great photos with your cell phone camera in preparation. The meeting was well attended and we are looking forward to seeing some of the photos our members post on Facebook. Following the presentation, we held our annual iris roundtable discussion.

The San Diego Iris Society will be celebrating our 55th year this February. We are looking forward to spuria iris hybridizer Anna Cadd's presentation. Anna will also conduct Judges Training on Saturday, February 10th at the Best Western Seven Seas. Region 15 members are welcome to attend the lunch event and Judge's Training. Participating in the gift exchange is optional. Please rsvp to Janis Shackelford and note that there is a charge for lunch as it is being held at the Best Western Seven Seas hotel.

In March we welcome Jill Bonino of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society to give a presentation on Judging an International Competition.

On April 29th Carole and Paul Buchheim of Mystic Lake Iris Gardens are hosting a spring iris garden visit to their commercial in Perris. We are all looking forward to seeing their magnificent garden.

*San Diego Iris Society Report (cont'n)*

We have our Spring Show the first weekend in May. Our show chair, Janis Shackelford, has organized the AIS accredited judges for the event and we hope the spring bloom will allow our members to fill the room with their bloom stalks. In addition we are adding a Photo Contest which will loosely follow the AIS photo contest categories. Since this is not an AIS contest, we will let the public give their vote on their favorite photos.

In June we will present trophies to winners from the Spring Show and hold our officer elections followed by an ice cream social.

To keep up with SDIS events, please visit our website at [www.sandiegoirissociety.org](http://www.sandiegoirissociety.org).

Save the date! On Saturday, October 13, 2018 the San Diego Iris Society welcomes AIS Region 15 to sunny San Diego for the Region 15 Fall Meeting. Our featured speaker is arilbred hybridizer Howie Dash, who will also conduct Judges Training on arilbred irises. Look for further details on Region 15's website at [www.region15ais.org](http://www.region15ais.org) closer to the date.

*Photos by K. Notarianni*



Janis Shackelford



Holiday Party



John and Katharina



Edith Schade



Mary and Mary Ann



Bill Molnar

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## San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

*By Andi Rivarola, President*

As I write this this Saturday morning, the Officers of the SFVIS are heading to an Union Bank branch this morning to (hopefully) open a new bank account after almost of a year without one. We've been out of a bank account since last year when Bank of America, with whom we've had our last account for two decades froze our account because they needed a piece of paper, which for us was hard to obtain in the limited time specified. After uncomfortably dealing in a cash-only basis since then it seems that now the ordeal is over. Many thanks to our Treasurer, John Huffman, who gathered all of the pieces needed by the new bank and kept us all informed.

Now, we're ready to face Spring 2018 with a new smiling face.

Our schedule for the next few months: March we will have a presentation by a flower arrangement expert. Can't say who it is because it's not confirmed, and the person originally scheduled was not able to make it after all. April, we have something new in the wings. We are going to use the opportunity of having our general meeting by asking everyone to help us prepare for the our show, which will be conducted the day after, this year at the Canoga Park Women's Club, instead of the Green Thumb Nursery. I personally have great hopes for our location, which will allow us to use educational tools, and also talk with those attending in a calmer and friendlier demeanor. Wish us luck! Saturday, April 7th will be our Spring Show. April 8th to the 14th off to New Orleans for the National Convention of The American Iris Society. Saturday, April 14th is our garden trek. May will be our beardless iris mini-show during our general meeting, which is fun and people in attendance really like choosing the winning iris of each category (Louisianas, Spurias, Siberian, etc.). June is our pot luck dinner and awards night. July we will have a presentation on Wildlife at Madrona Marsh, a Torrance Wildlife Refuge. August will again bring Jill Bonino with pictures from the National Convention.

That's it folks!

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Debbie, Ed, and Andy.



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# Southern California Iris Society Report

*By Mike Monninger, President*

SCIS hosted the Region 15 Fall Meeting. The Huntington Museum and gardens is always a great venue for a region meeting. The program and judges training was on Louisiana iris and it was conducted by Robert Treadway the President of the Society for Louisiana Irises.

SCIS held its December meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte. A short business meeting was followed by good food, comradery, and a gift exchange (stealing allowed).

SCIS will hold its annual Iris Show at the L. A. Arboretum on April 14 and 15. Iris will also be available for sale.

The four day iris sale at South Coast Plaza will be from April 26 thru April 29. Prices are \$7 or \$12 for each rhizome. Potted iris are \$12 each. This is a long and exhausting four days and Club members are still tired from last year's sale.

*Photos, on pages 25-26, were taken by Mason and Beth Train at the AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, October 14, 2017.*



Guest Speaker Robert Treadway



Mike



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## Sun Country Iris Society Report

*By Jenine Cook, President*

SCIS is excited to be hosting the Region 15 Trek in April. Many of our club activities are focused on the last minute preparations. The Guest Iris Garden owners are busy putting final touches on their gardens, and club members are volunteering for final committees and tasks.

We will not conduct an AIS sanctioned show with judging this year since our attention is focused on the Trek. We will have two iris exhibits in which the public can vote for their favorite bloom (March 24 & May 5). This will give our members opportunities to practice showing their iris and to earn ribbons and award points.

We recently had a photographer present at our club meeting and we all learned some great tips on photographing blooms. We have invited a photography club to our exhibits and hope to share an in garden photography day with them in the near future.

Ardi Kary is hard at work planning our Judge's Trainings for the year. Thanks to Ardi's dedication to Judge's Training SCIS now has a good number of certified Judge's and apprentices. She also works closely with some of our members to schedule summer trainings in their gardens in Northern Arizona which is considerably cooler. In addition to the Judge's trainings that will take place during the Trek, we have trainings on April 28th and June 9th, with more that have yet to be confirmed.

We are also busy identifying dates for the Region 15 Guest iris digs, our member garden digs, and our fall sales. Currently we have about nine members pot sitting iris for our Spring sales. We will soon be ordering iris for our fall member auctions which are an annual highlight for our members.

All of these activities are competently planned and orchestrated by our valued officers and board of directors: President—Jenine Cook ; Vice President – Gary Miller; Treasurer – Bob Buchwald; Secretary – Susan Lyons; 1st Director – Ardi Kary; 2nd Director – Nancy Evans; Past President Director – Kyria Peavey. SCIS members do their part, participating and volunteering to make our events very successful. Serving as President of SCIS is a privilege and joy!



Photos by: Richard Drouant of GNOIS



# Tucson Area Iris Society Report

*By Kevin Kartchner, President*

Until recently it's been a very dry winter for us. But our rhizomes are once again growing as we look forward to our flower show in April. Please visit us in person or at <http://www.tucsoniris.org/>

There have been no changes to our list of officers who are:

President: Kevin Kartchner; Vice President: open; Secretary: Janet Gardner; Treasurer: E. Kristee West; Newsletter Editor: Sue Clark; Membership Chairperson: Carol Peterson; Program Chairperson: Melania Kutz; Photography: Tony Kutz.

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

Calendar:

April 14- Annual Flower Show

May 19- TAIS meeting

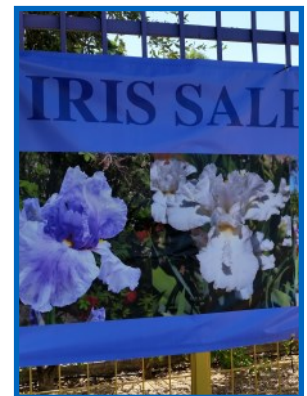
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Melania, Sue, Kathy, and Carol



Kristee



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# Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Winter Board Meeting February 24, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Sue Brown, Deborah James, Kyria Peavy, Janis Shackelford, Jenine Cook, Sherry Williams, Ben Schleuning

**Absent:** Marilyn Kiger, Cheryl Deaton, DeDe Utter, Andi Rivarola, Claire Schneider, Kevin Kartchner

## **Proceedings:**

**Meeting called to order at 9:06 am PT by RVP, Sue Brown**

**Ben made a motion to accept the 2017 Fall Board Meeting Minutes as written; Janis Shackelford 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and board passed**

**Sue Brown read the Treasurer's report by Cheryl Deaton; Sherry Williams made a motion to accept the report as written, Ben Schleuning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and board passed**

**Janis Shackelford read the Judges Training Report – Sharon Petterson, Denise Stine and Kyria Peavy have advanced to G/E judge status by AIS. Region 15 currently has 25 judges, 8 apprentices and 8 students. Arizona now has 8 judges.**

**No reports provided for Membership, Awards, Youth, Editor and Historian**

**Affiliates in attendance provided reports**

**2018 Proposed Budget was reviewed**

**Janice Shackelford questioned why the budget for the dollar amount allocated to the Spring Trek is different than the dollar amount allocated for the Fall Meeting?**

**Debbie James stated Spring Trek is a larger event with more costs**

**Sue Brown suggested increasing the dollar amount of the Fall Meeting to the same as the Spring Trek – all agreed**

**Ben Schleuning made a motion to accept the 2018 Budget with change mentioned above. Jenine Cook 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and board passed**

## **New Business**

**2018 Convention will have a boutique rather than a silent auction – clubs do not need to make donations for the silent auction basket this year**

**Affiliate Applications were received for 5 clubs – still need 5 more**

**Trek wheel was reviewed**

**Region 15 will not have a Spring Trek in 2019**

**Jenine Cook provided an update on the 2018 Region 15 Spring Trek**

**Janice Shackelford made a motion to end the meeting, Ben Schleuning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed**

**Meeting was ended at 9:36 AM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Kyria Peavy*, Secretary

## Remembering Friends



### *Rosalyn "Roz" Hill (1934-2017)*

It is with great sadness that we inform you that longtime San Diego Iris Society member Roz Hill has passed away. She was an active member of our society and always brought a smile to our meetings. Roz was an avid iris gardener and will be remembered fondly by all of us in the SDIS.

"Roz Hill passed away on the 22nd of August 2017 with her granddaughter Raechel, and several close friends by her side. She was a very strong person who never failed to voice her opinion, but always with a smile. She was not only an avid Iris lover, and active in the San Diego Iris Society, but she was a member of the Horticultural Society and a long time Master Gardner, and do not want to leave out the Edible Garden Club.

She was always hospitable and her home was open to all garden lovers. She was very generous in sharing her knowledge of what plants to buy and when to plant them. Roz loved to travel and visited a number of iris gardens locally and abroad. As a very close and personal friend I will cherish the memories I have of all the fun, and heartaches, we shared." -- Charlotte Minter

### *Charles "Chuck" Brooker (1932-2018)*

Born July 15, 1932 at the family farm to Walter and Caroline Brooker in Marietta, Ohio. One of nine children, Charles has been a devout life-long catholic lovingly serving his church, community, and family. Charles graduated St. Mary's Catholic High School in Marietta, Ohio in 1950. He then joined the

United States Navy, proudly serving aboard the USS Ruchamkin (APD-89). Charles completed his tour in 1955 returning to civilian life in Lakewood, CA. It is here that he met his wife of 58 years Barbara Brooker.

After marrying in 1960, the couple relocated to Perris, CA to fulfill their dreams of starting a family and following their love of raising Arabian Horses. Charles built the ranch from the ground up and the two developed an extremely successful Arabian horse ranch showcased by their purebred stallion Gazarr++. The breeding program produced over 350 foals including numerous

Champions and National Champion wins throughout the years. He joined the RCAHA (Arabian) club where he served as president, convention delegate, and treasurer as well as The Region 1 Treasurer.

Charles held a variety of jobs early in life including machinist, repossessing cars, and as a dance instructor for Arthur Murray studios. In 1999, Charles retired from the Boeing Company after 40 years in the aerospace industry. Charles professional career included work on such programs as GPS systems, the Space Shuttle, and military satellites.

The Brooker Family have been members of St. James Catholic Church in Perris for 53 years. Charles loved and has been highly devoted to the church serving as a lector and in various ministries. Charles served on the original church building and finance committees. Charles loved his family, horses, dogs, gardening, canning, the beauty of the outdoors, and deep sea fishing. He loved people, conversing regularly with friends and strangers alike and everyone was his friend.

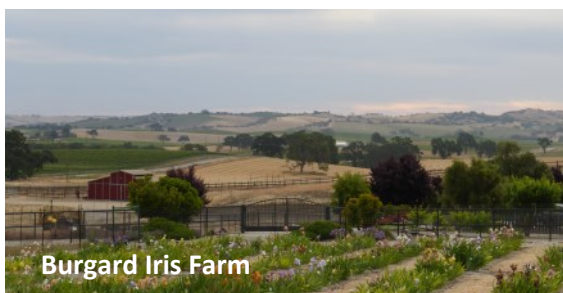


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## ALS National Convention 2018

The American Iris Society,  
the Society for Louisiana Irises, and the  
Greater New Orleans Iris Society  
invite you to a unique convention experience in the  
heart of Louisiana iris country.

*Fleur-de-Gras*

New Orleans, LA  
April 8-14, 2018



# AIS Region 15 2017-2018 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location	
APRIL	3	IRIS meeting– Programs: Floral Arrangement using Irises demo by Joyce Dean; English Box How-Tos by Carol Morgan and How to Prep an Iris Bloomstalk for the Show by Beth	Riverside, CA	
	7	SFVIS Iris Show	Canoga Park, CA	
	14	SFVIS Members Gardens Trek	Canoga Park, CA	
	14-15	IRIS Annual Spring Rhizome Sale at the Riverside Community Flower and Garden Tours, Elks Lodge. The Club Garden is on the tour this year.	Riverside, CA	
	20-21	AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK ‘THE MAGIC OF IRIS’, with guest speaker Steve Schreiner. In-garden judges training with Kathy Chilton. Hosted by Sun Country Iris Society.	Phoenix, AZ	
	26-29	SCIS Iris Sale at South Coast Plaza	Costa Mesa, CA	
	28	IRIS Show and Sale, “Holiday Celebration” at JMDC PAIS “Kaleidoscope of Color Festival of Iris, Exhibit and Sale	Riverside, CA	
	28-29	HDIDS Iris Show and Sale “Blooming 30 Years”	Prescott, AZ	
	29	IRIS and SDIS Mystic Lake Gardens visit	Lancaster, CA	
	29-30	LVIS Iris Show	Nuevo, CA	
	MAY	1	IRIS Meeting: Wine and Cheese in the Garden	Lompoc, CA
		3	SFVIS Beardless Iris Mini-Show	Riverside, CA
		4-6	IRIS Sale at the Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival	Canoga Park, CA
		5-6	SDIS Annual Spring Show and Iris Sale at Balboa Park	Yucaipa, CA
19		HDIDS Meeting: Propagation by Cuttings	San Diego, CA	
JUNE	5	IRIS Meeting-Program: Louisiana Irises 101 by Janis Shackelford	Lancaster, CA	
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Riverside CA	
	7	SFVIS Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	
	10	SCIS Meeting at the Bamboo Room, LA Arboretum	Canoga Park, CA	
		SDIS Officer Elections, Trophies, and Ice Cream Social	Arcadia, CA	
		LVIS Potluck Dinner and Social Time	San Diego, CA	
	16	HDIDS Meeting	Lompoc, CA	
JULY	5	SFVIS Meeting– Presentation on Wildlife at Madrona Marsh	Lancaster, CA	
	21	HDIDS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA	
	28	PAIS Summer Iris Rhizome Sale	Lancaster, CA	
AUGUST		LVIS Annual Rhizome Sale	Prescott, AZ	
	2	SFVIS Program– Jill Bonino Photos of AIS Convention	Lompoc, CA	
	7	IRIS Members Only Rhizome Auction	Canoga Park, CA	
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Riverside, CA	
	11	PAIS Community Iris Care Class	Phoenix, AZ	
	14	OCIDC Meeting	Prescott, AZ	
	17-18	LVIS Rhizome Sale	Garden Grove, CA	
	18	HDIDS Meeting	Lompoc, CA	
19	LVIS Meeting– Potluck Dinner and distribution of newly purchased rhizomes	Lancaster, CA		



Month	Day	Event	Location
SEPTEMBER	4	IRIS Region 15 Iris Auction	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, CA
	6	SFVIS Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	8	PAIS Ice Cream Social, Photo Contest and Region 15 Rhizomes Silent Auction	Prescott, AZ
	8-9	SDIS Rhizome Sale	San Diego, CA
	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 San Diego, CA
		SDIS Fall Rhizome Sale	Lancaster, CA
	22	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
OCTOBER	2	IRIS Meeting	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	Phoenix, CA
	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	San Diego, CA
NOVEMBER	27	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
	6	IRIS Meeting	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society Meeting	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.com/Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society-Region 15 Antelope Valley](https://facebook.com/Hi%20Desert%20Iris%20&%20Daylily%20Society-Region%2015%20Antelope%20Valley)

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](https://facebook.com/Inland%20Region%20Iris%20Society)

For Lompoc Valley Iris Society meetings contact the LVIS president or visit [facebook.com/Lompoc Valley Iris Society](https://facebook.com/Lompoc%20Valley%20Iris%20Society)

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](http://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.sandigoirissociety.org](http://www.sandigoirissociety.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](http://sanfernandovalleyirissociety.org) or [facebook.com/San Fernando Valley Iris Society](https://facebook.com/San%20Fernando%20Valley%20Iris%20Society)

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](https://facebook.com/Southern%20California%20Iris%20Society)

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](http://www.suncountryiris.org)


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

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**Intense TB**  
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**Candy Coating TB**  
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**Pleasantly Surprised TB**  
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**Iko Iko LA**  
(J. Musacchia 2018)



**House of Blues LA**  
(P. O'Connor 2018)



**Bayou Gambler LA**  
(J. Musacchia 2018)



**Wildcat Red TB**  
(Schreiner 2018)



**Frozen Fire TB**  
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**Velvet Voyage TB**  
(Schreiner 2018)

Sources: LA Iris Gardens', Schreiner's, and Sutton's websites.

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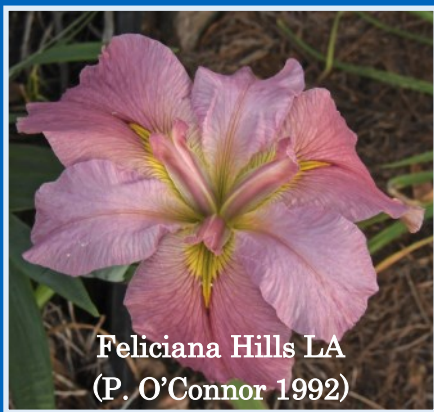
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(Mertzweiller 1990)



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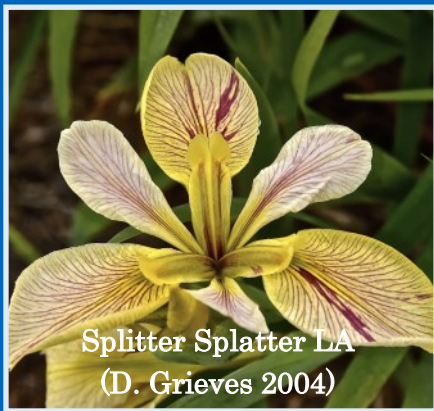
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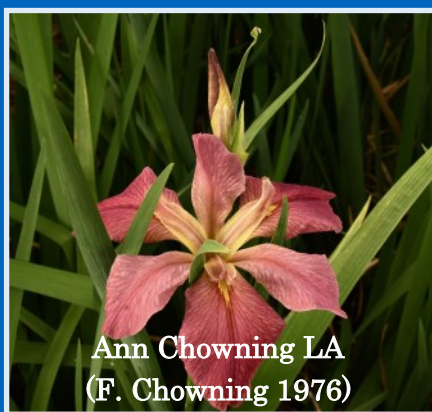
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(F. Chowning 1950)



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(MacMillan 1973)



Ann Chowning LA  
(F. Chowning 1976)



Blue Jean Baby LA  
(Army 1988)

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