

Region 15

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IRISES FROM MY YARD



Above: Jelly Bean Parade, Center:
Imperial Bronze, Spuria ,
Far Right: I. Unguicularis
Below left: Louisiana Bed



Note from the Editor

What a crazy year 2020 has been. I'll bet no one saw this coming or expected it to last this long. My social calendar went from busy almost every day to absolutely nothing. I also know this is probably the same for just about everyone. My local club meetings ended, other garden club meetings ended and the AIS National Convention was cancelled. Now we all meet via Zoom and although it's nice to see everyone, it's just not the same.



Due to lack of things happening, this issue is small due to nothing to write about, no pictures taken and no awards won and handed out. You could say it was uneventful but actually that's wrong, we had the events just no one attended, no one took pictures and no irises were cut down to be entered into shows.

I know that with every issue I do I am getting better at the program used to create this. Put it this way, I went from knowing absolutely nothing to doing fairly well. I had a good base to begin with, meaning I mocked up what was previously done, changing dates, photos and names where needed. In addition I've watched a few YouTube videos and well I just plain figured the rest out. Since I did this issue completely without help from the previous editor, I realize how much time it takes to put each issue together. So, the bottom line is if there are typos or missing info, I apologize in advance.

What I do know is with all the time at home, there are no weeds in the garden, lots and lots of vegetables grown and eaten and that several species of butterflies visit my yard daily. I also found that a pair of hummingbirds are living in the bottlebrush tree in the back yard. So now I need to keep the feeders clean and full for my new neighbors. These things would not have been seen if the world were still spinning at the normal speed. Hey with all the attention my garden has been receiving, it should bloom beautifully next spring and with luck we will be back at the shows judging, entering and admiring the beauty of irises. So during this uncertain time, keep on keeping on and remember to **stay positive and test negative**.

Until then, Happy Gardening,

Debbie James, Editor

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On the Cover: Feeling Spicy Tonight, 2012 C. Deaton
Photo from my computer library.

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2021 Spring Trek	San Diego Iris Society	San Diego Area
2021 Fall Meeting	Prescott Area Iris Society	Prescott, AZ
2022 Spring Trek	Southern California Iris Society	Covina, CA
2022 Fall Meeting	OPEN	CLUB NEEDED
2023 Spring Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Canoga Park, Ca
2023 Fall Meeting	OPEN	CLUB NEEDED

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks
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ELECTIONS ARE COMING

The Region 15 Officers are coming to the end of their term

The following slate of Officers has been presented by the Nominating Committee:

RVP:	Janis Shackelford
Asst RVP /JT Chair	Beth Train
Treasurer	Cheryl Deaton
Secretary	Lois Farr

Please bring any nominations you have to the Fall Meeting on November 21, 2020 at 9:30am via ZOOM as that is when elections will take place. (Note: The elections normally happen at the Region Fall Meeting which was cancelled due to the current situation). Email Sue Brown at irisfor15w@gmail.com for the zoom link.



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Sue Brown, Region 15 RVP

The spring and summer of 2020 was strange. The COVID-19 pandemic means one cancellation after another. I was looking forward to the 100 year anniversary celebration of the AIS on the East Coast and the Region 15 Spring Trek in West Covina. I had even paid the registrations for both events. Sadly, they were cancelled and I received the refunds.

The stay-at-home mandate of Los Angeles County means I did not visit gardens of my fellow irisarians. However, the corona virus did not affect the plants at all. Weeds and irises were abundant in my garden. Since I had time to pull the weeds, the blooms were fabulous. This August, I received two shipments of new introductions from two different hybridizers. The rhizomes were planted and I am hoping for beautiful blooms next spring.

We cannot function without Zoom meetings. Region 15 had our spring meeting on June 14, 2020 using Zoom, after we solved some technical problems. AIS Also presented several judges trainings using Zoom. Because the Region 15 Fall meeting was cancelled we will have a meeting soon via Zoom.

During the Fall meeting, Region 15 will elect new officers. I am deeply honored to serve as RVP for the last three years. It was a great experience. I had a chance to visit New Orleans and learned about Louisiana Irises. Now, I have six Louisiana irises growing in 2 kiddie pools. The gardens in Northern California were so beautiful. I will go back again whenever it is safe to travel.

The corona virus will not disappear by next spring, but we will have a Spring Trek. It will be modified and it will be safe for all attendees. I am sure that the blooms will be beautiful. So until the Spring Trek, Happy Gardening.

Membership Update

By Kyria Peavy, Membership Chair

TOTAL MEMBERS: 251
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: 219
TOTAL YOUTH: 7
TOTAL AFFILIATES: 10. No change.



AIS Judges Training

By Janis Shackelford, Region 15 Asst. RVP

and Judges Training Chair

Is everyone staying safe? I am, of course, staying home and what is there to do? Pulling weeds, more pulling weeds and occasionally renovating certain garden areas. My garden is scheduled for the 2021 Region 15 Trek and the guest irises were planted last year. Will the Trek happen? I certainly do not know what the Covid-19 status will be next year.

Due to the pandemic, the AIS Directors have decided that no one will be dropped from the Judge's Training Program for the 2019-2020 year for lack of training hours. Basically this is the year that does not count. However all judges and apprentices in the program were required to submit Activity Reports and I am waiting to see what the AIS Judges Training Chair will require of me for reporting.

One student in Arizona does have enough hours to advance to apprentice, and I have received letters of recommendation for her. I hope to recommend her advancement this Fall.

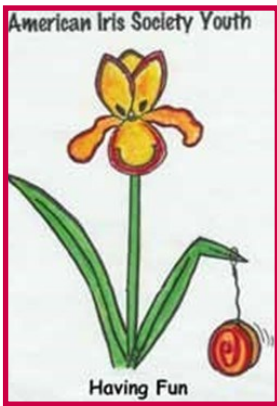
AIS has begun on-line Judge's Training sessions and many of you have participated.

To receive credit you must register, (I am receiving the attendance list), attend the session, take the test and then Mail Me your test to receive credit. Either by the USPS or email is acceptable. The training sessions are recorded and anyone may request the session (AISwebinars@gmail.com) and take the test, and will receive credit when I receive the test.

Once again, if you are in the Judges Training program and move, or change your email address, or your phone number, PLEASE let me know. You may contact me at 619-561-6323 or by email at: jgshackelford@cox.net



I. Douglasiana



AIS Youth Program Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 and AIS Youth Chair

Well, we have maintained the number of youth member at 7. Two in Arizona and 5 in California. People we really need more youth members, especially now during the pandemic. Most kids are stuck at home with very little to do, so starting an iris garden is a good thing. Not only do they get pretty flowers in the spring, but they can learn about irises from their parents and club members with webinars and Zoom meetings. Kids know all about using the internet.

AIS Youth members received iris rhizomes from a few generous gardeners in New Mexico, the host of the 2021 AIS Nation Convention. I hope we will be able to travel to Las Cruces and enjoy the gardens that have been growing irises for the past 2 years, if travel restrictions and social distancing rules have been relaxed. They have made plans for a limited amount of visitors if necessary, and also to postpone the convention until 2022 if necessary.

I am sure that many of you have excess rhizomes that you can share with our youth members, or even with kids in your neighborhood. You can put a box of rhizomes on your front yard with a "FREE" sign and planting instructions to spread the wealth. Let the kids know that irises are easy to grow and give them the WIKI address so they can research the irises you donate. It's a fun way to get kids involved and get them out of the house with a healthy activity. You will be glad you did. So until we meet in the garden somewhere, someday, Happy Irising



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The American Iris Society

Membership Rates:

Annual Single \$30/Dual \$35
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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

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www.AISYouth.com

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

Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Winter Board Meeting

Minutes of the 2020 Region 15 Spring Board Meeting taken on June 15, 2020 at 6:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Sue Brown at 6:08pm. Attendees included Cheryl Deaton, Claire Schneider, Debbie James, Gerry Snyder, Janis Shackelford, Mason Train, Beth Train, Pat Simpson, Sherry Williams, Sue Brown, Sue Clark, Andi Rivarola and Kyria Peavy.

Treasurers Report provided by Cheryl Deaton. Moved to accept treasurers report by Pat, 2nd by Mason, Passed.

Judges Training Report provided by Janis Shackelford. Currently there are 28 Judges and 2 apprentices. One student should advance to apprentice this year. Activity reports were sent out today. AIS decided not to drop students if not enough hours were completed this year. Gerry stated that no AIS ballots will be sent out this year. Moved to accept Judges Training report by Cheryl, 2nd by Andi. Passed

Awards Report provided by Claire Schneider. No awards given since the Spring trek was cancelled.

Youth Report provided by Cheryl Deaton. Down to 7 members. One member aged out and one did not renew.

Editors Report provided by Debbie James. Debbie thanked Beth Train for assisting with the last newsletter. Debbie is trying to stay with budget. She mailed out 100 copies of the last newsletter.

Historian's Report provided by Sue Brown. Winona asked that everything be sent to her in print since she does not have a computer.

Affiliate Reports Provided High Desert & Daylily Society—Will hopefully have a meeting in July and hold rhizome sale in August at the nursery.

Inland Iris Society—Held their last in-person meeting in March and held virtual meeting in June. Hoping to have an in-person meeting in July with physical distancing and masks. Considering holding a silent auction if unable to gather for an in-person auction in August.

Lompoc Valley Iris Society—Missing

Orange County Iris Society—Missing

Prescott Area Iris Society—Held online Spring Sale and brought in over \$4,000. Will hopefully have a summer rhizome sale online.

San Diego Iris Society—Cancelled all meeting. Hoping to have rhizome sale in September. Members are still taking care of potted iris. Pots will be sold at the September sale.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society—Cancelled all club meetings and sales. The board is meeting over zoom. July club meeting will be held on Zoom. Will continue to hold meetings on zoom until next year. AIS is putting together webinars for all AIS members and will include Judges training.

Southern California Iris Society—Missing

Sun Country Iris Society—All meetings were cancelled. Board met over Zoom. Hoping to still hold fall rhizome sales. Looking for a couple new locations to sell. Forest Lakes tour took place where Jeanine provided Judges training.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	13,159.30
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Income

Inland Region Iris Society Donation	258.25
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Expenses:

Centennial Memberships*	\$155.00
Newsletter Printing (Spring)	\$584.73
Newsletter Postage	\$200.00
Website	\$495.00
JT Expense	\$ 27.48

Total Expenses:	\$1,482.21
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Ending Balance (as of 9/18/2020) \$11,953.34

Edwards Jones Account (1/31/2020 to 9/1/2020)

Beginning Balance:	\$15,640.25
Ending Balance	<u>\$15,901.05</u>
Increase	\$ 260.80

*Centennial Memberships totaled 72 for period of
5/1/2019 to 4/1/2020

Minutes Continued:

Tucson Iris Society—Held a virtual iris show in April. No meetings schedule in June or July. If Tucson Botanical Garden is open auction will be held in August. Will hold rhizome sale in September.

Old Business:

Region 15 Centennial Membership Report provided by Cheryl Deaton. Region 15 paid for slightly less than 100 memberships. Maxed out printed membership at 50 and had at least 40 E-memberships.

Cost of newsletter—The cost for each printed newsletter mailed is between \$8.00 and \$10.00. Suggestions for lowering the cost included discontinuing mailing of all newsletters, have volunteer print from home computer and reimburse printing costs, reduce the number mailed to 50, reduce the number of pages. change the mailed version to no frills.

Nominating Committee—A new Secretary, Assistant VP and RVP is needed. Cheryl will continue as treasurer. Kyria, Andi and Debbie volunteered to take part in the Nominating Committee. Claire will present the slate at the fall meeting.

Region 15 Iris Auction—Decision was made not to purchase region 15 irises for auction

Trek Wheel: Spring 2021—San Diego. Fall 2021, Prescott,

Spring 2022: Possibly Southern California. (Will have 3-year clumps). Fall 2022, High Desert

Spring 2023—San Fernando, Fall 2023—Lompoc
Cheryl will notify Ben.

No further business. Debbie moved to adjourn, Janis 2nd. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

Respectfully submitted by Kyria Peavy, Secretary.

AIS CONVENTIONS

April 12-17, 2021, Las Cruces, NM

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AIS FALL BOARD MEETINGS

2021 November 5-6, Tulsa, Oklahoma

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FUTURE SECTION CONVENTIONS

Louisiana & Spuria Iris

April 27-29, 2023: Dallas, TX

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Siberian/Species

April 27-29, 2023: Dallas, TX

Convention Chair: TBD



SUCCESS IS THE
SUM OF SMALL
EFFORTS,
REPEATED DAY-IN
AND DAY-OUT
-Robert Collier-

Hybridizing for Space Agers and other novelties

By Cheryl Deaton

I began my hybridizing efforts rather late in life, and I blame Keith Keppel for all of it! In one of his catalogs, he was writing about how simple it could be to hybridize (seriously Keith?), and that he encouraged everyone to try it! Not knowing any better I thought, why not? So I started crossing any iris that stayed still long enough for me to gather pollen, and I was setting pods all over my garden. There was no rhyme or reason to my pollen daubing, so at one time Keith called me the “Iris Terrorist”.

Then he explained that I needed a “goal”, so I thought about what I wanted an iris to be. By this time I had fallen in love with Space Agers, so that went to the top of my list. I had been a huge plicata fan, hence the friendship with “Plicataman”, so that was number two on my list. But, there was so many purple/violet plicatas in the iris pool that I finally had my goal—a Space Age plicata in any color other than purple! Now I could get serious.

Not that I didn't get distracted along the way. Thornbird was one of favorite parents, and I used in on many irises in my garden, producing some interesting seedlings, but not necessarily SA's. One of them was reddish brown with a gold ray pattern. Interesting and a possible parent for a reddish/brown plicata SA. Hmmmmm. That would be different.

Plicata is recessive, so most of my seedlings were not plicatas, even though they were from plicata breeding. Unfortunately, the majority of the plicata seedlings were purple. Violet darn it! But I did get some fun SA's from the early crosses. A very bright, tall lemon yellow TB/SA (and I do mean tall at up to 52”), MEN LIKE ME, a 2007 intro; NAUGHTY GODDESS, pale yellow standards, white falls and lavender horns. Another 2007 intro, HORNY PERSIAN (so called because it looks just like Persian Berry with horns) which I also introduced in 2007. What a busy year that was.

You never can tell what you are going to get. There was one seedling I had that had no branching whatsoever. I grew it for 7 years in my garden, and sent it to a few regionals in the Midwest and Region 15. It looked like an iris/gladiola cross—straight stalk with only spurs up and down. I even had a name for it. “Wanna be a Glad”. And then it did the unthinkable. It started branching in year 8! Well, since it was no longer a novelty and it was no great shakes as an iris, it went into the compost heap.

Still using plicatas and various space agers to attain my “goal”, I got a bit side stacked with a variegated space ager as a parent. I got a LOT of varigatas in various color combos, all the way from pale yellow standards and reddish brown falls to gold standards and plum falls, and every type of appendage you can imagine—frills, spoons, flounces and horns. Hooray! Out of 45 seedlings, I have narrowed it down to about 6 for future evaluated growth habits, reliability and durability. But still no plicata space ager in any color other than purple.

My latest introduction, 'I'M SO CONFUSED' is from plicata breeding but not space age. It is one of those freaks of nature and genetics that Lloyd Austin discovered back in the 1930's. Introduced in 2014, this TB/SA can have different appendages on the same flower, or each flower on a stalk can have different appendages, so one may have horns, one might have spoons and another could have flounces. It grows like a weed and is very hardy. I am hopeful that it will become a good parent for future intros.

One of my seedlings named 'GOSSETT'S GAMBLE' (2015), My friend Paul saw it growing in my garden in 2010 and thought I should “take a gamble on it”. I was ready to throw it out because it is violet (yuck), but it has some lace and what I call long ‘whiskers’ instead of a beard. They extend past the falls. We shall see. Such is the life of a hybridizer but I wouldn't have it any other way.

REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

By Pat Simpson, President

Just like every club, COVID-19 has put a real crimp in our activities. No meetings, no Show & Sale, no Home Show at the AV Fairgrounds, no Region 15 Trek, etc....

So much Iris withdrawal, so in July, using social distancing and everyone wearing face masks, we decided to have a "member only" sale from our vast amount of irises in the nursery. It was a wonderful success.

We sadly learned in July that our Treasurer, Bea McGowan, was putting her house up for sale and was moving to Texas. Bea has been a vital member of our club for years and she'll be really missed. Her house, of course, sold the first weekend that it was on the market and so she will be moving on September 12th. Her smiling face and bubbly personality will greatly be missed.

Due to Bea selling her house, she dug up and divided her gorgeous irises and donated them to the club. So of course we had to have a potting party on July 24th. We had a great turn out of helpers, so we were able to plant her irises fairly quickly.

In August we planned to have a community sale direct from the nursery. On the 6th we had a clean-up party and the sale was on Friday and Saturday. We had a wonderful turn out for the four hours each day and even acquired three new members.

As the AV College is still closed to classes and meetings, we have no place to meet. Yvette McClung offered her yard so that we could meet in August and September.

The August meeting was our Club Rhizome/Daylily giveaway. Everyone brought their own chair and wore masks. It was a lot of fun seeing everyone who came. Everyone was able to receive 2 rhizomes and or daylilies to add to their gardens. Bea's daughter makes customize masks and she made up masks with our logo on the side. They are really nice and everyone got to take on home.

Next month we will be having our "Ruble Auction". It's a great time to bid on various irises. This year we have added a new variety to the action – Spuria's. The list looks fantastic. Have to give a shout out to Yvette McClung and Sue Brown for all their hard work in making both the Rhizome Giveaway and the Ruble Auction happen. They have worked very hard and we sure appreciate all that they do for the club.

We will be having elections in November.

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Inland Region Iris Society Report

By Mason Train, President

Happy, hopeful Fall dear Region 15. We miss all our irisarian friends. We hope and pray you are well..

As with most, all our spring events were cancelled due to Covid-19. We managed to get our last in-person club meeting on March 3rd, right before the stay-at-home orders. We began our Zoom virtual meetings in June at our usual time.

We are planning a Fall Iris Sale on October 10th. We are not sure of the venue yet. JMDC may open; if not, we have two alternatives keeping in mind state health and safety guidelines such as wearing masks properly and social distancing of course.

As I write this, it is late August. The heat wave is ongoing for a couple of weeks now. All this irises in the club garden are dormant. The automatic irrigation system waters late at night. The Club Garden Committee also waters, weeds, feeds and does general garden upkeep to keep the iris garden looking beautiful and clean even though it is closed to the public. Soon, we will be seeing reblooming irises.

Beth, 1st VP, and Sandy, 2nd VP sold several potted irises late spring. Loyal customers have been in contact with us and were pleased to pick up irises by appointment only.

The IRIS Board members have been enjoying the AIS webinar series. The programs were well received. We appreciated the iris history by Gary White, the Novelty Irises by Bonnie Nichols and are looking forward to Jody Nolin's program on Species irises. These webinars are JT's sue come in handy these pandemic times when we are staying well in the safety of our homes.

God Bless everyone. Stay well, live long, love irises and prosper.



facebook.com/InlandRegionIrisSociety



Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report

By Ben Schleuning, President

Attention All Iris Lovers!

It has been a rough year for the Lompoc Valley Iris Society: No Show, No Meetings.

We were able to have our annual rhizome sale at the end of July in a public location; not a great response but we did garner about \$600. which covered a scholarship.

On 9 August, we forfeited our annual pot luck gathering but did meet on our driveway to distribute prizes and the new club iris. I had all of the new iris potted so distribution went smoothly and quickly. Now we are just waiting for the virus to go away.

As for Flo and I, we are still trying to get all of our new rhizomes in the ground.

Hope to see you all soon.

Respectfully,

Ben Schleuning, President LVIS

P.S: We will be having our election of officers in October. Our VP, Lucie George, will be stepping up into the role of President.

Thank you for making note

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Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

By Derry Gerald, President

According to Derry, nothing has been happening in Orange County since the pandemic. They are not meeting by Zoom, and certainly not in person. Of the 15 members, 14 have pre-existing conditions and leaving home is not a good idea. So because of this there is nothing to report.

The photos are from Presby Iris Gardens at the 2016 AIS National Convention





Prescott Area Iris Society Report

By Sherry Williams, President

What a year! We were able to successfully have our Spring potted iris sale online this year to replace our normal in person Kaleidoscope of Color. That sale added enough to our coffers to cover our endowment & scholarship to Yavapai College for this year as well as covered our donations & expenses for 2020. Since we were still in lock down and folks were not too keen on being up close and personal, we decided to do our Summer Rhizome sale online. It went very well, and we brought in around \$3600. We are pleased as this provides sufficient funds to take care of the expenses for the Fall Region 15 Trek here in Prescott (your all coming - right?) and leaves money for any expenses to start up our 2021 year. I want to give a tremendous amount of credit to our member Brenda Griffin, who not only takes care of our potted iris all winter for our spring sale, she also has allowed us to conduct both sales from her home (and garage which was completely commandeered). Brenda is also our chair for the 2021 Trek, so she had taken a lot on her plate and I want to make sure I thank her (which I do often).

Our public gardens, the Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College and our Hotshots Memorial at Embry-Riddle University, have suffered some from our inability to get on campus to attend to some of the needs. We have had some major irrigation issues at Yavapai College that, with Dennis Luebkin's help, we have been able to correct which should provide our over 350 cultivars the drink they need. We plan on digging the Dyke's Garden, hopefully this fall, to amend the soils, add additional irrigation and, if possible, add more of the Dykes winners.

While this has not been our best year for new memberships, we do have two new family memberships that resulted from folks being able to come by Brenda's home, see her gardens and talk with her.

The board has decided that since this has not been the best year for meetings, learning, and socializing we are extending every membership thru 2021. All dues will be counted as paid for 2021 since there were few benefits to their membership in 2020.

Upcoming events - ?

We are going to schedule clean-up. Maintenance days for the Yavapai College Garden and the Embry-Riddle garden will be scheduled in September (when it is cooler)

We have a meeting scheduled for November 14th that included what should be a great talk from Cheryl Deaton called "Sex in the Garden" to explain hybridizing. We do not know if we can have this in person, but we are going to try to have it remotely if nothing else. This meeting was also our elections, which we will have to do by (e) mail in ballot if we are unable to meet.

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prescottirissociety.org



San Diego Iris Society Report

By Mary E Hansen, President

The San Diego Iris Society is continuing to prepare for the 2021 Spring Trek. Our rhizomes from the hybridizers were planted and are growing nicely. We are continuing to work on details. We held an online potted rhizome sale in July and distributed them outside at our regular meeting place.

County health guidelines do not permit indoor meetings. So we are going virtual. In September we are giving our members an update regarding the trek and discussing 2021 2022 membership renewal options. In October we are planning on one of our club members doing a program on the history of Plicata patterned iris. We are continuing to evaluate options and are working diligently to engage our members as we wait for guidance on in person meetings.

Hope to see you at the 2021 Spring Trek in beautiful San Diego.



Above: "RED WAR CLOUD" Spuria
2010 Lee Walker
2019 Eric Nies Award,
Upper right: "BOTTLE ROCKET"
Right: "INDIGO ANGEL" JI



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San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

By Andi Rivarola, President

What a strange year and moments we're witnessing right now. The Pandemic is still raging on all over the country and around the world. Political and social unrest is around everyone. Will it ever end?

I hope that you and your loved ones are OK. Keeping healthy and happy besides avoiding crowds and avoiding all health challenges.

Dealing with these societal changes we're experiencing, it may be a good idea to make changes on all aspects of our lives. Some people, for example, have adapted rather quickly to the electronic age using Zoom more often, getting together with loved ones also. Others, of course have not, and it's easy to understand how this could be since we're all different., aren't we?

So, my question to you is: What are the things that we could do to improve, change or adapt to the current situation. Please don't be shy, share your thoughts and suggestions.

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society has both its Board and general meetings via Zoom once a month. So Far, we've only cancelled one meeting. Our Zoom meetings have been really interesting and it seems that members enjoy it. We will keep having our meeting this way for the near future.

Our board has discussed our customary Holiday party and we decided not to hold it this year.

Our iris sales have only been focused on member purchases, with picking up from our Plant Table Chair's home, Eileen and Bob Banta.

I'm hoping that an improvised show may take place, but that will only be if our members are willing to do it. We'll have to wait until the Spring.

Have a good start to fall of 2020



Pictured: Woodland Hills Men's Choir sang classic holiday songs along with a few other . Above picture includes choir member and club member Bob Banta. (Third from the left)

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Southern California Iris Society Report

By Mike Monninger, President

SCIS has been basically inactive. We held our election of officers in June in compliance with our bylaws. We contacted members by phone to and e-mail to get their vote. All officers agreed to serve another year.

Our members only auction of bearded iris will be held Sept. 5 using zoom.

Our budget approval will be in Oct.

I am happy to report that South Coast Plaza has contacted me regarding SCIS's participation in 2021 Spring Garden Sale. The paperwork should arrive in a week or two.

That's All Folks!!

Below is a picture of So.Cal Zoom Meeting



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Sun Country Iris Society Report

By Jenine Cook, President

We resumed in person meetings in August. Members are wearing masks and the room is set up according to social distancing guidelines. A Facebook page is open during the meetings so members who are not comfortable attending in person can do so virtually. The August, September and October meetings include our usual Fall Rhizome Auctions with TB's, Spuria, Louisiana's irises from Superstition, Lauer's and Aitkens. The November meeting also includes a member plant and seed exchange.

Our annual Spring show and two exhibits were cancelled this year due to the pandemic shut down. We revamped our photography contest and awarded points and prizes that usually go to the show winners to these expanded categories.

We were able to have our in-garden Judges training classes in the spring. These were held outdoors and social distancing was observed. We did not have our usual potted iris sales because the nurseries were closed. We held driveway sales, limited to 10 attendees at a time.

This year most of the nurseries that previously hosted SCIS Fall Rhizome sales are not permitting outside group events. Due to the diligent work of a dedicated committee our sales will go on at new locations.

We are glad to be able to continue our usual activities in unusual ways. In addition to the effects of the pandemic on our club we have been dealing with the extreme weather this summer. Phoenix had 50 days of 110 degrees or higher and 103 days with any rain. Due to the very hot and dry weather there has been some rhizomes lost. This means there is room in our gardens for a few new varieties.



Tucson Area Iris Society Report

BY: Kevin Kartchner, President

This as been a virtual year for the Tucson Area Iris Society (TAIS). We has a virtual flower show in the Spring. In the summer we has a virtual iris culture presentation by the Tucson Botanical Garden. For Fall we had a virtual photo contest. While not as interactive as live events we were able to enjoy each other's company and share plenty of iris interchange. Our virtual events are returning to our normal yearly in person activities as soon as possible. Be well.



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Photos from Past Region Events



The above center photo represents the iris deaths in my yard over the last 5 or so years. Every time I noticed something was gone and the only thing left was the marker, it went into a bucket, which grew over the years. I decided to recycle them this year, they all have new names on them and a new place in the garden.

Thank you San Diego Iris Society !

Photos by Debbie James

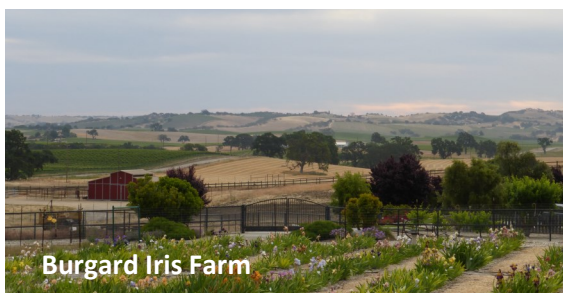
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AIS Region 15 2018-2019 Calendar

REGION 15 BUDGET FOR 2021

REGION 15 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021

EXPENSES:

Website	\$ 495.00
RVP Travel	\$1,000.00
Officer Expenses (4 @ \$250)	\$1,000.00
Spring Trek	\$ 600.00
Fall Trek	\$ 400.00
Newsletter (2 issues)	\$ 500.00
Rhizome Shipping	\$ 250.00
Awards (engraving and postage)	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$4,545.00

INCOME:

Rhizome Sales	\$4,000.00
Silent Auction	\$ 300.00
Investment Interest	<u>\$ 245.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$4,545.00

The RVP travel fund is meant to help offset the costs for travel and attendance at the AIS National Convention..

The Officers expenses are meant to help pay for attendance at Regional events.

Since the newsletter is now an online issue except for less than 50 members of Region 15 who do not have computers or email, this expense should be sufficient to cover its costs.

Postage and shipping expenses are guesstimates.

REGION 15 MEETINGS DAYS AND TIMES

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 1month](https://facebook.com/Hi%20Desert%20Iris%20&%20Daylily%20Society-Region%201month) 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 5 Antelope Valley

Inland Region Iris Society (IRIS) meetings: 1st Tuesday of each 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 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

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](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

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

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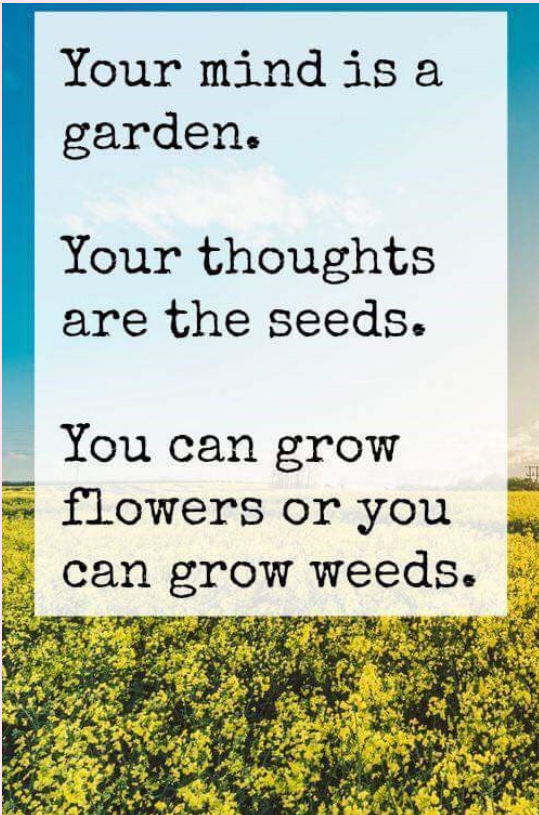


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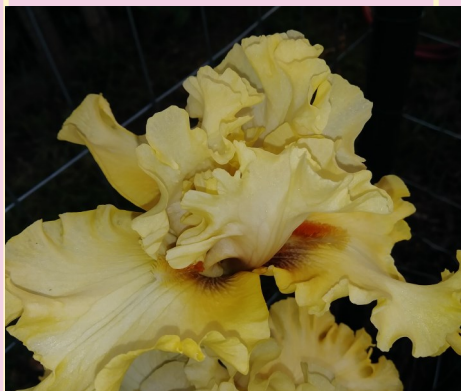
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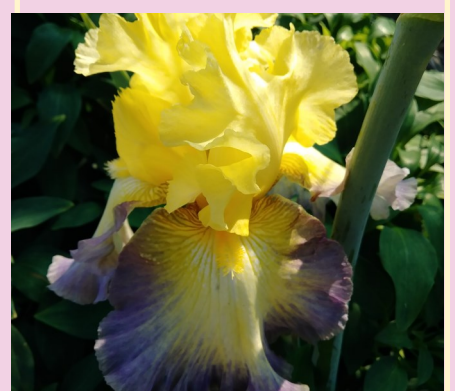
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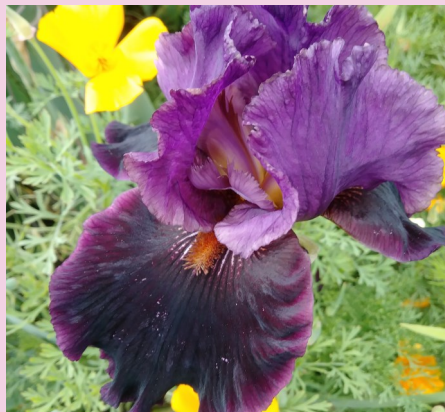
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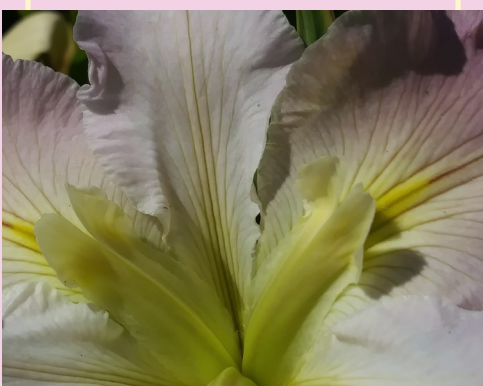
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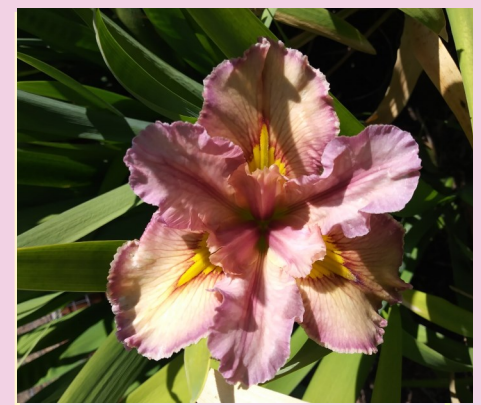
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