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Spring 2020 Semi-annual Report

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AJS Region 15 Fall Meeting 2019



Thank you Inland Region Iris Society!

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Letter from the Editor

“IF YOU HAVE A GARDEN AND A LIBRARY, YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.”

CICERO



Spring is right around the corner and I couldn't be any happier to see it arrive.

I like winter and the rains but I do not favor cold weather. February is usually the wettest month here in Southern California but this year it only rained once where I live. Sunday was daylight savings and the days will slowly get longer staying light later, and where gardening after work is possible. I rent a garden plot which is a 20' by 20' area that I have enclosed with a wire mesh fence and raised beds inside. One bed is all Airbred Irises and another is all Louisianas. I have a Tall Bearded bed and one for vegetables. One day while at the garden a little mouse jumped up into the vegetable bed and was heading towards a little tunnel which I must have covered over because he stopped short and freaked and froze when he saw me. But then he quickly turned around and ran off. I was just as surprised as he was only I thought he was cute and not scary which I guarantee he had different thoughts.

So this past winter it happened. I acquired another garden plot since I've run out of room in my plot. However, I turned my back on a few weeds frowning in it and a few weeks later I had hundreds which had taken hold and were giving me a workout trying to pull them out. I had to deep water a few and try again the next day. Well now it's raining and the weeds are going to magically grow back and I have a feeling I'll be weeding the garden plot again soon. Only this time, I will be ready. I didn't want to fertilize the iris I planted there until the weeds were pulled. I'm glad I fertilized my other irises when I did because today it is raining and it's supposed to for the next 3 or 4 days. The rains are a little late this year but just the same I'm glad they're here. Today I was rewarded with my first bloom "Kalifa's Robe" an Airbred iris. I try to grow as many different types of iris as I can. I have TB's, Spuria iris, Louisiana irises and species to name a few.

I know the top of this page says that I'm the editor but to tell you the truth Beth Train the past editor has done more work than I have, and I can't thank her enough. Thank you Beth, your help is greatly appreciated. She has been a life saver on the past few issues and it shows in the final and printed versions. Her photos are all aligned and have descriptions under each one. The margins line up and the colors are harmonious and bright.

This newsletter is published in two forms. One is online in the Region 15 website which has no costs incurred. The other in full color print which is printed by a commercial printer and comes with a cost. I know some clubs have members who do not have a computer or the internet and therefore cannot read the newsletter unless it's printed and mailed to them. We need to cut expenses since it exceeds our income and I think we all know what happens when you operate with a negative budget. Beginning with the Fall 2020 issue the number of printed copies will be reduced. Each club President will receive 5 copies to distribute to members who do not have internet access. This will reduce printing costs, mailing costs and save the Region hundreds of dollars each year. I know some of you still want your printed newsletter. So we are proposing passing the cost on to you. A \$10.00 annual fee will be collected for each member for both issues during the year. We want to know your thoughts, so please send them to me at djamskis@gmail.com

I hope to see you all soon but until then, Happy Gardening.

Debbie James, Co-Editor 3/15/2020

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www.region15ais.org**



On the Cover: Centennial Celebration (D. Ford 2020)

Photo by B. Balaney-Train

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2020 Spring Trek	Southern California Iris Society	W. Covina, CA
2020 Fall Meeting	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Burbank, CA
2021 Spring Trek	San Diego Iris Society	San Diego, CA
2021 Fall Meeting	Prescott Area Iris Society	Prescott, AZ
2022 Spring Trek	open	
2022 Fall Meeting	open	
2023 Spring Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	
2023 Fall Meeting	open	

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks
from our website

www.region15ais.org

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Huntington Library,
Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Sue Brown, Region 15 RVP

Spring is coming! Spring is coming! Spring is coming! The birds are singing outside my window announcing that spring will be here soon. So far this February we do not have any rain in the Antelope Valley. However, there were numerous aphids on the new iris fans. Insecticide soap was helpful. The aphids came back, however, and attacked the daylilies. I needed more application of insecticide soap.

Region 15 held our 2019 Fall Meeting at the fabulous Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens in San Marino. Our host, Inland Region Iris Society provided the attendees with a delicious breakfast that included many home-baked pastries. Thomas Johnson from Mid-America Garden, our guest speaker, presented a program on Tall Bearded Irises. The pictures of his irises were beautiful. There were many new introductions I would like to order in the coming year. After the Fall Meeting, I spent a marvelous time enjoying the many gardens at the Huntington.

The AIS Region 15 Centennial Membership Contest is doing great. We almost reached the maximum of 100 members. As of the middle of February, there are 70 new AIS members. I am hoping that we will have 100 new members by the end of this contest on April 30, 2020.

April 18, 2020 is the date for AIS Region 15 Spring Trek. It is hosted by the Southern California Iris Society and will be held in West Covina. AIS President, Jody Nolin will be our guest speaker and there will be an in-garden and a classroom Judges Training. Mark your calendar and don't miss this special event. The registration form is located in Region 15 website and can be found in this issue.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society will host the 2023 Spring Trek. Thank you for volunteering. We still do not have a host for the 2022 Spring Trek. Club Presidents, please talk to the members of your club. We like to visit and admire the irises in your gardens.

Sue Brown 2/19/2020

Region 15, RVP

From the Editors

By the time you are reading this, several if not all of the events scheduled for the next 2 months have been cancelled in accordance with CDC, Federal, and State guidelines regarding the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic (this is the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease).

As the situation evolves and is rapidly changing, please check with the respective iris societies for their meetings and/or events.

We wish all of you well. Stay healthy, keep safe, and follow public health ordinances as appropriate.



Membership Update

By Kyria Peavy, Membership Chair

Affiliate	Total Membership	# Youth	AIS Total Memberships*	AIS Total Members Region 15		
Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society	54	7	275	308		
Inland Region Iris Society	38	1				
Lompoc Valley Iris Society	33	0				
Orange County Iris & Daylily Club	11	0				
Prescott Area Iris Society	No Response					
San Diego iris Society	84 (66 families)					
San Fernando Valley Iris Society	51	2				
Southern California Iris Society	19	0				
Sun Country Iris Society	40	0				
Tucson Area Iris Society	45	0				
Total from Affiliates that Responded	375	10			:	:

Note: PAIS 50 members, 0 youth, AIS?; TAIS 45 members, 0 youth, 5 AIS *members of affiliates who are also AIS members

Centennial Celebration TB (D. Ford 2020)



Centennial Anniversary (H. Nichols 2020)



Photos by Beth Train



AIS Youth Program Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 and AIS Youth Chair

Hello everyone! I feel like we are going backwards in our recruitment of youth members for Region 15. Currently, we have only 7, with 3 of them being new members, 2 from Arizona and one from the Inland Region Iris Society. Have you checked on the renewal dates for your youth members? Usually the AIS MemSec sends out reminder postcards, but sometimes the youth members slip through the cracks. Dues are only \$8 per year for youth members, so send in the dues for your children, grandchildren and kids who like to grow irises. Two Youth Newsletters, and contests they can enter, plus the chance of getting free irises are just some of the benefits of Youth membership. You will be so glad you did. Get them "infected" with the 'iris virus' and they will grow them for life, just like I did.

My grandmother got my mom involved, and then they got me involved. Now I have one daughter and two grandchildren involved, so we can all spread the word. If you know of a scout troop or school group that would like to get information about irises, or start a community garden or a school garden, I have information and materials to get them started as a "Classroom Iris Project". AND, the adult in charge gets free membership in the American Iris Society!

Contact me at region15kids@hotmail.com.

I also have coloring pictures and word search puzzles for you to hand out or set a kids table at your shows. Just give me an email and I can send them as attachments so you may be able to recruit some youth members into your clubs. If you get the kids interested, many times the parents will follow.

Until we meet in a garden somewhere, Happy Irising!

Cheryl Deaton 2/28/2020



Check AIS membership status:

www.aislookup.org

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

The American Iris Society

Membership Rates:

Annual Single \$30/Dual \$35
Triennial Single \$70/Dual \$85
Life Single \$1000/Dual \$1500
Annual E-membership \$15
(online Bulletin, no printed copy)
Life Senior (65+) 15% discount
Youth (< 19 y/o)
with Bulletin \$12
without Bulletin \$8

Send payments to:

Tom Gormley
P.O. Box 177
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130
Email: AIMemsec@irises.org



www.AISYouth.com

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



AIS Judges Training

By Janis Shackelford, Region 15 Asst. RVP

and Judges Training Chair

The Board of Directors for the American Iris Society has advanced Jenine Cook and Cheryl Dreska to G/E judges and they advanced Fred Jaeggi to apprentice. Congratulations to all of you!

While we have gained two judges in the Region we also lost two this past year so we remain at 28 judges- 15 in California and 13 in Arizona. We now have two apprentices in Arizona and 17 students.

Any person may enter the Judge's Training Program by filling out an application form, which is found elsewhere this Report. Please be aware that you must immediately become an AIS member since membership is a requirement for all persons in the training program and all judges. Are you currently a member and do you know when your membership lapses? You may check your AIS membership on the website: www.aislookup.org Simply enter your last name and your membership expiration date will be shown. I occasionally do have to remind students and even judges that their membership has expired, but there is a grace period.

When a student signs an application for the training program, they will have three years to obtain the 10 hours of training. *"The ten hours of required training must have been completed within the three year period immediately preceding recommendation for appointment as an Apprentice judge."* (pg. 5, Handbook for Judges and Show Officials) I fill out advancement reports in the fall and keep track of student hours, but this is a good habit for students to develop since you will be required to report your training hours as a judge.

Judges Training sessions are offered at the Region 15 Spring and Fall Treks and this year there will be two hours at the Region 15 Spring Trek in West Covina, California. Clubs also offer training sessions and you may travel to attend AIS Conventions or even other Regional treks to obtain training hours. I do approve all training sessions and you may contact me to see when training sessions are available in the Region.

My rebloomers have been sending up stalks and even some non-rebloomers are blooming, and my weeds are also very happy (but not for long).

Happy gardening!

Janis 2/17/2020

THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
REGION 15
APPLICATION FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM

NAME _____ DATE _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
DATE JOINED THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH A "YES" OR "NO" ANSWER (Y / N)

- ____ 1. Do you have the latest copy of the Judges Handbook?
- ____ 2. Did you visit at least 3 gardens that displayed a substantial number of recent iris introductions during the past bloom season?
- ____ 3. Have you attended an annual convention/meeting of the American Iris Society?
- ____ 4. Did you attend the last regional meeting/trek of Region 15?
- ____ 5. Have you attended more than half of the meetings of your local iris society?
- ____ 6. Have you been the announced speaker on the subject of iris before an organized group?
- ____ 7. Have you written an article for publication on iris or related subject?
- ____ 8. Have you been an officer of your local iris society?
- ____ 9. Have you prepared an educational exhibit for a show?
- ____ 10. Did you enter three or more specimens in an iris show during the past bloom season?
- ____ 11. Have you held a position of leadership in a local or regional activity?
- ____ 12. Have you held or discharged the duties of a local or regional officer?
- ____ 13. Have you assumed the responsibility for increasing the membership of the American Iris Society?
- ____ 14. Have you participated actively in an iris robin?
- ____ 15. Have you served as a classification chair or registration worker at an iris show?
- ____ 16. Have you managed an iris show or iris specimen section of a show?
- ____ 17. Have you participated actively in a specialty iris group recognized by the American Iris Society?
- ____ 18. Have you raised seedlings from your own iris crosses?
- ____ 19. Have you registered or introduced an iris?
- ____ 20. Would you be willing to judge an iris show anywhere within your own region, knowing that this activity is a gratuitous service?

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

Janis Shackelford
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You may call me if you have any questions about the process of becoming an AIS Judge at:

(619) 561-6323 or email: jgshackelford@cox.net

Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Fall Board/General Meeting

October 12, 2019

San Marino, CA

Meeting was called to order by RVP Sue Brown at 8:33 am. President and board members present include Pat Simpson (Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society), Andi Rivarola (San Fernando Valley Iris Society), Mason Train (Inland Region Iris Society), Sherry Williams (Prescott Iris Society), Mike Monninger (Southern California Iris Society), Ben Schleuning (Lompoc Valley Iris Society), Mary Hanson (Orange County Iris Society), Claire Schneider (San Diego Iris Society) Jenine Cook (Sun Country Iris Society, Cheryl Deaton (Treasurer), Janis Shackelford (Asst RVP), Claire Schneider

Spring Meeting Minutes were published in the Region 15 Fall Newsletter. Moved to accept as published by Sherry, 2nd by Mason. Passed.

Treasurer's Report provided by Cheryl Deaton. Had a slight increase in income over last year including 33 new members. Moved to accept treasurer's report by Mason, 2nd by Andi. Passed.

Judges Training Report was provided by Janis Shackelford. There are 29 judges and 3 apprentices in region. Moved to accept judges training report by Cheryl, 2nd by Ben. Passed.

Membership Report – No updates

Awards - No update

Youth Report provided by Cheryl Deaton. We have 3 new youth members for a total of 12 in region. One youth member just turned 19. Moved to accept youth report by Debbie, Mason 2nd. Passed.

Editor's Report provided by Debbie James. List of members who need a print copy of the bulletin should be sent to Debbie. For Spring bulletin, submissions need to be sent to Debbie by March and for Fall bulletin submissions need to be sent to Debbie by August. Moved to accept Editor's report by Cheryl, Mason 2nd. Passed.

Historian: Please send Winona copies of all club newsletters and historical information. She does not have internet, so all copies need to be mailed to her.

Affiliate Reports were provided.

- Hi Desert & Daylily Society – Had a great show this year. Weather affected bloom. Have many potted iris and daylilies available for sale to clubs.
- Inland Iris Society – Show was well attended, theme: "An Afternoon at the Citrus Grove". Peak bloom was 3rd week in April. Virtual Trek went well.
- Lompoc Valley Iris Society – Have a new VP, Lucy George. Have an individual looking for land to plan 400 cultivars. Looking for a meeting place.
- Orange County Iris Society – Held socials and pot lucks. Have people who join to participate in auctions, but then don't attend meetings or volunteer.
- Prescott Area Iris Society – Had 2 potted iris sale/show at local nursery. Held rhizome sale in July. PAIS has 3 public gardens that the club maintains.
- San Diego Iris Society – Has new president. Held sale in September with 400 varieties. 20 volunteers helped with the sale.
- San Fernando Valley Iris Society – Held a very successful white elephant sale.
- Southern California Iris Society – Spring sales went very well. They have 2 new members.
- SCIS – 2019 was SCIS's 50th anniversary. Special activities were added too.
- Tucson Iris Society – No updates.

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**Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Fall Board/General Meeting
October 12, 2019**

Continuation:

Old Business

- Region 15 membership has increased as a result of the free AIS membership.
- Kyria working on scanning all old meeting minutes, attendance, etc.

New Business

- 2020 National Convention Updates.
- Release of presidents' and board members' addresses is a security concern. Physical addresses do not need to be published.

No further business.

Cheryl moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by *Kyria Deavy*, Secretary

Photos taken by Mason Train at the AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting October 12, 2019



AIS Region 15 Treasurer's Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Treasurer

WINTER REPORT

Beginning Checkbook Balance 10/10/2019		11,186.30
EXPENSES		
Donation AIS Foundation In Memoriam	100.00	
AIS Centennial Membership	390.00	
AIS Centennial Membership	60.00	
Fall Meeting 2019 Donation (I.R.I.S.)	400.00	
AIS Centennial Membership	30.00	
AIS Centennial Membership	30.00	
	Total Expenses	1,010.00
DEPOSITS		
Club Donations	1,195.00	
Lompoc \$505, TAIS \$520, Sun Country \$170		
Club Donations	1,432.00	
SDIS \$426, SFVIS \$506, SoCal \$500		
Club Donation Lompoc #2	356.00	
	Total Deposits	2,983.00
Ending Checkbook Balance 2/27/2020		13,159.30
Investment Account/Edward Jones CD		
Beginning as of 10/01/2019	15,418.92	
Ending as of 01/31/2020	15,640.25	
Increase	221.33	
Total Region Assets		28,799.55

AIS Region 15

Proposed 2020 Budget

Prepared by Cheryl Deaton, Treasurer

Proposed 2020 Budget

Actual 2019

EXPENSES

495	Website	495
1500	Purchased Iris	1500
1000	RVP Travel	988.41
200	Shipping of Irises	153.03
0	Officer Expense	0
1000	Newsletter (Spring & Fall)	1515.37
600	Spring Trek Donation	0
400	Fall Meeting Donation	400
576	Centennial Contest	1674
300	Miscellaneous	100
6071	TOTAL EXPENSES	6826.14

INCOME

5000	Club Donations	4451
200	Ad Revenue	50
5200	TOTAL INCOME	4501

NOTE

2020 Budget discussed and approved at the Winter Board Meeting (Zoom)

February 27, 2020



AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK 2020

APRIL 18, 2020

9 AM TO 4 PM

Hosted by the Southern California Iris Society

Name: _____ Club: _____

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Judge's Training: Yes___ No___ Please indicate if you will participate in Judges Training.

Registration Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch (sandwiches, salad), Trek Book and Registration Packet

Attendees _____ X \$40.00 = _____ TOTAL

Registration received after April 1, 2020: \$50.00.

Return completed registration form and your check (made out to SCIS) or credit card info to:

**Jill Bonino, Registrar
3110 Kirkham Drive
Glendale, CA 91206**

Email: jillbiris62@gmail.com Phone: 818-404-4216

Can pay by Visa, MC, AMEX, or Discover

Credit Card Number Mo/Yr Exp CVV Zip Code

For more information and schedule: www.region15ais.org

Southern California Iris Society

welcomes you to the

AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK 2020

at the

Garden of Anne Michaelson and Linda Meyer
1500 East Cameron Avenue, West Covina, CA 91791

On Street Parking

Trek Agenda:

8:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Region 15 Board Meeting
10:00 am to 11:30 am	In-Garden Judges Training
12 noon to 1:30 pm	Lunch and Talk by Jody Nolin, AIS President
1:30 pm	Turn in Ballots for Guest Iris and Creature Contest
1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	Region 15 General/Member Meeting
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Classroom Judges Training on Ethics
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Awards and Raffle
4:00 pm	End of meeting and Clean-Up

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS: (MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY)

Fairfield Marriott – Friday \$209 Saturday \$169

**3211 E Garvey Ave N
West Covina, CA 91791
626-678-8988**

Hampton Inn - \$179

**3145 E Garvey Ave N
West Covina, CA 91791
626-967-5800**

Holiday Inn - \$154

**3223 E Garvey Ave N
West Covina, CA 91791
626-966-8311**

There are other hotels by Ontario Airport.

For more information: www.region15ais.org

NEW ZEALAND, NEW ZEALANDERS AND IRISES

by Andi Rivarola

Excerpts from article published in *Spuria News*, Spring 2020, pp. 7-10. Reprinted with permission.

In November of 2019, I had the good fortune of being invited to attend the New Zealand iris Society's Spring Convention, and to give a program on spuria irises. As it was explained to me, this time it was in the South Island, in Timaru to be precise, 165 km south of Christchurch. Conventions in New Zealand are alternatively held in the North and South Islands. So, where should I start to narrate this experience?



Convention attendees at Timaru Garden Tour



NZ Iris Society members from Australia

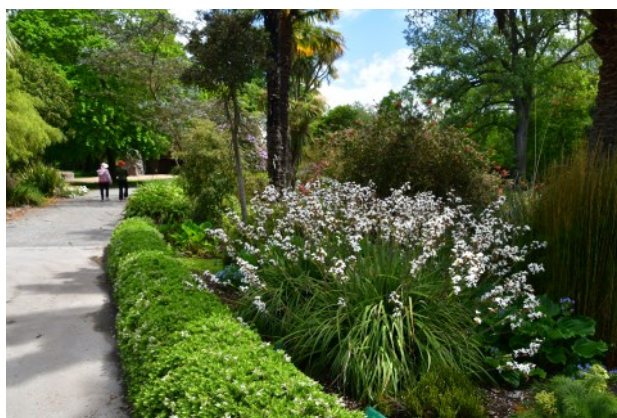
I need to start with this, New Zealanders are amazing people. They are open-minded, kind, generous and very interested in nature...my kind of people! I arrived in Auckland, via Hawaii, very late on a Sunday evening, on November 10th. Unfortunately I had no chance to visit

Auckland because the very next day, Monday November 11th, my travelling buddy Gary White and I took a train called the Northern Explorer to Wellington, the southernmost tip of North Island, a ride that took 10 hours.

We stayed in Wellington for three days, visiting the Wellington Botanical Gardens, which included the beautiful Lady Norwood Rose Garden and a classic Victorian greenhouse called the Begonia house.

Next, we took a three and a half hour ferry ride from Wellington to Picton, located in the northern tip of the southern Island—the boat was called the Interislander.

Then came a ride on the Coastal Pacific; for six hours from departing Picton, the train hugged the coast as we enjoyed the beautiful Southern Pacific Ocean on the east side and the Kaikoura mountains to the west. Our destination on this day was Christchurch. The very next day we walked through the large and beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens, which was home to a gorgeous iris collection, and many trees and plants not only from New Zealand but also from around the world. There I discovered a plant that I added to my wish list, a member of the genus *Iridaceae* from South America called *Libertia formosa*, also known as the Chilean iris— with large sword-like leaves, resembling a mix of irises and New Zealand Flax, topped with creamy flowers.



Libertia formosa at Christchurch Botanic Gardens

New Zealand, New Zealanders, and Irises

Continuation

The very next day, a two-hour bus ride brought us to our destination, Timaru; a coastal town that in many ways reminded of the Southern California coastal areas of the 70's— tranquil, with fresh ocean breezes, green fields and hills, and country roads just fifteen minutes in the interior.



TB irises at Timaru Garden Tour

The Southern Canterbury Iris Group and New Zealand Iris Society really know how to put together a nice convention. The meetings, the iris show, the silent auction, and plants for sale were fantastic; and the tours of local gardens were delightful. There were many iris in bloom, including bearded, Siberian, Spuria and species irises. Besides the plants the landscape was very attractive and the people, so very friendly.



Timaru Iris Show

On the last day in Timaru, Martha Rantgen, our wonderful host and president of the South Canterbury Iris Society gave us a ride to the Timaru Botanic Garden in the morning, and in the afternoon, said ‘want to go for a ride?’. Not knowing that the ride was one and a half hours to Tekapo Lake. The idea was to visit Michael Midgley, the home of one of the iris society members who built a rock garden with stones and huge boulders, and yes, it included irises. This garden really blew my mind. So incredible!



Siberian irises and rhododendron at Timaru Garden Tour



Rock Garden at Tekapo Lake

I wish I could visit New Zealand over and over again to enjoy these new friendships and the beauty of their land.

Photo credits:

Andi Rivarola— pages 16 to 17

Mason and Beth Train— pages 18 to 19

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REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

By Pat Simpson, President



Winter has been quite mild and the irises are really starting to grow. Some wild flowers are showing their colors which could mean that spring is right around the corner.

Last month our club had the wonderful pleasure of having Andi Rivarola as our guest speaker. He presented his fascinating trip he took last year to Italy and France where he judged both of their iris treks. Any club would be blessed to book Andi and allow him to share his very colorful slides and informative presentation.

At our March meeting we will be preparing for the April Show & Sale. We will have a floral arranging presentation and demonstration by Sharon Weisenberger, who teaches at Antelope Valley College. We will then practice by creating our own arrangements.

March also will find our club at the local Home & Garden Show, at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on March 28th and 29th. We will be selling our irises and daylilies and helping to educate the public about the virtues of growing this lovely drought tolerant plant in the desert.

Our club is really looking forward to the Region 15 Spring Trek at Anne Michaelson & Linda Meyer as many members are planning on attending. It should be a really fun event.

The theme this year for our Show and Sale, in celebration of the AIS' 100th Anniversary, is Centennial Celebration. Hopefully we will have a bountiful crop of irises this year for our show, as last year due to the wind and weather, our blooms were really scarce.

Our current officers, installed in December, are Pat Simpson, president; Michele Starkey, vice president; Bea McGowan, Treasurer; and Patti Nygaard, Secretary.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2020.

Pat

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Reblooming irises at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, Oct.12, 2019

Duo Dandy TB RE (Hager 1999)

Total Recall TB RE (Hager 1992)



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Inland Region Iris Society Report

By Mason Train, President

Happy late Winter and early Spring to all our Region 15 members! We hope you are enjoying the cooler weather. I know we are.

Thank you to all who attended the AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting that we hosted at the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. We had a good attendance. It was an enjoyable and educational meeting with a program by Thomas Johnson on his birthday! It was a pleasure to see many of our AIS affiliates there. The door prizes were aplenty, the raffles exciting, the silent auction and rhizome sales selections were great! Beth managed to bake several breakfast pastries for the attendees. The Huntington staff arranged for a delicious lunch catered by Panera Bread. After the meeting, we even had spare time and toured some of the gardens and viewed some art before heading home. I hope everyone had a fun time.

In the spirit of Christmas, IRIS members outdid themselves in our first-ever Cookie Exchange! There were more cookies than I could count, we feasted on Chocolate Crackles, Gingerbread Bars, Orange Cranberry Crinkles, Dark Chocolate Pecan Toffee, and more for days.

We had our first IRIS meeting of the year last February 4th. Janis Shackelford presented an interesting program on hybridizing irises. The program was well received and we even had some members who we haven't seen for sometime attend this meeting. We also had the club's final Reblooming Iris Display...this will resume in November. Members bring iris blooms and get a chance to win a one-year Reblooming Iris Society membership.

We are planning our upcoming Show and Sale scheduled for April 25th. Our theme this year is "THE ROARING 20'S" in celebration of the American Iris Society's Centennial Anniversary. The AIS was established in January 29, 1920. We are inviting all of you to come by for a visit or to participate.

May will be a busy month. Two iris sales on the same weekend! We are relying on our hardworking dedicated members to be able to pull these through.

As always, the IRIS Garden Committee has been busy maintaining the club garden. Improving the watering system with more automated set-ups is in progress as well as the Sisyphean task of planting irises and weed control. Additional help from other IRIS members is always welcome.

You may have already heard of the novel coronavirus affecting the USA and different parts of the world. As the situation continues to evolve, we may have to adjust and adapt our schedule of activities in compliance with CDC and WHO guidelines.

Live long, love iris, and prosper.

Mason 2/23/2020

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Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report

By Ben Schleuning, President

Hello from Lompoc Valley Iris Society! 2020 is off to a great start with new members, new board members, new ideas, fresh attitudes. Change is in the air! Our New Year's dinner in January was well attended including new members. Our next meeting, 15 March, will be held at the home of new members Ken & Becky Ainslie in Solvang with a program on "Preparing Your Iris for Judging".

Our iris show is 25 & 26 April. Cheryl Deaton will be judging on the 25th.

Our iris seem to be on their own schedule this year; we have been blessed with many blooms since late fall but not all are registered as rebloomers: Orange Juice, Ginny Mitchell, Repetition, Gettysburg Sunset, Valley of Dreams, Sparks, Grand Bargain, Bottle Rocket, Chunky, AND current bloom stalks include Simple Wish, Love In The Air, Izitme Orizitu, and World View.

Since everyone is busy weeding and chasing gophers, it's not really newsworthy.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on 18 April.

Ben

AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting 2019, General/Board Meeting

Raffle prizes...so many to choose from



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Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

By Lois Farr, Vice President

Orange County is holding steady. Our monthly meetings continue to be a bright spot to gather and share our lives, our iris interests. We hosted a speaker from Armstrong Gardens who shared information and resources about succulents. Always nice to know about the different genera of complimentary plants.

Amidst the holidays, we maintained our additional happy times and enjoyed delicious meals, especially delicious because of the homemade roasted-to-perfect turkey, gravy, and stuffing by Steve Souza. From what we can tell, the art of gardening transfers into the wonderful art of cooking—blessings ongoing. Thank you to all our members who each shared their delicious art.

Just announced -- Green Scene is cancelled. And with that, our usual April working meeting and opportunity to sell irises, educate the public, and meet and invite potential members. Who knows what other surprises the upcoming months bring.

Our club focuses on iris, complimentary plants and animals, and friendships. May we continue to rejoice in these simple and joyful gifts in the days to come.

Best wishes to all.

Lois 3/19/2020



Photos by Beth Train, taken during the AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting 2019



Prescott Area Iris Society Report

By Sherry Williams, President

PAIS is looking forward to an amazing 2020. The PAIS membership has stayed steady with some new members volunteering to work with the board and on committees, including the planning for the Fall Trek to Prescott in 2021. We had a few changes to our board with one new member stepping in as our 1st. Vice President.

Our outreach programs continue to be successful. We have continued to provide a scholarship to the horticultural students at Yavapai Collage and will continue to do so. We added an endowment to the college starting in 2019 that will provide an on-going commitment to the college and the horticultural students.

Our public gardens are flourishing. Our gardens at the Sharlot Hall Museum are still being expanded to include more historical iris from the era of Sharlot Hall whom the museum is named after. Our Hot Shots Memorial Garden at Embry-Riddle University provides such a beautiful setting to the entrance of the interfaith chapel and we are doing some reorganizing to provide more themed hot shots iris and removing the daylilies that like it there so much they are crowding our iris.

We encourage anyone that is in the area to stop by these gardens as they are truly lovely and are maintained completely by the wonderful volunteers of our group.

The summer sale last year was wonderful with a large number of rhizomes from our public and personal gardens. The Kaleidoscope of Color Festival of Irises Exhibit and Sale remains at Mortimer's Nursery Greenhouse in 2019, however, this year we are moving this event to the historic rodeo grounds which will provide better parking and an amazing site.

Our major events for 2020 include:

Kaleidoscope of Color Festival of Irises (Spring Iris Exhibit and sale)	May 2
Summer Iris Rhizome Sale	July 25
Ice Cream Social, Photo Contest & Silent Auction	September 12
Elections & Pot Luck	November 14
General Meetings are held the second Saturday of the Month	
Volunteer days & Community Outreach are scheduled as needed throughout the year.	

2019 was a great year and we are looking forward to a wonderful 2020.

Sherry

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San Diego Iris Society Report

By Mary Hanson, President

San Diego Iris Society is busy.

Looking Ahead: We are preparing to host the 2021 Spring Trek. We will feature three gardens in different climatic zones of San Diego County. Everything is in the ground and some of the iris for next year's trek are sending up bloom stalks this year. We are looking into a venue and host hotel, and getting quotes on the amenities so we can provide a comfortable and enjoyable 2021 Trek experience for you. We can't wait to see these stunning flowers open in our Southern California gardens.

Recent Events: Since our last update in October we have worked to educate our community on Irises. In November we held our Iris roundtable about Louisianas. Our panel shared different ways to grow water loving Louisianas in our drought prone San Diego gardens. Since it was a roundtable, a question was asked about different planting media. An observation had been shared about a product that caused vegetables to grow much more vigorously than in other soils. As a result of this discussion, several of us chose to plant some of our iris to include Recipe 420. This media contains micronutrients and mycorrhizae. Data from our experiments is being collected and will be shared in a future article. In December we had our annual Holiday Party where we celebrated another year of growing iris. We ate delicious ham and turkey along with a multitude of side dishes and deserts. This year door prizes were tall bearded, arilbreds and Louisianas. In January we were treated to Bob Sussman speaking about Pacific Coast Native Iris. We saw pictures of native iris named by Douglas and many hybrids including Canyon Snow. We were fortunate to get a Pacific Coast Native Iris to try to grow in our San Diego gardens. Mine is alive so far, so fingers crossed. In February, The San Diego Iris Society celebrated our 57th birthday at the Seven Seas Best Western. Gary White from Lincoln, Nebraska treated us to a program and judges training about Historic Iris. He shared pictures of historic Iris that even though some varieties were introduced more than 100 years ago they are still thriving in gardens across the country. He talked about how tetraploidy was introduced into iris and how that makes a difference in flower form.

Membership Report: We have 66 families in our club for a total of 84 members.

Mary 3/2/2020

Bill & Monica, 12/2019



Photos (1, 2) by Sharlyn

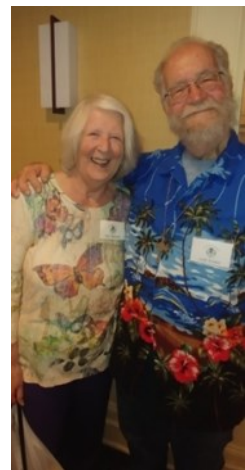
Mary & Sharlyn, 12/2019



Patrick & Monica, 2/2020



Pat & Leif, 2/2020



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San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

By Andi Rivarola, President

Unfortunately, with the onset of the Covid-19 Coronavirus, all social activities have been banned. It's really a sad situation, but it's temporary and it will pass. We have to be patient, and think of others.

Before the bad news arrived, SFVIS was planning for a busy Spring 2020. For the first meeting of the year, I gave a presentation about my trip to Italy and France last year for their International Competitions. I had a fantastic time and I think I was able to show it with the many pictures I shared. In February, Gary White, Immediate Past President of AIS, gave a presentation on Historic Irises. Our March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. The April meeting will be cancelled as well. The Spring Trek was scheduled for Sunday, April 19th. The Spring Show for Saturday, April 25th. And, we had scheduled a very special May general meeting with flower arrangements made with spuria irises, and other beardless irises. June is normally our potluck dinner and awards presentation.

I have set up a Zoom meeting for our Board. We will do it for the first time on Thursday, March 19th.

Although we don't know yet, I still hope that we have a regional meeting.

Looking forward to this health crisis to be over so we can all enjoy each other's company, plus see each other's gardens.

Be safe and healthy. Thank you.

Andi 3/16/2020



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Southern California Iris Society Report

By Mike Monninger, President

After Thanksgiving SCIS was invited to dig iris at Mystic Lake Iris Gardens. Five members dug several hundred rhizomes. These will give us a good start on 2021 sales.

SCIS held its Holiday Meeting and Party at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte on December 7, Pearl Harbor Day. The gift exchange involved stealing of gifts. A good time was had by all.

The January and February meetings centered around preparing for the Region 15 Spring Trek on April 18. A schedule, a program, and a sign-up sheet were prepared. Final changes to the schedule and program will be made at the February meeting. The members were informed that AIS President Jody Nolin will be a guest speaker.

The Region Meeting will be one day in one garden (3/4 acre). The Registration will be \$40 with a cut-off date of April 1 when the fee increases to \$50.

The March meeting will finalize last minute changes and discuss our Iris show on April 11 and 12 at the Los Angeles Arboretum.

Our big sale at South Coast Plaza will be April 23-26.

COVID-19 has cancelled or delayed our scheduled meetings, show and sales.

Mike 3/16/2020



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Sun Country Iris Society Report

By Jenine Cook, President

Our AIS sanctioned show is scheduled for April 12th. In addition we will have an Early Exhibit, March 28th and a Late Exhibit, April 25th. Awards for the exhibits are determined by public opinion. The show and both exhibits will be accompanied by potted iris sales.

Four SCIS members will host open gardens on April 4th. This is a fun and informal way for our members to share garden techniques and tips.

We will have our usual array of events including Judges' Trainings, an Awards Banquet, Plant Sales and Iris Auctions. We will teach classes about growing iris in the Phoenix area at several nurseries around town. Our events are posted on our website www.suncountryiris.org.

Our Board of Directors and slate of Officers is unchanged from last year with the exception of Dale Liggett taking on the role of secretary.

Our general club meetings are the first Tuesday of every month and board meetings are the third Thursday of the month. We are looking forward to the blooms of 2020.

Jenine

Photos by Beth Train



Jenine, at the AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting 2019



Top R: Jenine & Leigh (SoCal Iris Soc.) Below R: Kyria & Jenine

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Tucson Area Iris Society Report

By Sue Clark, Secretary

The Tucson Area Iris Society has had an interesting and enjoyable series of meetings so far this year. In January, we learned about many key varieties of historic irises from a PowerPoint presentation from the AIS website. Howie Dash taught us about all kinds of arils and arilbreds at our February meeting. He suggested many varieties that he knows do well in the desert climate and showed us their pictures. 'Desert Snow' was a favorite. He also enticed us with tales of the plans for the 2021 AIS Convention, so we are considering a trip to nearby Las Cruces for that! In March, Steve Buckley from Jones Photo, a long-time Tucson camera and photo shop, presented us with many tips for capturing better photos of flowers. While some of these were exclusively for users of 35 mm cameras, most were for the rest of us with our handy-dandy cell phone cameras. Probably the two most important tips were to steady the camera and that an overcast day brings out colors best. Our annual iris show is scheduled for April, but it may have to be a virtual event because of the novel coronavirus precautions.

Sue 3/16/2020

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In Memoriam

IRENE VIEIRA BENTON (1922-2020)

Irene Kathleen (Vieira) Benton, 97, passed on February 2, 2020, at Eskaton, her home in Grass Valley, California.

Irene chose to move to Eskaton to be close to her daughter Bonnie in 2012. She loved living there and became involved in all of the activities they offered. Bonnie had to make an appointment to see her mother because she was too busy doing needlework, being on the board, doing crafts for Hospice, helping with the neighboring school kids, reading, keeping up with her grandkids lives and watching football. She never forgot the names of anyone; not one quarterback or neighbor. She was a true friend to all.

Irene was born to Angelina (Seitz) and John Vieira on November 12, 1922, in Wailea, Hawaii.

She grew up as an island native, diving into the local swimming holes, pausing only to pick a mango and stick of sugarcane for lunch. She graduated from Hilo High School and then boarded a ship, by herself, for the mainland to study dental hygiene at the University of Southern California. While there she met a handsome Marine fighter pilot – “the love of her life” – on a blind date.

Richard “Bennie” Benton married Irene on January 10, 1946. Life was not always easy being a Marine Corps wife. Bennie was often gone for long periods of time. It was not uncommon for her to tell her children to pack up their rooms on a Tuesday and the moving truck would arrive on Friday to take them away from friends and schools to a new home far away. They all welcomed the adventure.

Irene became a wonderful homemaker and always had hot meals on the dinner table, cold martinis in the refrigerator and fresh floral arrangements on the tabletops. The squadron travelled together and they formed long lasting friendships. Bennie retired from the Marine Corps after 21 years and many moves across country, to Riverside, California.

Irene had studied Ikebana flower arranging while living in Hawaii. She became an accredited flower show judge for rose, iris and horticulture and had a rose and an iris named after her.

She was longtime member (honorary) of the Inland Region Iris Society where she shared her tips and techniques for floral design.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard “Bennie” Wayne Benton, after 61 years of marriage.

Irene was laid to rest next to her husband at the Riverside National Cemetery in a private ceremony.

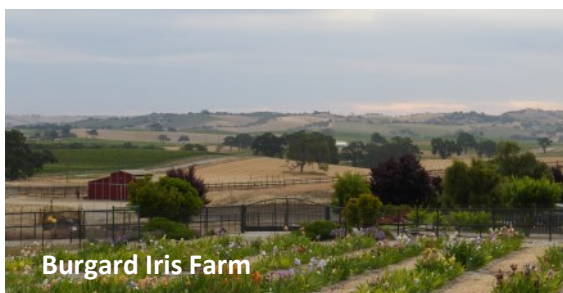


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AIS Region 15 2020 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location	
MARCH	3	IRIS meeting– Judges Training with Beth Train: Iris Horticulture Exhibit	Riverside, CA	
		Sun Country Iris Society—Judges Training with Howard Dash on Aril and Arilbred Irises	Phoenix, AZ	
	5	SFVIS meeting– How To Grow Irises	Canoga Park, CA	
	8	SDIS- “Camera Fun with Irises” by Olga Batalov	Lakeside, CA	
	11	OCIDC meeting	Garden Grove, CA	
	14	PAIS meeting	Prescott, AZ	
	15	LVIS– Preparing Your Iris for the Show	Solvang, CA	
	21	HDIDS meeting– Floral Arrangement with Sharon Wiesenberger	Lancaster, CA	
		TAIS meeting– Photographing Flowers with Steve Buckley of Jones Photo	Tucson, AZ	
	28	Sun Country Iris Society Early Exhibit and Iris Sale at the Arcadia Color Gardens on 52nd	Phoenix, AZ	
	28-29	HDIDS Iris And Daylily Sale at the Home and Garden held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds	Palmdale, CA	
	APRIL	2	SFVIS meeting– How To Prepare Horticultural Entries for the Iris Show	Canoga Park, CA
		4	Sun Country Iris Society Member Garden Tour	Phoenix, AZ
7		IRIS meeting– Floral Arrangements Using Irises Demonstration by Joyce Dean of RHIS	Riverside, CA	
		Sun Country Iris Society– How to Exhibit in an AIS Show	Phoenix, AZ	
8		OCIDC meeting	Garden Grove, CA	
11		Sun Country Iris Society Iris Show and Sale at Summerwinds Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	
11-12		So Cal Iris Society Annual Spring Show and Sale Theme: Celebrating AIS’s Centennial	Arcadia, CA	
18		AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK Hosted by the Southern California Iris Society Guest Speaker: Jody Nolin, AIS President	West Covina, CA	
		PAIS meeting- “Historic Irises-A Link to the Past” with Cathy Egerer of the Historic Iris Preservation Society	Prescott, AZ	
19		SFVIS Members Spring Trek	Canoga Park, CA	
25		IRIS Annual Spring Show and Iris Sale at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center Theme: The Roaring 20’s	Riverside, CA	
		SFVIS Iris Show	Canoga Park, CA	
		HDIDS Iris Show- Theme: Centennial Celebration	Lancaster, CA	
		Sun Country Iris Society Late Exhibit and Iris Sale at Summerwinds Mesa	Mesa, AZ	
25-26		LVIS Annual Iris Show	Lompoc, CA	

Month	Day	Event	Location
MAY	1-3	IRIS Annual Spring Rhizome Sale at the Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival	Yucaipa, CA
	2	PAIS Kaleidoscope of Color Iris Show at the Mackin Building Rodeo Grounds	Prescott, AZ
	2-3	IRIS Annual Spring Potted Iris and Rhizome Sale at the Riverside Community Flower Show and Garden Tours, Elks Lodge at Brockton Avenue	Riverside, CA
		SDIS Annual Potted Iris Sale at Casa del Prado, Balboa Park	San Diego, CA
	5	IRIS meeting– Wine and Cheese at Gale’s Garden	Riverside, CA
		Sun Country Iris Society meeting– Awards Dinner	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS meeting– Flower Arranging with Spuria Irises	Canoga Park, CA
	9	Sun Country Iris Society- Garden Tour and Judges Training on Spurias at Darol’s garden	Sedona, CA
	10	SDIS meeting	Lakeside, CA
	13	OCIDC meeting	Arcadia, CA
	16	HDIDS meeting	Lancaster, CA
		TAIS meeting– guest speaker Adam Ferrell-Wortman	Tucson, AZ
		Sun Country Iris Society– Garden Tour and Judges Training at Hall and Cliff’s garden	Payson, AZ
	18-23	AIS NATIONAL CONVENTION: A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION	Newark, NJ

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 Wednesday every month at 2:00 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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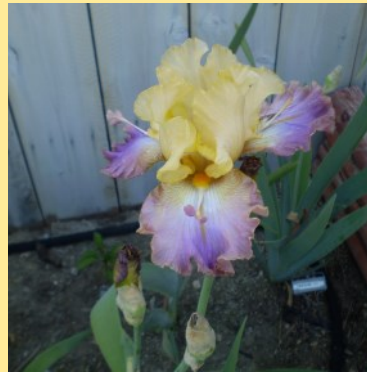
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Midseason Bloom

Standards medium gold, ruffled and slightly laced, darker old rim. Style arms are dark gold.

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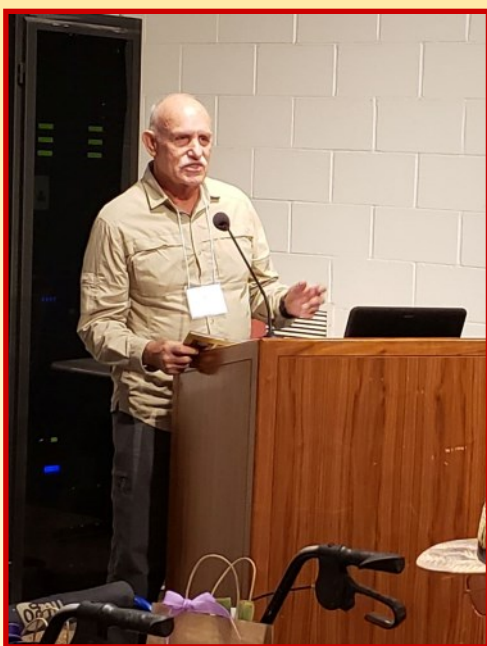
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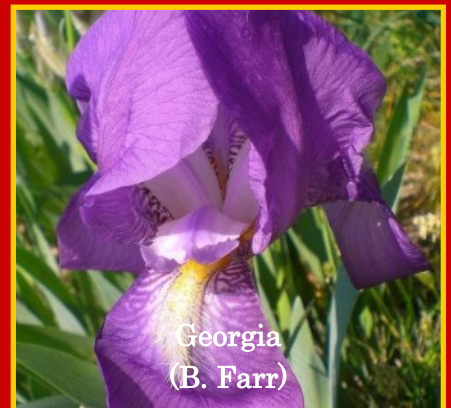
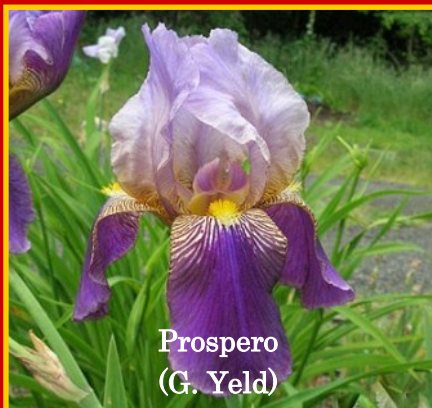
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