



Region 15

Fall 2021 Semi-Annual Report

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FALL MEETING 2021

Hosted by the Prescott Area Iris Society

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Virtual Spring Trek 2021



Thank you Southern California Iris Society!

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Note from the Editor

Hello fellow AIS region 15 members! .

Another turbulent 6 months have gone by. With cases going down and vaccination rates going up, more places started to open back up and restrictions began to ease up. My plant societies started actively planning their first in-person meetings. Then came the surge of the Delta variant. San Diego, for one, responded with caution, with many places (including my work) requiring masks to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status. At least places stayed open and my local cactus and succulent society met in-person for the first time in 18 months. Life slowly returns to normal, although it may be a new normal for the time being.

In other news, I got my SIGNA seed order and the first species germinated already! Looking forward to them flowering, even if it takes several years. I harvested a lot of tall bearded iris seeds this year, although most pods ended up being repeats of the same cross. Always fun to experiment, although I have yet to see any of my seedlings bloom.

I saw a juvenile bobcat the other morning, just strolling down the sidewalk across the street from where I was standing, apparently also stalking a rabbit. Nature is amazing! Please take the time to pay attention.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best. Stay safe out there.

Olga Batalov, Editor



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www.region15ais.org



On the Cover:
unknown plicata TB (misabeled as 'Autumn Circus') with honey bee on beard

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2021 Fall Meeting	Prescott Area Iris Society	Prescott, AZ
2022 Spring Trek	San Diego Iris Society	San Diego, CA
2022 Fall Meeting	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society	Lancaster, CA
2023 Spring Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society, in discussion	
2023 Fall Meeting	Lompoc Valley Iris Society	
2024 Spring Trek	open	
2024 Fall Meeting	open	

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks
 from our website

www.region15ais.org

Visit us on Facebook

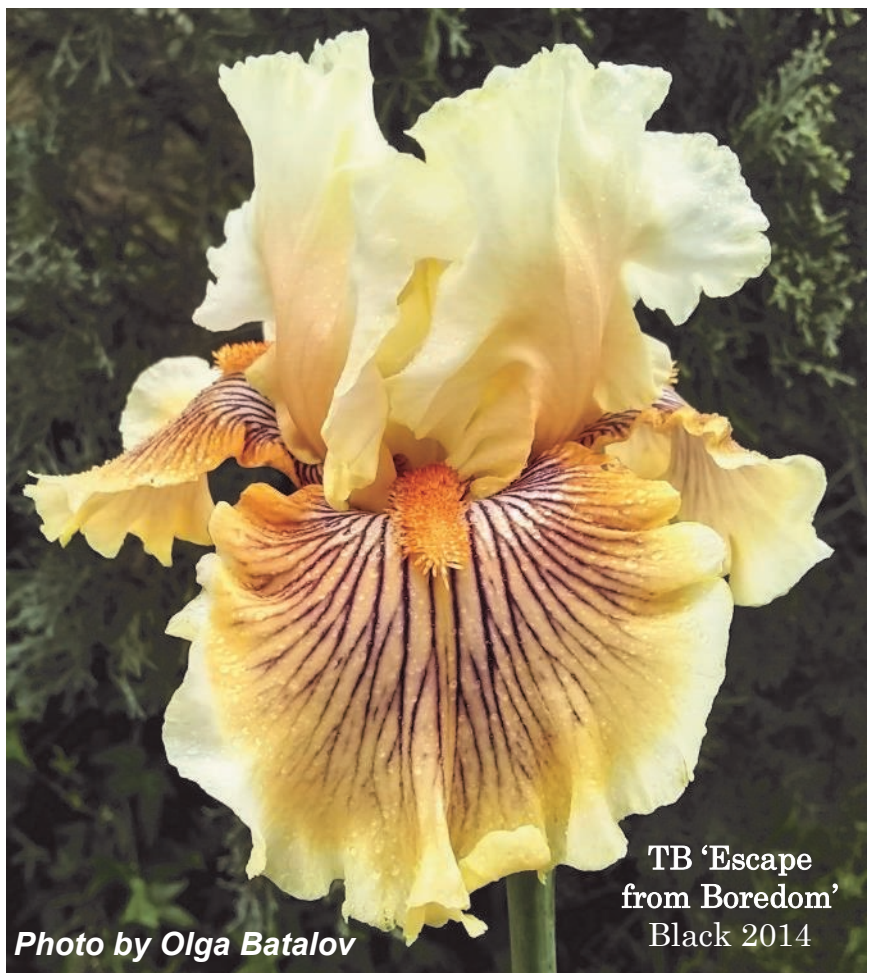


Photo by Olga Batalov

TB 'Escape
 from Boredom'
 Black 2014



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Janis Shackelford, Region 15 RVP

As I write this, the heat and humidity in my garden are oppressive and I can only do a bit of weeding in the morning or late afternoon. The spurge is going bonkers in the garden areas where I did not use a pre-emergent, but where I used it, my iris beds are relatively free. IB 'Crimson King' was blooming the last week in July, and 'Lady Jean' bloomed the first week in August. Otherwise, everything else is waiting for cooler weather.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Region 15 Fall Trek in Prescott, AZ., on October 23, 2021. Jim Hedgecock hybridizes spuria as well as bearded iris. I hope to see pictures of his new introductions and his take on TBs verses SPU. I know the Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS) will go all out to make this meeting as wonderful as the last meeting they hosted in Fall of 2015. After the 2015 Trek, Claire Schneider and I walked around Prescott's historic downtown. A craft show was going on in the Courthouse Plaza and I bought some metal irises while Claire bought some animal figurines (javelinas). I remember we saw wild javelinas on the back-route (Hwy 89) to Prescott.

On the agenda for the Fall meeting will be the Trek Wheel. Which clubs will be able to hold a Spring or a Fall Trek? Four clubs in our Region do not have many members with large gardens and recently Andi Rivarola of SFVIS asked how many gardens is/are necessary for a Spring Trek. How big should a garden be? If there are smaller gardens, or only one garden, what should be the number of cultivars per garden? So I am requesting everyone to contemplate how many gardens are necessary for a Spring Trek and bring your thoughts to the Fall meeting. The Region's funding is dependent upon the rhizome auctions, and while we can purchase rhizomes from the hybridizers, that takes a certain amount away from the auction totals.

Other AIS news:

- The 8th edition of the Judges Handbook is out! If you are a judge, please go to the irises.org website, where you can view and download the Handbook. Soon, you will be able to order a print copy through the AIS Storefront.

-The Fall Meeting of the AIS Board of Directors will be in San Diego CA on November 6, 2021, a one-day session.

-The 2022 AIS Convention will be in Las Cruces, New Mexico the week of April 11-16, 2022. You can view an AIS webinar on YouTube, describing the gardens. All of the previous AIS webinars are also available on YouTube; a link is provided on the irises.org website under Resources.

See you in Prescott!!

Janis

Membership Update

By Kyria Peavy, Membership Chair

TOTAL MEMBERS: 207
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: No report
TOTAL YOUTH: No report
TOTAL AFFILIATES: 10 (No change)



AIS Judges Training

By Beth Balaney-Train, Region 15 Asst. RVP

and Judges Training Chair

Hello again Region 15!

This summer has been a scorcher so the coming cooler autumn days will be most welcome. I am looking forward to attending the Fall Meeting in Prescott this October. I hope to see most of you.

Thank you AIS judges for voting for the AIS Awards this year. Awards have double the usual numbers to make up for the absence of awards last year because of the Covid19 pandemic. Thomas Johnson's "Daring Deception" and Keith Keppel's "Reckless Abandon" share the honor of winning the 2021 American Dykes Medals. The list of awards is available to view at irises.org.

As of this writing, the Region has 18 G/E Judges, 7 Master Judges, 1 Emeritus Judge, 2 Apprentices, and 12 students. One apprentice and one student were recommended for advancement. Three students were dropped from the program because their AIS membership expired. They did not renew despite several reminders to do so.

The updated 8th edition of the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials is now out! Download the pdf copy to your smart devices for ease of reference. Another option is to purchase the 8 ½ x 11 printed paper copy from the AIS storefront. There are several changes, especially the addition of potted iris and single bloom entries to the iris show. Judges, please familiarize yourself with the additions and changes.

Please take note of your AIS membership expiry dates. All judges, accredited or in training, are required to be current AIS members. You will be dropped as judge/trainee if your membership expires. Check your AIS membership on the website: www.aislookup.org Simply enter your last name and your membership expiration date will be shown. I will occasionally remind students and even judges if their membership has expired, but it is good practice to know it yourself.

A Judges Training page was recently added to the Region 15 website. A fillable JT Application Form in pdf is now available. Other forms and information, such as judges training requirements, can be found there too.

AIS Webinars offer Judges Training sessions periodically. As an AIS member, you should be getting email updates on this. All AIS JT Webinars are available for free on the AIS You Tube Channel As AIS members, you received the email for this as there is a different access code to avail of the JT sessions.

I encourage Region 15 members to sign up in the Judge's Training Program. It is both fun and educational. Anyone may enter the Judge's Training Program by filling out an application form, which is at the Region 15 website: region15ais.org Please make sure that you immediately become an AIS member, since membership is a requirement for all persons in the training program and all judges. When a student signs an application for the training program, the student 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."* I keep track of student hours and fill out advancement reports in the fall. While students are not required to submit activity reports, it is a good habit to develop as you will be required to report your training hours as a judge.

TREASURER'S REPORT

REGION 15 TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer

BEGINNING BALANCE (as of 1/1/2021) \$11,979.82

EXPENSES \$ 649.43

Website \$495.00

JT Expense \$121.09

Check Reorder \$ 33.34

INCOME \$ 0.00

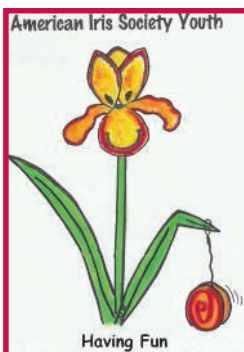
ENDING BALANCE (as of 9/1/2021) \$11,330.39

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Beginning balance as of 1/1/2021 \$15,922.78

Ending balance as of 8/31/2021 \$15,927.90

(Account does not reflect actual interest earned as there were 3 CDs that rolled over and fees were charged.)



AIS Youth Program Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 and AIS Youth Chair

No report provided

AIS Webinars

The American Iris Society has been hosting webinars via Zoom since the summer of 2020. All the AIS webinars are **FREE of charge** to AIS members, AIS sections and local iris club members. There are no webinars scheduled for October, but check back in November. For the most current information, visit: <https://www.irises.org/news-events/>

Most of the past webinars are now posted in YouTube, so you can watch them again. See [The American Iris Society - YouTube](#) for the complete list of available videos. If you subscribe to the AIS YouTube channel, you will be notified when new videos are uploaded. For more information, send an email to aiswebinars@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM: BILL RINEHART

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As we approach our September meeting and club auction, I believe it is important to pause and reflect on the past contributions made to our club by Bill Rinehart, who was our rhizome purchaser and auctioneer throughout the 1980s. We recently learned of his passing at the age of 96 on April 15th of this year and that of his wife of seventy years, Bobee, nearly two years ago.

Bill and Bobee were Orange County natives who married while in college and moved to Los Angeles. Bill went to work for LAUSD and became an elementary school principal. Bobee taught at a private school. They had three children - Mark, Gail and Dana. Bill retired just prior to becoming SFVIS president in 1987. Bobee continued to teach and was also involved in the LA Arts Council.

The Rineharts joined our club in 1977. In 1983, Bill was the recipient of the David T. Ross award for his tireless efforts on behalf of our club. Whether it was programs, sales, marking parties, shows or treks, Bill and Bobee were always actively involved. From 1987 until 1990, Bill served as president, and ushered in our club's modern era, whereby our good club became a great club, with an incredible array of people who worked as a team to make every endeavor a success. Thus began our "Golden Age" which ended in 2010.

In 2004, the Rineharts decided to move to Tigard, Oregon. There, they organized trips to nearby Schreiner's Iris Gardens, and continued their garden activities. Ten years later, health issues persuaded them to move into an assisted living place in nearby King's City.

Bill and Bobee Rinehart were a great couple and highly regarded members of our club. In recognition of this, the SFVIS board will be sending a \$100.00 donation to The American Iris Society in their memory.

Loren Zeldin

The American Iris Society



Check AIS membership status:

www.aislookup.org

Renew membership
(pay by check, Visa, or MasterCard)

www.irises.org/aismembers/

Membership Rates:

Annual Single \$30 / Dual \$35
Triennial Single \$70 / Dual \$85
Life Single \$1500 / Dual \$2000
Life Senior (65+) 15% discount
Youth (< 19 y/o)
with Bulletin \$12
without Bulletin \$8

Annual E-membership \$15
(online Bulletin + Irisregister)

Full Membership (Print + E-member)
Annual Single \$45 / Dual \$50
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www.AISYouth.com

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

AIS CONVENTIONS

2021 AIS Convention postponed to 2022

2022 April 11-16, Las Cruces, NM

aisregion23.com/2022-national-convention/

Iris Enchantment 2021 [Video](#)

2022 AIS Convention Co-Chair: Howie Dash

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2023 Convention

2023 April 10-15, Dallas, TX

2023 Convention Chair: Bonnie J. Nichols

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2024 Convention

2024 June 17-22, Portland, OR

2024 Convention Co-Chair: Chad Harris

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AIS FALL BOARD MEETING

2021 November 6, San Diego, California

Meeting Chair: Paul W. Gossett

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FUTURE SECTION CONVENTIONS

Siberian/Species

2022: Seattle, WA

<http://www.siberianirises.org/ssiconv.htm>

Convention Chair: Patrick Spence

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2023 Louisiana & Spuria Iris Joint Mini-Convention

April 27-29, 2023: Dallas, TX

2023 Convention Chair: Bonnie J. Nichols

(214) 676-9892 • bjnhn@aol.com

For most current additional information, visit
irises.org/aismembers/conventions/



Prescott Area Iris Society

welcomes you to the

PRESCOTT IRIS ROUND-UP

AIS Region 15 2021 Fall Conference

Saturday, October 23, 2021

8:00 AM — 3:30 PM

Prescott Rodeo Grounds— Home of the Worlds Oldest Rodeo®

Featuring guest speaker & Judges training

Jim Hedgecock

Hybridizer, owner of Comanche Acres Iris Gardens

“Shootout at the Iris Corral— Tall Bearded Verses Spuria”



JIM HEDGECOCK

Registration Form

Registration fee:	Adults - Registration received by September 30th	\$45.00
	Adults - Registration received October 1st - 15th	\$50.00
	Youth	\$30.00

Includes continental breakfast, beverages & a wonderful rodeo worthy lunch!

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Local Iris Society Affiliation: _____

Judges Training: Yes () No () Please indicate the number attending judges training. _____

Vegetarian? Yes _____ No _____

Payment: If you would prefer to pay by credit card, please email Sherry Williams at duck-walkdesigns@gmail.com and an online payment invoice will be sent to you. If you would prefer to pay by check, please make checks payable to Prescott Area Iris Society.

Mail registration forms to Sherry Williams, 6571 E. Dalton Way, Prescott Valley, Az 86314.

Amount of check enclosed: \$ _____ Number attending conference: _____

Registrations must be received no later than October 15, 2021

Conference location: Our conference is being held in the Freeman Building on the Prescott Rodeo Grounds — Home of the World’s Oldest Rodeo®. This rodeo has not missed a year since 1888, including 2020 with special safety conditions. The Freeman Building is one of two rock buildings built in the mid 1930s.

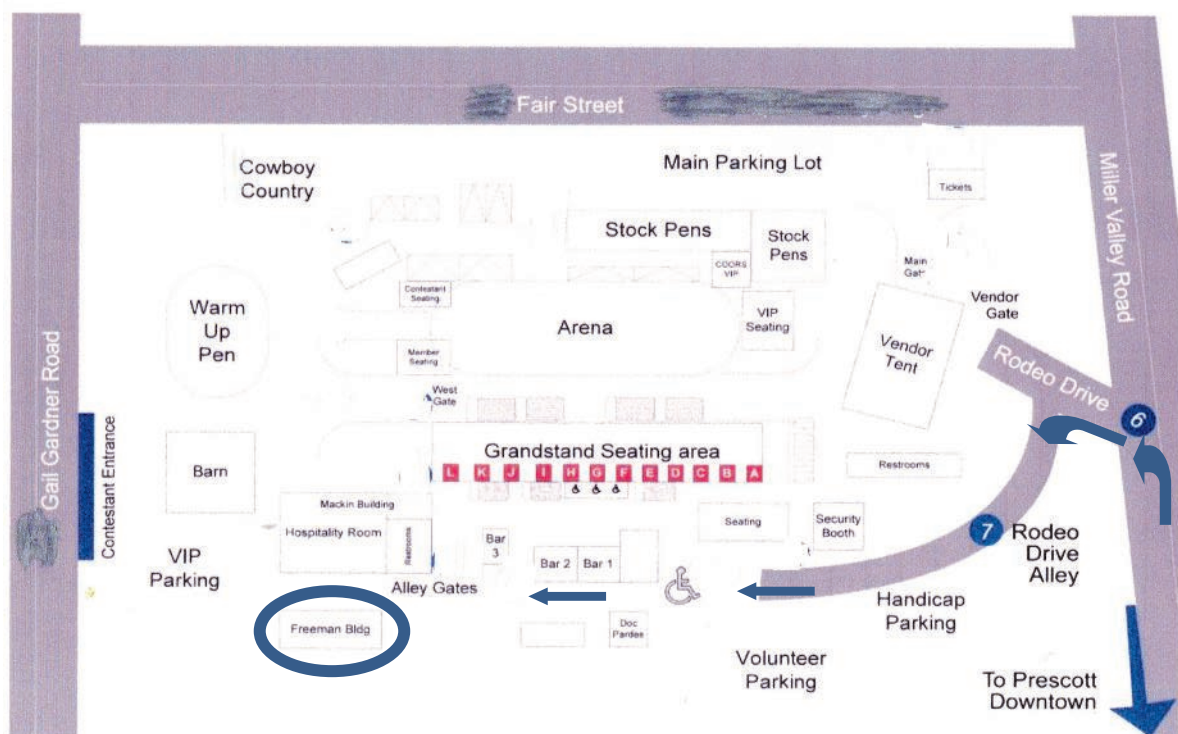
We look forward to welcoming you to the 2021 Fall Conference and sharing with you our unique history. Questions regarding the conference, hotels, location, access or? Contact Brenda Griffin: 928-710-5419 or bitoftroubleIam@gmail.com.

Visit our website for additional information. <http://prescottirissociety.org>.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 23, 2021 8:00 AM—3:30 PM

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Registration, Continental breakfast, raffle & Silent auction open
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Region 15 Board Meeting
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM General Meeting
- 10:30 - 12:00 PM Speaker - Jim Hedgecock
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM Indoor Judges Training—Spuria
- 2:30 - 3:30 PM Raffle & Silent Auction results
- 3:30 PM End of meeting. Enjoy your weekend!



Travel: There are flights to Prescott from LAX.

Recommended Hotels:

Hassayampa Inn; The historic Southwest comes to life at the *Hassayampa Inn*, a beautifully restored 1927 boutique hotel in the heart of historic downtown Prescott, AZ. Located at 122 E. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ. • 866-599-6675 • <http://hassayampainn.com>

Hotel St. Michaels: Hotel St. Michaels has stood as the cornerstone of Prescott’s historic downtown since the late 19th century. With its finely wrought woodwork and art-deco stylings, the hotel evokes a time when Arizona stood on the edge of the New American Frontier. Located at 205 W Gurley St, Prescott, AZ. • 928-776-1999 • <https://stmichaelhotel.com/>

Hilton Garden Inn: Prescott’s newest hotel opened in the fall of 2020. Located close to downtown at 300 N. Montezuma, Prescott AZ. • 928-515-3422 • <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/prcdtgi-hilton-garden-inn-prescott-downtown/>

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The Prescott Area Iris Society welcomes you to the AIS Region 15 2021 Fall Conference in beautiful and historical Prescott, Arizona. Located in the central mountains of Arizona, 90 miles north of Phoenix and 95 miles south of Flagstaff. Prescott has diverse climate variations based on altitudes from approximately 4000’ to 8000’ within a radius of 40 miles making for a excellent environment for growing iris. Prescott was founded in 1864 with the discovery of gold in Granite Creek. Notable figures from Prescott include Doc Holiday and his mistress Big Nose Kate, as well as Senator Barry Goldwater. Whether you are just coming for the Fall Conference or are planning on extending your stay for a longer weekend, there is plenty to do in Prescott and the surrounding area. Below are some suggested activities that may interest you.

Prescott area sites to see:

- Courthouse Square, Whiskey Row (Montezuma between Gurley & Goodwin Sts), Downtown Historic district shops, galleries, antiques stores, breweries, and eateries.
- Sharlot Hall Museum, Phippen Western Arts Museum, Museum of Indigenous People
- Yavapai College Sculpture Garden & Iris Gardens (maintained by PAIS)
- Highlands Center for Natural History
- Prescott National Forest
- Lynx Lake, Goldwater Lake, Watson Lake, Willow Lake, Granite Basin Lake

Northern Arizona sites to see:

- Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon and the red rock country
- Verde Valley Scenic Railroad, Clarkdale
- Grand Canyon National Park & the Grand Canyon Railroad
- Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
- Montezuma's Castle, Camp Verde
- Flagstaff, Az including the Snow Bowl and San Francisco Peaks

Phoenix area sites to see:

- The Desert Botanical Gardens, Heard Museum

A Lucky Visit to the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens

Story and photos by Claire Schneider

At the end of an AIS Zoom meeting, I overheard a conversation about an upcoming judging event. They were planning when to travel and in which hotel to make reservations. I interrupted to ask how many days they planned to stay and then added, “Would you mind if I tagged along?” I wasn’t sure where they were going, but it really sounded interesting. I think none of them could think of a reason to turn me down, which is to say, this is how I ended up at this judging event.

Where did we go? Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Montclair, New Jersey. Why were we there? The 100th anniversary of the American Iris Society occurred in 2020 and of course, the most appropriate way to celebrate would be to visit 100-year-old irises. The Presby Gardens is home to a few hundred historic irises, including some that were registered more than 200 years ago. For a contrast to those historic irises, the 2020 AIS Convention Committee planned an international iris competition of the newest cultivars. In July 2018, more than 120 irises arrived and were planted in the Presby Garden. Alas, due to the pandemic, the 2020 convention was cancelled, and the international cultivars grew without being judged or disturbed. It seemed a shame that the International Competition was for naught. Thus, the conversation I happened to overhear was about organizing the judging of those international cultivars and, lucky me, I was going to tag along.

Who judges an international competition? Someone with fifteen or more years of AIS accredited judging, is a master judge and is qualified to judge an international competition. Not being a master judge, I took on the role of gofer: carrying papers, fetching water, and relaying messages. My reward was observing the judging, browsing the library, and photographing lots of flowers.

What is my advice? First, if ever presented with the opportunity, ask to tag along with a group of experienced judges. Take your notebook and pencil and unobtrusively eavesdrop on the judges. Second, locate and visit a garden of historic irises. Walk around for a while, then close your eyes to picture these hybridizers of fifty, sixty and a hundred years ago. Appreciate their diligence and the simple beauty of the cultivars they created. Third, take lots of photographs to record your experience. Look for the best angle and light. To record the flower’s information, precede each flower picture with a photograph of its name plate.

Want more information about historic irises? Visit the HIPS website (Historic Iris Preservation Society) at www.historiciris.org. Under the ‘Resources’ tab, there is a list of display gardens organized by state. The website has a massive collection of photos of historic irises plus information about how you can help preserve them. And if you’re ever near Newark, New Jersey, plan a visit to the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens.

www.presbyirisgardens.org/

A Lucky Visit to the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens



Winner of the International Competition
 May 2021, #043
 TB 'Lamoyne Elizabeth'
 Hedgecock 2018



Five master judges with the competition chair,
 Presby Memorial Gardens, May 2021: (back,
 L to R) Gary White, Bonnie Nichols, Andi
 Rivarola, Jill Bonino. (front, L to R) Kathy
 Chilton, Jody Nolin



OFFICERS AND JUDGES, NEW ROCHELLE, 1923.
 Standing, left to right: Mrs. L. W. Hitchcock, Mrs. Theodore L. Cox, Miss F. E. McVaine, Mrs. W. H. Penkham,
 Arthur Herrington, Mrs. J. J. Montague, Miss Mary C. Bissell, Mrs. George V. Nash,
 Seated: Mrs. Charles Pratt, Mrs. W. E. Pierson, Frank H. Presby, John C. Water, H. S. Sturtevant,
 Mrs. C. S. McKinney, Bertrand H. Parr, Harry A. Norton.

Officers & Judges, New Rochelle, 1923

A Lucky Visit to the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens



TB 'Lavandulacea'
Van Houtte, 1854



MTB 'Chenedolle'
Van Houtte, 1882



TB 'Alcazar'
Vilmorin, 1910



TB 'Benbow'
Bliss, 1917



TB 'Sherbert'
Sturtevant, 1918



TB 'San Gabriel'
J. Dean, 1921



IB 'Fra Angelico'
Vilmorin, 1926



TB 'Rhea'
Williamson, 1928



TB 'Gold Stream'
Miss Violet Edelman, 1929



TB 'China Maid'
Milliken, 1936



The beds were organized by date. This is Bed 28: TB irises from 1930s & 40s.

REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

By Pat Simpson, President

The Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society has held in-person meetings for the last 5 months.

We finally were able to install our officers at our first meeting in April. Cheryl Deaton did the honors. The officers are: Pat Simpson, President; Ava Burns, Vice President; Debbie James, Treasurer; Patti Nygaard, Secretary.

Our May meeting was held at Allie Deaton's home in Tehachapi. Our guest speaker was "Ask Iris." Cheryl Deaton has a long running column in our newsletter, but this was the first time to ask questions directly. She was a major hit as she dressed up for the occasion.

At our June meeting, we met at Yvette McClung's garden. We held a silent auction on items brought by members. The items varied from gardening to household items.

Our July meeting was held at the clubhouse of Stallion Meadows Mobile Park. Our guest speaker was Susan Proctor, a professional physical therapist. She led us in exercises for seniors to do to increase our flexibility and endurance before we garden.

Our August meeting was held at Yvette McClung's garden. The program was our Annual Iris Giveaway. The irises were newer introductions from the growers. Cheryl Deaton was the emcee and everyone was able to add around 3 new irises to their gardens.

Sadly, we lost 2 of our members this year to cancer. They are: Joseph Estrada and Tania Painter. They will truly be missed.

We've added 6 new members this year. Our totals are: 59 Adults, 7 Youths.

www.facebook.com/hidesertiris/



Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

By Derry Gerald, President

You haven't heard from us for a while. It is because we have not been meeting. Our meeting place finally opened up. Our first meeting was in July.

Everyone was so glad to see each other again. We had a lot to catch up on. It was decided, since we only met for a few months last year, we would continue with the same board of officers and budget for the remainder of this year.

We also decided to have a small members only iris auction. Although it was late, Rick Tasco was kind enough to provide enough iris for our auction.

As requested, our August meeting was a review of basic iris culture. It was well received.

Since we have so few members at this time, I asked for 15 rhizomes from the Region. Out of those, two were bloomstalks and two were medians. This in part explains our low donation to the Region.

Our September meeting will be our members only auction. We plan to continue on and hopefully acquire more members.

Looking forward to beautiful blooms.

Derry

facebook.com/ocirisanddaylilyclub



Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report

By Lucie George, President

August 31, 2021

We had a great summer and have really been increasing our membership. We have about 10 new members this summer, and we are thrilled to have them. We were able to revive our Facebook page and are trying to train our members on how to upload content. Come see us at Lompoc Valley Iris Society!

In June, we had a social meeting at a member's ranch, catching up with old friends we hadn't been able to see in a while and meeting lots of new members.

In July, we held the annual rhizome sale where we met a lot of people, gave out a lot of information to the community and raised \$1,100 for our scholarships. The scholarship committee also gave us a follow-up report on this year's scholarship recipients, and we collected the submissions for our annual photo contest. This year, we expanded our contest categories to include Space Age Iris, A Close up of a Portion of an Iris, An Iris Arrangement, An Iris Collage, and An Artistically Enhanced Iris Picture. The submissions are with the judging committee, and we are excited to see the results at our next meeting. Hopefully we will be able to post some on our Facebook page. One of the collages submitted is pictured below.

We received our shipment of society iris for the year and potted about 55 iris and over 100 2-gallon pots with give away iris. At our August meeting, we received the increases back from last year's growers and awarded them to the door prize winners. We also divvied up the purchasing committee's iris to the membership and we will distribute the 100 plus iris to the community at our garden tours next year. Most members are "babysitting" 10 iris in 2-gallon pots for the garden show complimentary iris and 3 to 5 iris in 3-gallon grow bags for next year's door prizes awarded at each meeting. A picture of Ben's driveway after the potting is below.



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Inland Region Iris Society Report

By Beth Train, President

Goodbye summer heat and welcome crisp autumn days!

The Inland Region Iris Society garden committee surely is looking forward to the cooler days. As you know, IRIS maintains a club garden with four main iris beds. We have added 3 more smaller iris production beds for sales. Planting rhizomes has begun and will continue on through October into November. We also have been busy potting irises for the spring 2022 sales.

The April 24-25 Iris Sale and Iris Display at JMDC went well. We were sold out the first day and had to dig more for the following day. Luckily, the iris beds are just down the hill! The rhizome sale at the Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival was great too, but our space (new set-up by the Yucaipa CoC) left a lot to be desired in terms of space and lighting. There wasn't a Riverside Home and Garden Show this year and we have not yet heard if it will resume next year.

The spring sales brought much interest from the public. We had 8 new members sign up since then. IRIS has total of 38 members.

As of this writing, IRIS is getting ready for its annual Fall Rhizome Sale. We thank the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center for the use of the Sunken Garden area for our sales. The sales area provides good space for social distancing mandates and is comfortably shady.

I started my term as President this July. The rest of the IRIS officers are: Carolyn Nielsen and Penny Culbertson— co 1st VPs, Sandy Grossich— 2nd VP (3rd year), Lori Rhodes— Treasurer (2nd year), Carol Morgan— Recording Secretary, and Mason Train— Correspondence Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

IRIS began its in-person meetings in May. Jan, one of our members, volunteered to have the meeting at her house. It was great to see each other again and partake of potluck dinners together. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and felt safe that we had the following month's meeting there again upon Jan's invitation. The Goeske Senior Center in Riverside opened its doors back to patrons on July 6th. IRIS has been meeting there since July. The bigger room we were assigned to came in handy when we had our Members Only Iris Action this August. We had so much fun and we are looking forward to the Region 15 iris auction in September.

Our Annual Reblooming Iris Display resumes in November. Members bring in iris blooms from their garden. Each bloom earns a raffle ticket for a one year new or renewal membership to the Reblooming Iris Society. We all enjoy seeing and learning about the reliable rebloomers in our area.

The rest of the IRIS Schedule of events are as follows:

October 5— History of the Holk Memorial Iris Garden (aka IRIS club garden) by Carol

October 9 & 10— IRIS Annual Fall Rhizome Sale at JMDC

November 2— "Rock Your Garden", a DIY class on painting iris on rocks by Penny

December 7— Christmas Party with Gift Exchange and Cookie Exchange

January 4— TBA

February 1— "Sex in the Garden" by Cheryl Deaton

March 1— JT on Arilbreds by Claire Schneider

April 5— "Miniature Floral Arrangement", a demo and DIY class by Linda Lang

You are all invited to our meetings. Be safe. Be healthy. See you at the iris gardens.

Beth 8/28/2021

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INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY



Prescott Area Iris Society Report

By Sherry Williams, President

Well, we continue to have a year of ups and downs.



We held our Spring Sale online, but we were bound and determined to have our Summer Rhizome Sale in person this year and WE DID! Out of an abundance of caution due to the new variant, we did ask that everyone wear masks and all our members and customers did so willingly. We had a great sale with lots of folks happy to be able to shop with us in person again.

We didn't have the best year for our gardens this year as, like a lot of areas, we didn't have our usually rainfall in 2020 to get things started. This year, however, we are so happy that our monsoons are back, and our rainfall is exceeding our expectations, so we are looking forward to an amazing spring for 2022.

We are so pleased that our membership has continued to grow over the last year and we now have 95 members. We attribute some of our growth to the pandemic as more folks went to their gardens for comfort and enjoyment. Hopefully, the joy of the garden is renewed for some time.

Our BIG NEWS for this year is the 2021 Fall Conference that will be held right here in Prescott, Arizona. If you have never visited this area of Arizona – you are in for a treat. We sit at 5200 ft in the Prescott National Forest. We are known as 'everyone's hometown' for a reason because here you find the nicest folks living in an amazing place. We hope everyone can join us this year for the Prescott Iris Round-up, featuring Jim Hedgecock from Comanche Acres Iris Gardens as our guest speaker.

Photos from the Summer Rhizome Sale are above and below.



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San Diego Iris Society Report

By Mary Hanson, President

Greetings from the San Diego Iris Society

On October 10th, we are planning to meet in person for the first time since March 2020 at our usual location, the Lakeside Historical Society. In order to help members feel safe, masks will be required to be worn regardless of vaccination status. We have also decided to hold off on our usual potluck. The purpose of the meeting is to auction off the iris rhizomes sent by the Southern California Iris Society from their spring trek, which was held virtually due to the pandemic. We have potted those rhizomes up in preparation for our meeting in October.

The board will meet again after the October meeting to reassess our plans for the November and December meetings.

Several members of the San Diego Iris Society intend to attend the Fall Regional meeting in Prescott, AZ - hope to see you all there!

Two Louisiana trek irises blooming in Janis' garden. More trek iris photos on back cover.
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'Violet Vision'
Treadway 2019



'Optical Illusion'
Treadway 2020

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San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

By Andi Rivarola, President

Our club has been holding off in-person meetings.

Our first in-person event will be held on September 2nd, consisting of an iris auction.

Our Zoom events were as follows:

January 2021: "How Wildfires Become Wildflowers" and "The Victorian Kitchen Garden: Part 2"

February 2021: "Growing Aril and Arilbred Irises" by Howie Dash.

March 2021: "The Artistic and Healing Value of Gardens" by Rebeccah Lim.

April 2021: "California Native Plant Gardening: Bringing Ecology Home" by Tim Switzer.

May 2021: "How to Prepare Iris for Exhibition" by Leigh Moon.

June 2021: "Visiting the Gardens of Joan Citron and Loren Zeldin," by Marianne and Richard Davis.

July 2021: "Disturbances to Oak Trees in the Santa Monica Mountains," by Rich Rachman.

August 2021: "Regional trek 2014, plus Oregon 2021 pictures" by Jill Bonino.

"How Wildfires Become Wildflowers"



AB 'Chihuahua Night'



Tim Switzer



We now have two new VPs: Eileen Banta and Mariane Davis are Co-VPs and Co-Program Chairs.

We held our first iris sale in-person in April and are planning a second one in October, both at the Encino Farmers Market.

Coming up, we're planning the following in-person events:

September 2021: Iris Auction (photos on page 29)

October 2021: Peggy Carpenter on "Local Gardens."

November 2021: Iris GAMES!

December 2021: off



Rich Rachman

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Southern California Iris Society Report

By Mike Monninger, President

Dictated to Anne Michaelson, Secretary

The Southern California Iris Society, SCIS, elected officers at the June 25, 2021 meeting:

Mike Monninger = President

Cheryl Deaton = Vice President

Jill Bonino = Treasurer

Anne Michaelson = Secretary

Lynn McIlwain = Advisor

On April 10, 2021, SCIS held a garden tour of three members' gardens. What a super activity after no garden tours for over a year! Refreshments were provided at the last garden and a wonderful time was had by all!

The members dug the Region irises on July 25, 2021, and shipped a box to each society in Region 15.

The SCIS Bearded Auction was held on August 25, 2021, indoors at the L.A. County Arboretum. Jill Bonino had pictures of the irises, which generated high interest. SCIS donated \$500 to the Region for the Region irises. SCIS spent \$1700 on bearded irises and collected \$1600 from the members at the auction. Excellent result!

SCIS lost Laura Ellen Speck in August 2021, a life member. She was 90 years young. She was the SCIS liaison and a tireless worker at shows and sales. We will definitely miss her.

Sincerely,

Mike Monninger



Sun Country Iris Society Report

By P. Dale Liggett, President

Our Arizona summer has been hotter than usual but with our pandemic restrictions being lifted we have enjoyed many iris activities. In addition to our in-person club meetings in May & June, we held two May garden tours with judges trainings plus another garden tour and judges training in June. All of those were held in the Northern parts of AZ with the cooler climates of Sedona, Payson and Forest Lakes and well attended.

Due to the 116 degree heat, we didn't hold our July meeting but did have a judges training on "Awards and Ballots" in Phoenix attended by 6 people in the program. At our August meeting, we held an auction of the Region 15 iris and had our annual Ice Cream Social. Members were treated to 5 varieties of homemade ice cream with all the toppings and in waffle bowls. We could even make root beer floats! Attendance at meetings has steadily increased from the first of the year as more people are vaccinated and folks recover from fear of Covid. However, we are still practicing social distancing when possible and wearing masks is optional.

The iris are looking bleached from the hot conditions and some members have used shade cloth over beds to ease the heat damage. Keeping them sufficiently watered and weeded is a chore in this summer weather, although the recent monsoon rains have helped. A few members have begun digging iris and holding marking parties to prepare rhizomes for our coming August 28th sale at Payson Farmers Market. Others are waiting until September to dig for our October sales on the 9th, 16th and 23rd. We are very thankful to the Prescott Area Iris Society for donating some spuria iris to us for our October sales, which we have refrigerated until then. At our club meeting in October, we will hold our usual Spuria and Louisiana member's auction.



We are looking forward with excitement to the Region 15 Fall Trek in Prescott, AZ on October 23rd and the chance to visit with our iris friends from far and near.

Have a great start to fall and see you at the Trek!



more photos from Sun Country can be found on page 28

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top: shade cloth protection, bottom photos from judges' trainings



Tucson Area Iris Society Report

By Sue Clark, Secretary

The Tucson Area Iris Society has managed to stay engaged throughout the pandemic years, and we even had some in-person events in 2021! We held an iris show on April 17 at Harlow's, a local nursery. It was an outdoor show and a bit scaled-down, but still a live event! One of our new members, Terry, grows Japanese irises along with bearded irises and tons of roses, and he brought an Ikebana arrangement to show. Guests chose their three favorite irises, with 'Scoonchee' topping the list. Three of our members and the Tucson Botanical Gardens opened their iris gardens to our group on April 24. We will continue this tradition next year, but make it earlier in the month so as to see more

blooms. In May, we watched a portion of Patrick O'Connor's AIS webinar on growing Louisiana irises and learned more about this type of iris, which some of our members grow. We do not meet in June or July, so the next event was our auction in August, which was held in a room at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Members bid on rhizomes from Mid-America Gardens, and each Board member received one of those rhizomes as a gift for their service this year. We look ahead to our Rhizome Sale in September, Photo Contest in October, and potluck in November.



Photos by Joyce Knill
and Kevin Kartchner

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AIS Region 15 2021 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location
September	2	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - in-person iris auction	Canoga Park, CA
	7	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
		SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	11-12	SDIS fall rhizome sale, Balboa Park	San Diego, CA
	14	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	17-18	TAIS Rhizome Sale (setup on the 17th)	Tucson, AZ
	18	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	25	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
October	5	IRIS Monthly Meeting - History of the Holk Memorial Iris Garden	Riverside, CA
		SCIS Monthly Meeting - member's spuria and LA iris auction	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - in-person	Canoga Park, CA
	9	SCIS October rhizome sale #1	Phoenix, AZ
	9-10	IRIS Annual Fall Rhizome Sale at JMDC	Jurupa Valley, CA
	10	SDIS general meeting - member-only iris auction (in-person)	San Diego, CA
	12	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	16	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
		SCIS October rhizome sale #2	Phoenix, AZ
	23	Region 15 2021 fall trek, hosted by PAIS	Prescott, AZ
SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum		Arcadia, CA	
SCIS October rhizome sale #3		Phoenix, AZ	
November	2	IRIS Monthly Meeting - DIY class on painting iris on rocks	Riverside, CA
		SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	4	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	6	AIIS fall board meeting	San Diego, CA
	9	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	14	SDIS general meeting - hopefully in-person	San Diego, CA
	20	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
December	2	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	7	IRIS Monthly Meeting - Christmas Party	Riverside, CA
		SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	12	SDIS meeting - usually holiday party but likely Zoom meeting	TBD
	14	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	18	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
January, 2022	4	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
		SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ

Month	Day	Event	Location
January, 2022	6	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9	SDIS general meeting	TBD
	11	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	15	HDIDS Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	22	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum	Arcadia, CA
February, 2022	1	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Sex in the Garden" by Cheryl Deaton	Riverside, CA
		SCIS Monthly Meeting (same for March)	Phoenix, AZ
	2	SFVIS Monthly Meeting (same for March)	Canoga Park, CA
	8	OCIDC Meeting (same for March)	Garden Grove, CA
	12	traditionally SDIS birthday party - currently TBD	TBD
	19	HDIDS Meeting (same for March)	Lancaster, CA
	26	SCIS Meeting at the LA Arboretum (same for March)	Arcadia, CA
March, 2022	1	IRIS Monthly Meeting - JT on Arilbreds by Claire Schneider	Riverside, CA
	13	SDIS meeting - program and location TBD	TBD
April, 2022	5	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Miniature Floral Arrangement"	Riverside, CA
		SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	12	OCIDC Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	22-23	SDIS Spring 2022 trek (rescheduled from 2021)	San Diego, CA
	29-30	SDIS spring show and sale, Balboa Park, April 30 and May 1	San Diego, CA

AIS REGION 15 AFFILIATE SOCIETY MEETINGS

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

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://www.facebook.com/Inland-Region-Iris-Society)

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

Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meetings: 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, CA.

Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS) meetings are held from 1:30-3:30 pm (except as noted) at Yavapai Title, 1235 E. Gurley at Sheldon intersection Prescott, AZ. For calendar of events go to PAIS website at www.prescottirissociety.org or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/paisirissociety).

San Diego Iris Society (SDIS) meetings: 2nd Sunday of most months of the year at 1 pm (unless a special event is planned) at 9906 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, CA. No meetings in July and August. www.sandiegoirissociety.org

San Fernando Valley Iris Society (SFVIS) meetings: 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Canoga Park Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA. sanfernandovalleyirissociety.org or [facebook.com/sanfernandovalley.irissociety](https://www.facebook.com/sanfernandovalley.irissociety)

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/SouthernCaliforniaIrisSociety](https://www.facebook.com/SouthernCaliforniaIrisSociety)

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

Please send updates and corrections to olga_batalov@yahoo.com

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY



At our August meeting, we held an auction of the Region 15 trek iris (sent by the Southern California Iris Society) and had our annual Ice Cream Social.



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

On September 2nd, we held an auction of the Region 15 trek iris - our first in-person meeting of 2021!

SFVIS members Brian and Leigh Moon (at left) and Marianne Davis (below) briefly unmasked while their photos were taken.



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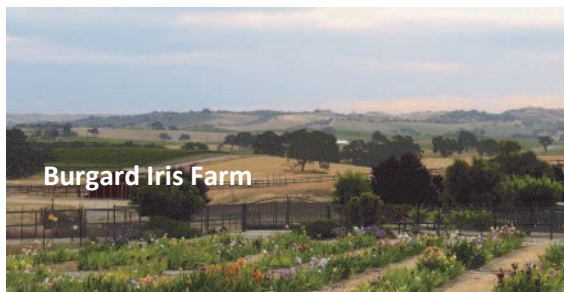
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Virtual Spring Trek 2021



Thank you Southern California Iris Society!

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SDIS TREK IRIS - PREVIEW OF SPRING 2022

The San Diego Iris Society was scheduled to hold a spring trek in 2021, but we had to postpone to 2022 due to pandemic. We hope to be able to hold it next year; see you all there!

Trek irises blooming in Janis' garden, photo credits: Janis Shackelford



LA 'House of Blues'
O'Connor 2018



LA 'Eileen Hollander'
O'Connor 2019



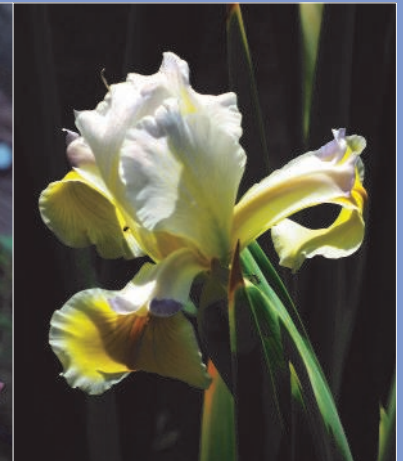
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Cadd 2017



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Ghio 2019



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TB 'Timeless Treasure'
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