



Region 15

Fall 2023 Semi-Annual Report

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FALL MEETING 2023

**Hosted by the Lompoc Valley Iris Society
in Lompoc, CA**

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

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Region 15 Spring Trek 2023



Top left: Beth and Mason Train at Lauren Zeldin's garden

Top middle: Jill Bonino; top right: attendees evaluating trek irises at Jill Bonino's garden

Bottom left: view of Joan Citron's garden, bottom right: view of Debbie James' garden



Thank you San Fernando Valley Iris Society!

Photo Credits: Claire Schneider



Note from the Editor

Hello fellow AIS Region 15 members!

I hope the rain and wind from Tropical Storm Hilary was not too bad where you are at. I got 2.1 inches in under 24 hours, 1.5 of which we got before the gusts picked up. I know that the deserts and mountains just east of us here in San Diego got hit much harder than we did.

We needed this rain though, and what I got was mostly steady light rain. Always better to prepare for the worst than to be caught off guard! I know some of you are still dealing with the heat. We encountered some of it on Fourth of July weekend on the way to Yosemite. I saw some irises, probably *Iris missouriensis*, in bloom in Yosemite. My brother is a train enthusiast so we stopped by Tehachapi Loop on the way up there; it sure is interesting if you have never been.

I hope you, your fellow members and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy in general. People might be tired of hearing about it, but COVID is still out there and everyone responds to it differently. I have had friends who were really sick for days and left with lingering fatigue for weeks. My brother just tested positive, first in our family since this all started - hoping the rest of us can stay negative. He had a 104F fever and is still sore all over.

The job market has been volatile recently and, after 9 years in biotech, layoffs finally caught up to me. I wish any of you that have friends or loved ones going through the same thing all the best in your job search - it is not an easy job market.

It sounds like the Fall Meeting will be a good one, with Tom Johnson of Mid-America Garden as speaker. I am on the fence if I will join you, partly because I literally have no idea what my schedule will look like come October. I hope you all have a good time if I do not see you.

Olga Batalov, Editor

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On the Cover: TB 'On the Cover' (Thomas Johnson, 2023). Thomas Johnson will be the speaker at the 2023 Fall Meeting in Lompoc, CA. This iris was on the cover of the 2023 Mid-America Garden catalog.
Photo credits: Mid-America Garden.

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2023 Fall Meeting	Lompoc Valley Iris Society	Lompoc, CA
2024 Spring Trek	Inland Region Iris Society	Riverside, CA
2024 Fall Meeting	San Diego Iris Society	San Diego, CA
2025 Spring Trek	Inland Region Iris Society	Riverside, CA
2025 Fall Meeting	* OPEN * Need a volunteer!	
2026 Spring Trek	Sun Country Iris Society	Phoenix, AZ

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks
from our website

www.region15ais.org

Visit us on Facebook

Membership Update (as of 8/25/2023)



By Mason Train, Membership Chair

TOTAL AIS MEMBERS: 227 (215 individuals)
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: Incomplete (see below)
TOTAL YOUTH: 1
TOTAL AFFILIATES: 10 (No change)

AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

OCIDC: ~15 members

HDIDS: 52 members, 2 youth

IRIS: 53 members, 1 youth

PAIS: 125 members

SDIS: 78 members (20 AIS), 1 youth (AIS)

SFVIS: 63 members, 0 youth

No report from LVIS, SoCal-IS, SCIS or TAIS

TOTAL AIS MEMBERS: 227 (214 adults, 1 youth, 2 libraries, 10 affiliates)

AZ = 79 (76 adults, 0 youth, 3 affiliates)

CA = 148 (138 adults, 1 youth, 7 affiliates, 2 libraries)



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Janis Shackelford, Region 15 RVP

Hello Irisarians,

With the atmospheric river in the early months of this year, everything was going bonkers, including the gophers. They invaded my yard from down below and where I did not have wire mesh under the beds, they ran amuck. My front garden is now a gopher playpen, despite using gopher traps and bait. I am going to dig up the dirt in my flower gardens and place wire mesh under the beds or just put all the plants into a wire basket. Oh, well!!

I am a member of the Reblooming Iris Society and will report that 'If Not For You,' 'Glow Plug,' 'Cotillion Gown' and 'Magnificent Masterpiece' were blooming in early July. I do not know if they have reblooming genes or were just late. 'Crimson King' was blooming in mid-July. It is now very hot and humid, and my iris beds are hunkered down. We recently went on vacation and the ice chests, and ice, were dumped on the reblooming irises to see if that makes a difference as before.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Lompoc, CA., on October 7, 2023. The hybridizer, Thomas Johnson of Mid-America Garden, will regale us with his introductions and I hope to have a judge's training by him as well.

The AIS Convention will be in Portland, OR next year and the Japanese Irises will be showcased. I have tried to grow a Japanese iris in my patio, but it bloomed once and then died. Hopefully I will learn about the growing methods and how to make sure they will be happy. I ordered a set of Pacific Coast Irises, but they were shipped in early June and did not survive my climate over the summer while I was on vacation.

On the Trek Wheel, Inland Region Iris Society will host the 2024 and 2025 Spring Treks, and Sun Country Iris Society will host the 2026 Spring Trek. San Diego Iris Society will host the 2024 Region 15 Fall Meeting. There still needs to be a club to host the 2025 Fall Meeting. Prescott or Tucson, will you host the 2025 Fall Meeting?

I have enjoyed being the RVP for Region 15 for the past three years. We have had over 100 new members of Region 15 and I have sent a welcome to each of them. There is an iris club in Las Vegas that is contemplating to join our region, and we will welcome them if they decide to switch from Region 14 to our Region. We will have elections for new officers at the meeting in Lompoc, and hopefully there will be a judge in Arizona that would be willing to become the assistant RVP.

Janis

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. For the most current information, visit: <https://www.irises.org/news-events/> or your latest News & Notes email.

All of the past webinars, including JTs, are now posted on 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



AIS Judges Training

By Beth Balaney-Train, Region 15 Asst. RVP

and Judges Training Chair

Hello Region 15! I hope you are keeping cool and being careful when out in your gardens in this summer heat. Heat exhaustion is real and comes on fast (don't ask me how I know). Self care and safety always come first. I just heard on the news that more triple degree temperatures are predicted for the Inland Empire. Oh, how I long for the crisp fall air!

As of this writing, the Region has 20 G/E Judges, 7 Master Judges, 1 Emeritus Judge, 5 Artistic Design Judges, 2 Apprentices, and 6 students. Three judges were recommended for Artistic Design Certification. Region 15 is in need more judges! 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. AIS membership is a requirement for all persons in the training program and all judges.

Thank you AIS judges for voting for the AIS Awards this year. Tom Burseen's 2015 tall bearded iris introduction "Don't Doubt Dalton" won the AIS Dykes Medal. The list of awards is available to view at wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoAwards2023

Were you among the 56% of AIS Judges who voted electronically? If not, give it a try next year. Online voting is easy, fast, and secure. Besides, you don't have to log in all your votes in one go. The system is set up so that you may go back to it as many times as you want until you click on "submit." You can still use your paper ballot for recording preliminary choices and/or evaluations in the field. Of note, 10% of eligible judges did not vote; 3 of them are in Region 15. Of the three, two will be dropped from the JT roster because it is their 2nd year of not voting. They have expressed their desire to drop out of the program because of hectic work schedules. They still love irises and will continue to grow them.

Judges and students, please do take advantage of training sessions offered in your area, during the regional treks and meetings, and at the national conventions. Online JT opportunities are also available. 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 YouTube Channel. It is convenient and user-friendly. I have recently approved this JT session: "Iris Terminology and Color Patterns" on February 6, 2024 in Riverside, CA for 1.5 hrs. credit.

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 and is not renewed within the grace period. Check your AIS membership on the website: www.irises.org/web-based-lookup/ (which now redirects to system.irises.org/membership/web-based-lookup).

Lastly, remember to update your contact information on file with the AIS membership secretary and with the Region's JT Chair. Important information and other updates can get to you ONLY if the data on file is current.

This is my last year as Asst. RVP and JT Chair. It has been a pleasure to serve the region and its members. I have made most files digital and made filling out the Activity Report Form on the computer an option. Online (via email) submission of reports (in pdf) is acceptable. Check out the Judges Training page at the Region 15 website. JT Application Forms, Activity Report Forms, and Evaluation Forms are available to view and download. Judges' requirements and other information are available there, too.

Thank you SFVIS for hosting the Region 15 Spring Trek last April. Mason and I had a wonderful time and enjoyed the warmth of friends, the beauty of the iris gardens, and the delicious food. I am looking forward to attending the Fall Meeting hosted by the LVIS this October.

TREASURER'S REPORT

REGION 15 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer

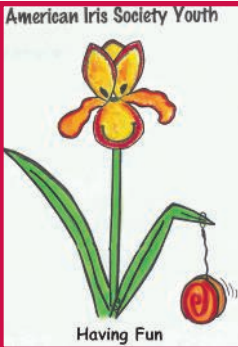
The balance as of August 2023 was:

Checkbook balance: \$13,102.06

Investment account: \$16,111.02

Total balance: \$29,213.08

Region rhizomes are being shipped, so the expenses will increase and any potential income will start coming in the next few weeks.



AIS Youth Program Report

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 and AIS Youth Chair

We currently have 1 youth member on the roster who renewed recently. There have been no new youth members.



Top left: JT at the Schneider Garden with Gary White, AIS Convention, Dallas TX



Bottom left: JT on LA Irises with Hooker Nichols, AIS Convention, Dallas, TX



Right: JT at the Bonino Garden, 2023 Region 15 Spring Trek

*Photos credits:
Beth Train*

Spring 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

REGION 15 SPRING BOARD MEETING

APRIL 22, 2023 AT 6 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm PST, April 22, 2023 by Janis Shackelford, RVP.

Attendees: Cheryl Deaton, Janis Shackelford, Beth and Mason Train, Andi Rivarola, Sue Brown, Claire Schneider, and Lois Farr

Minutes from the Winter Board Meeting, January 7, 2023 at 9:00am. Motion to approve by Mason Train and seconded by Sue Brown. Motion approved.

Treasurer report - Cheryl Deaton: The Region 15 2023 Proposed Budget was attached. The balance as of 12/31/2022 was \$14,050.66. Motion to audit was made by Sue Brown and seconded by Beth Train. Motion approved

Judges Training Report - Beth Train: We need more judges. Asked for anyone wanting to be included in Artistic Design. Cheryl Deaton, Andi Rivarola and Debbie James raised their hands.

Membership Report - Mason Train: As of 2/14/23 - 230 members. AIS membership is 217 adults, 1 youth and 10 affiliates

Awards Report - Claire Schneider: Need to order more trophies. Claire will present PowerPoint presentation explaining future possibilities.

Youth Report - Cheryl Deaton: There are no youth members. We need youth members!

Editor Report - Olga Batalov was not present but sent the following. Olga will need reports by 8/20/23 for the next publication. Send flyers, articles and pictures.

Historian Report - Sue Brown: Beth will email the Prescott newsletters to Sue.

Affiliate Reports

Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society - Sue Brown: The meeting spot at the community center is not available, under construction. Iris sale at the Elks club in Lancaster. Next weekend is the show and sale Bring Iris to Show!

Inland Region Iris Society - Beth Train: The club will have a show with more artistic entries. Upcoming Sale is at Riverside Elks club next weekend.

Lompoc Valley Iris Society - No Report

Orange County Iris and Day Lily Club - Lois Farr: The club continues to meet, with Bobbie and Frank Hogancamp taking the lead. In May, there will be the Daylily auction. Few faithful members.

San Diego Iris Society - Claire Schneider: SDIS Show in May, purchased drapery.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society - Andi Rivarola: No show, but the club is celebrating turning 50 years old!

Southern California Iris Society - Cheryl Deaton: The Arboretum is not available. Zoom meetings continue and the South Coast Plaza sale sold out early. Members will stay to recruit new members.

Old Business

Las Vegas affiliate wants to join Region 15 with 20 members, 4 new. We will wait to see what they want to do.

Trophy Presentation by Claire Schneider: Propose all awards maintain similar wording of award, and provide a certificate and Garden Center Gift Card. Claire motioned to accept, Andi Rivarola seconded. Discussion followed, and the motion was amended to say Certificate with a check of a "to-be-determined" amount. Claire Schneider made a motion to accept the amended motion. Andi Rivarola seconded the amended motion. Motion approved by all.

Budget – Cheryl Deaton: Total expenses will be \$5995. Deficit is \$520. Approve Region 15 2023 Budget as amended - motion made by Beth Train, seconded by Sue Brown. Motion approved by all.

Trek Wheel

Spring Trek April 20, 2024 – Inland Region Iris Society will host. 20 hybridizers, 100 rhizomes, 1 garden at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center.

Fall Meeting 2024 - San Diego will host.

Spring Trek 2025 – open.

Adjourn the meeting - moved by Claire Schneider, Beth Train seconded, motion approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Farr.

The American Iris Society



Check AIS membership status:
system.irises.org/membership/web-based-lookup

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

Membership Rates (Print):

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
Youth (< 19 y/o) without Bulletin \$8

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

Full Membership (Print + E-member)

Annual Single \$45 / Dual \$50
Triennial Single \$115 / Dual \$130

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www.AISYouth.com

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

AIS CONVENTIONS

2024 AIS/Japanese Convention

2024 June 26-29, Portland, OR

2024 Convention Co-Chair: Chad Harris

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2025 Convention

2025 June 2-7, Billings, MT

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FUTURE SECTION CONVENTIONS

2024 Louisiana & Spuria Iris Joint Mini-Convention

April 26-28, 2024: Dallas, TX

2023 Convention Chair: Bonnie J. Nichols
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For most current additional information, visit
irises.org/aismembers/conventions/

FUTURE REGION 15 TREKS

2023 Fall Meeting

Lompoc Valley Iris Society

October 7, 2023: Lompoc, CA

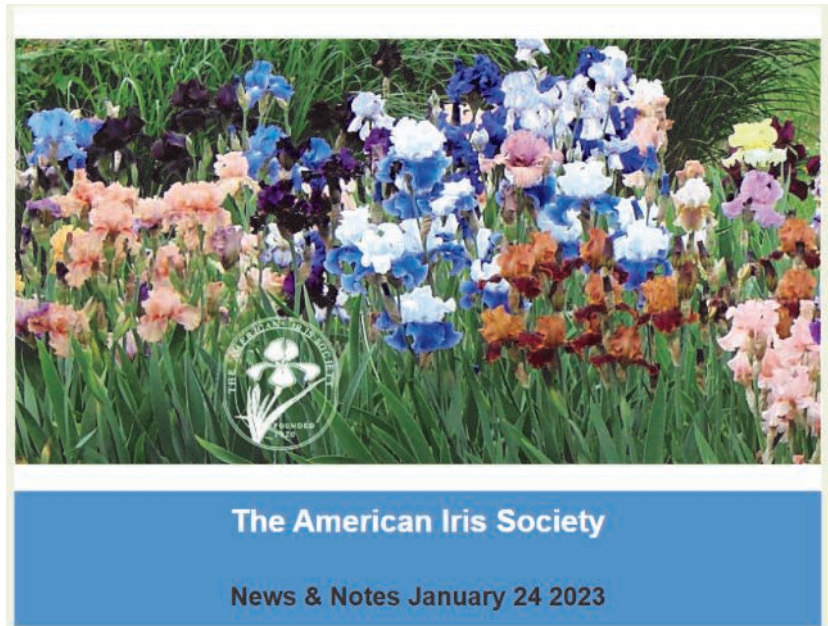
2024 Spring Trek

Inland Region Iris Society

April 20, 2024: Riverside, CA

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

There are benefits to being a member of the American Iris Society (AIS). One is the automatic membership in Region 15. Another is receiving *IRISES: The Bulletin*, the quarterly magazine of AIS.



However, because *The Bulletin* is published only four times a year, news about upcoming iris events can be missed. The AIS produces webinars on all kinds of topics related to irises. The latest webinar, #35, broadcast on June 10, 2023, was "Exciting Irises of the Middle East." Dr. Fragman-Sapir gave such an interesting presentation that now I am interested in visiting Israel to see those irises! Webinar #31 was "Judging Bearded Irises as Garden Plants." There are usually 10 to 15 webinars each year. Specific dates and enrollment details of the webinars are NOT in *The Bulletin*, but they are posted in *News & Notes*, which is the digital newsletter of AIS. Also included in issues of *News & Notes* are the latest results of the AIS ballot, announcements of the contests, and updates on conventions.

By the way, all of the AIS webinars are available for viewing on the American Iris Society YouTube channel. Some of them offer judges training credit.

News & Notes is emailed every month to all AIS members. If you are an AIS member and would like to receive it, send an email request to aisnewsletter@irises.org or to secretary@irises.org.

Keep up with news from the American Iris Society by receiving and reading *News & Notes*! That's where you'll find information about upcoming webinars, conventions, and ballot results!

Claire Schneider
August 18, 2023

EXPANDING YOUR IRIS HORIZONS

Are you an irisarian with a garden of tall bearded iris? How many varieties of tall yellow OR tall purple OR tall yellow and purple iris do you have? Dozens? Maybe hundreds? Of course, the flowers are gorgeous, but the problem is that you will see flowers for three or four weeks and then nothing until next year. Wouldn't it be nice to see irises blooming in your garden for four or five months and even longer? How do you get that kind of bloom season? It's simple. Grow other classes of iris in your garden. There are arilbred and median irises that bloom before the tall bearded, and spuria and Louisiana irises that bloom after the tall bearded irises. Some of the iris species can bloom continually for a couple of months. Even in the heat and with careful management, the Japanese and Siberian irises will bloom really late. And then there are the reblooming irises, which can bloom anytime of the year. You want a longer bloom season of iris? Add other classes of irises to your garden.

To learn more about these different classes of irises, visit some of the websites listed below. Each website provides culture advice, a list of commercial sources, upcoming convention details, and more. Some of the groups hold annual online seed and rhizome sales, where you can find bargains and unusual irises. Consider becoming a member of one of the cooperating societies or sections of the American Iris Society. As a member, you will receive their newsletter, which will contain culture advice, stories of garden visits, lots of colorful photos, information about upcoming conventions, and more. Maybe opt for a one-year subscription to a different iris society every year.

Cooperating Societies (independent of the American Iris Society)

♣ Aril Society International (www.arilsociety.org) \$17.50 per year for individual, \$21 per year for family) Their newsletter is issued three times a year. Their online library contains articles about cultivating arilbreds, germinating iris seeds and much more. Discover how to participate in their online seed and rhizome sales.

♣ Tall Bearded Iris Society (www.tbisonline.com) \$12 per year / \$33 for three years) Their publication, *Tall Talk*, is issued twice a year and is available online. You don't have to be a member to read articles such as "Improving your Garden Soil" and "What Irises Have Done to Me."



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Tall Bearded Iris Society

The society for tall bearded iris lovers everywhere. Join us!



The Tall Bearded Iris Society (TBIS) was founded to promote the distribution, cultivation, hybridization, and development of Tall Bearded irises as hardy garden perennials. TBIS is committed to educating and disseminating information about Tall Bearded irises to the gardeners of North America, and to promote activities that encourage garden planting and garden visitations.

Sections of the American Iris Society (AIS) (in order by charter date, oldest to youngest)

♣ Median Iris Society (www.medianiris.com) \$12 per year / \$30 for three years) Their publication, *The Medianite*, is issued twice a year.

♣ Society for Siberian Irises (www.socsib.org) \$10 per year / \$25 for three years) Their publication, *The Siberian Iris*, is issued twice a year. An archive of old issues is available online, issues Spring 1961 to Fall 2007. Their website contains information about culture, display gardens, and their popularity poll.

♣ Spuria Iris Society (www.spuriairissociety.org \$12 per year / \$30 for three years)
 Their publication, *The Spuria News*, is issued twice a year. One of their webpages is all about the culture of spuria. Their next convention will be April 26-28, 2024, a joint convention with the Society for Louisiana Irises.



♣ Society for Japanese Irises (www.socji.org \$10 per year / \$25 for three years)
 Their publication, *The SJI Review*, is issued twice a year. Their website has a page just for blogs. Very interesting with gorgeous photos! The 2024 AIS national convention will focus on Japanese irises.

♣ Reblooming Iris Society (www.rebloomingiris.com \$12 per year / \$25 for three years)
 Their digital publication, *The Reblooming Iris Recorder*, arrives twice a year via your email address. It contains data and charts that show the rebloom of irises by month and organized by region. You want to know what blooms in your region? Their newsletter will help with that.

Society For Japanese Irises

Founded 1962

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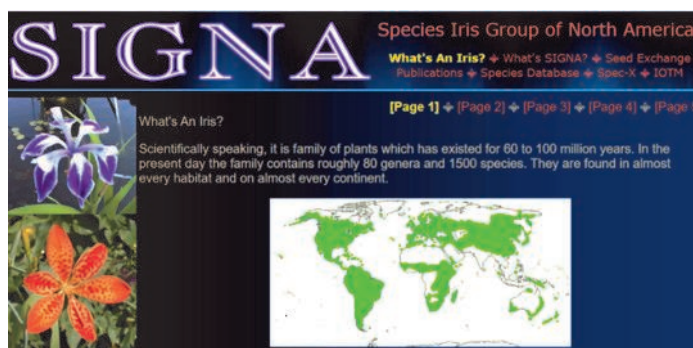
WELCOME to the Reblooming Iris Society!

Envision beautiful irises that bloom again after their spring blossom. These irises are called "rebloomers."

♣ Dwarf Iris Society (www.dwarfirissociety.org \$12 per year / \$29 for three years)
 Their publication, *DIS Portfolio*, is issued once a year along with a monthly email newsletter, *Tiny Talk*.

♣ Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises (www.pacificcoastiris.org \$15 per year / \$40 for three years. A digital membership is \$7 per year / \$19 for three years)
 Their publication, *Pacific Iris*, is issued twice yearly. They offer an annual seed exchange and occasional field expeditions to see wild species. There are separate tabs on their website for wild iris and garden iris, each with lots of culture information.

♣ Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA) (www.signa.org \$13 per year / \$6.50 for an annual e-membership). Their publication, *SIGNA Bulletin*, is issued twice a year. Their primary fund raiser is an annual seed exchange, and their website has extensive information about germination and culture of those seeds. Check out the species database. It's incredible!



♣ Historic Iris Preservation Society (www.historiciris.org \$16 per year / \$40 for three years / \$12 for e-membership per year) Their publication, *Roots*, is issued twice a year. One of the tabs near the bottom of the homepage is a link to an iris color classification chart from 1939. Interested in being part of the team that is preserving historic iris? Read all about Guardian Gardens, one of the tabs at the top of their homepage. Read about their annual sale of historic rhizomes.

♣ Society for Louisiana Iris (www.louisianas.org \$17 per year / \$45 for three years) Their publication, *Fleur de Lis*, is issued four times a year. There's a great collection of articles about the culture of Louisiana iris under the tab "Growing" on their website's home page. Their next convention will be April 26-28, 2024, a joint convention with the Spuria Iris Society.



♣ Novelty Iris Society (\$15 per year / \$40 for three years) Their e-newsletter is published twice a year with articles on hybridizers, irises, and information about gardens. They don't have a website, but you can read about them on the AIS website.

To see lots of photos of all these types of iris, visit the *Iris Encyclopedia (the wiki)* sponsored by the American Iris Society (AIS) at wiki.irises.org

Are you ready to see some of these irises in real life? Consider attending a national convention with garden tours. The 2024 AIS National Convention will showcase Japanese irises. Or at your next club meeting, ask to visit a garden where some of these classes of irises are grown. You will see the irises up close and hear advice on how to grow them. Although perhaps not as showy as the tall bearded irises, these other classes of irises can be just as intriguing and, best of all, they will extend your iris bloom season.

Here's wishing you fun and excitement during your exploration of new types of iris!!

Claire Schneider

American Iris Society Membership Drive 2023

Membership Drive 2023 (MD23) runs January 1 through December 31, 2023. New AIS Full Members, and current AIS members upgrading to Full Membership at the time of dues payment, receive an MD23 Gift Certificate, which is good for a 1-year dues payment to one AIS Section or Cooperating Society. If you know of fellow irisarians that are not currently AIS members, please let them know about this offer.

For a list of cooperating societies and sections, visit irises.org/about-ais/sections-cooperating-societies/

MD23 Gift Certificate - Quick Facts

- Good for a 1-year Section or Cooperating Society dues payment.
- Limited to 30 per Section or Cooperating Society.
- Not transferable.
- Expires 3 months from date of issue.
- Contains a control number, member name, expiration date.
- Activated for payment by email from organization to AIS Membership Secretary.

AIS Region 15 FALL TREK 2023

October 7

Hosted by LVIS

Events Mission Valley - 138 N B St, Lompoc, CA 93436

Hotel: There are no blocked off rooms, but the O'Cairns Inn & Suites is walking distance from the trek. Mention the code "loyalty" to get the best rate.

940 E Ocean Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436 • (805) 735-7731



8 am Registration

9 am Board Meeting with Janis Shackelford, RVP

10 am Program: "What's In A Name"

by Tom Johnson, Mid-America Garden

12 pm Lunch (provided)

1 pm General Meeting

2:30 pm Silent Auction & Ticket Auction

4 pm Judges Training

5 pm Farewell

Registration cost \$50

Includes a continental breakfast and a lunch

Please mail your registration form and payment to:

Maureen Tolson, 132 La Costa Lane, Lompoc, CA 93436

Checks should be made out to: "Lompoc Valley Iris Society" or "LVIS"

Questions can be directed to Jennifer at (808) 298-4541

****Please keep a copy of your registration for your records.**

Attendee 1 (Please Print) Name as it should appear on badge: _____ Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____ Special accommodations or disability requirements: _____	Attendee 2 (Please Print) Name as it should appear on badge: _____ Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____ Special accommodations or disability requirements: _____
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INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY

invites you to a

Picnic In The Garden

on

APRIL 20, 2024

AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK



**Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center
7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, CA**

REMEMBERING WAYNE KIGER

JANUARY 29th 1946 – APRIL 17th 2023



Wayne and Marilyn joined Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society in 2008.

Wayne was always available for hauling our irises to a sale or show and he helped whenever he was needed. He was helping Marilyn in their garden, just before leaving this life.

Besides the iris club, he also could be found riding his Harley with his "Old Geezers," relaxing at their cabin in Big Bear, CA, or cruising the country in his RV.

He served his country as a Capt. in the Marine Corps from 1969 to 1981 and was with the Los Angeles Co. Sheriffs Dept. for 23 years.

Three of his grandchildren are youth members of the HDIDS - Mckenna Falk, Lexi Falk and Zander Kiger. He and Marilyn hosted and opened their beautiful garden for our 2017 Region 15 Trek.

Wayne's family has always been his everything, and his legacy will live on

through his children, grandchildren, family and friends. He will continue to live on in the memories of those of us that knew and loved him.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 52 years, Marilyn; son Jason (Jandy) Kiger; daughter Brigid (Trevor) Falk; grandchildren Nathan (Kiara), Kayla, Trevor, Riley, Mckenna, Maximus, Lexi, Zander and Henry; his bestie black dog, Pear, plus many friends.

Photo taken by Marilyn Kiger on May 8th, 2021.

REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

By Sue Brown, President

July was extremely hot in the Antelope Valley. In the past years, the night temperature was cool, but not this year. Most night temperatures were in the low eighties. I lost several irises.

We had a successful Show and Sale in April. The Elks Lodge in Lancaster is centrally located and many came to the Show and Sale. There were two long tables of irises for the judges. There was so much rain this spring and our blooms were wonderful. There were TBs, BBs, IBs, SDBs and one Species Hybrid. The best of show was an Arilbred, "Genetic Artist." I am excited that there were five youths with flower arrangements at the show. We are so pleased with the Elks Lodge that we are planning to have next year's Show and Sale at the same location.

I am looking forward to our August meeting, Rhizome Give-A-Way. We had ordered newer cultivars from four different iris gardens. Every member that comes to the August meeting will be given at least one free rhizome. In September, we will have an auction of the rhizomes from the Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by San Fernando Valley Iris Society.

Thank you SFVIS for hosting the Spring Trek. We toured four gardens with four different concepts and each was wonderful.

I am looking forward to the Fall Meeting in Lompoc and enjoying the company of fellow irisarians.

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Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

By Derry Gerald, President

When I wrote last, we had just had an unusual amount of rain. Now, it looks like we will be having an abundance again. I hope Hilary will be kind to us. My iris love rainwater, but there is a limit.

Our good news is that we have two new members. We had a wonderful program about bees. It was very interesting and informative. Bobby had a daylily auction and program. I had our iris auction. It was well received and everyone went home happy. Next month, we will have a program on iris. I plan to cover the basics as well as what makes a good iris, color patterns and answer any questions. A majority of members wanted fewer meetings. We would love any visitors, but please call first.

Love, Derry

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Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report

By Lucie George, President

We are gearing up for the Fall Trek and hope to see you all there. We have a great speaker, scrumptious food, and really fun auction items. (Think Christmas Shopping!)

You can still register for the Fall Trek; the form is available at: https://region15ais.org/upcoming_treks/2023%20Fall%20Trek%20Registration%20Form.pdf

Unfortunately, the planned location's renovation project has been held up for many, many, many months with PG&E permitting issues, so we were forced to change the location to Event Mission Valley, 138 N B Street, Lompoc, CA 93436.

For accommodations, there aren't any blocked off rooms but the O'Cairns Inn & Suites at 940 E Ocean Avenue is within walking distance of the trek location. Mention the code, "loyalty" to get the best rate at the Inn, (805) 735-7731. The Inn has a pool, internet, billiards, an attached Bistro, and is close to the famous Lompoc Wine Ghetto and Surf Beach.

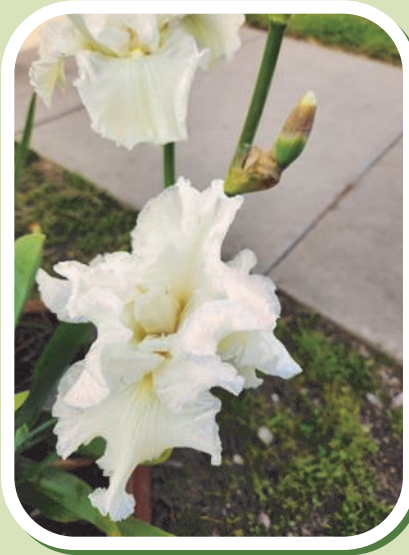
Lompoc Valley is home to flower fields, wineries, beaches, missiles and dozens of murals, giving the town a unique flavor on the Central Coast. We hope that you decide to spend a couple of days in our lovely "Valley of Arts and Flowers." Extend your visit to include Solvang, wine tasting and the equally tasty and famous Jalama Burgers at nearby Jalama Beach.

We have had a great summer and are seeing results from our long-term projects at Miguelito Elementary School. At right are some pictures of the rebloomers that were planted there last year (page 19, top row).

In July, we held the annual rhizome sale where we met a lot of people, gave out information to the community and raised money for our scholarships. This year, we changed our location, due to construction at the bank, and our display and were able to stay mainly in the shade, while increasing involvement with the community. The rhizomes were set up on risers near the street, which made for better visibility and easier shopping!

We received our shipment of society iris for the year and potted over 100 1-gallon pots with iris for next year's garden tour. At our August meeting, we will receive back from last year's growers the increases and awarded them to the door prize winners. We will also divvy 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 "babysit" 10 iris in 1-gallon pots for the garden show iris, and 1 or 2 iris in 2-gallon grow bags for next year's door prizes awarded at each meeting.

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Top row: Rebloomers that were planted last year at Miguelito Elementary School

Middle row: Some of our future gardeners on planting day

Bottom row: July annual rhizome sale (photos by Cindy Martin)

Photos taken by LVIS members





Inland Region Iris Society Report

By Beth Train, President

Whoa! This summer has been a scorcher! I had to resort to 50-70% shade cloths all around the vegetable garden, now I'm wondering if I should have a similar set-up for the irises. As I write this, Tropical Storm Hilary is looming on the horizon – the rains it is predicted to bring should give us much needed relief.

The iris blooms this past spring was fantastic, thanks to all the winter rains. Maiden blooms in the guest irises were a welcome sight. The IRIS Show and Sale went well. The Floral Design section had more than the usual number of entries and made up for a smaller Horticultural Section, since the show was scheduled much earlier this year.

Mason and I made it to the AIS National Convention in Dallas, TX! The gardens were beautiful with good blooms all around. We enjoyed the warm welcome and hospitality as well as the delicious Texas BBQs! It is always a delight to see Iris and Facebook friends again. A pleasant surprise was seeing former IRIS president DeDe Utter (she moved to CO about 5 years ago).

You are invited to attend IRIS meetings and events. Our meetings are held at the Janet Goeske Senior Center in Riverside, CA with a 6 pm start time – potluck dinner followed by the business meeting, then the program at around 7 pm or so. Programs and events for this year are:

- September 5 — Region 15 Rhizome Auction and The Great Iris Trade
- September 16-17 — Fall Rhizome Sale at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center
- October 3 — TBC
- November 7 — "Hybridizing Irises" with guest speaker Riley Probst of Fleur de Lis Iris Garden, Modesto, CA.
- December 5 — Christmas Party and Gift Exchange
- January 2024 — IRIS goes dark. Happy New Year!
- February 6 — "Iris Terminology and Color Patterns, A Judge's Training" (1.5 hours credit) by Beth Train, President of IRIS, AIS G/E & Artistic Design Judge
- March 5 — TBC
- April 2 — "Creative Floral Design" program and demonstration by Patricia Clayes, NGC Judge
- APRIL 20 — AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK "*Picnic In The Garden*" at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center (JMDC), 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, CA

Thank you San Fernando Valley Iris Society for hosting the Spring Trek last April. We enjoyed visiting the beautiful gardens. It was a pleasure meeting and seeing fellow Region 15 affiliates, as well as joining the 50th anniversary celebration of SFVIS.

I am looking forward to the Fall Meeting hosted by the Lompoc Valley Iris Society. I hope to see most of you there.

Save the date: April 20, 2024! IRIS will host the Region 15 Spring Trek at the JMDC. The club is busy preparing for this event. You are all invited to join us in 2024. Details to follow.

Be safe. Be healthy. See you at the iris gardens.

Beth 8/18/2023

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Top: "Spring Trek in SoCal" - Category 3 Winner of the AIS Photo Contest 2023. *Photo by Mason Train*

Middle left: Sandy, Beth, and Jan at the Colton Flower Show. *Photo by Mason Train*

Middle right: DeDe, Mason, and Beth at the AIS Convention, Dallas, TX

Bottom: A blue ribbon for Mary Daniels, 1st time artistic design competitor. *Photo by Beth Train*



San Diego Iris Society Report

By Claire Schneider, President

Hello, everyone!

The first weekend in May was our spring show and sale. Best in Show was 'Got the Picture' (J Ghio 2016, TB) shown by Claire Schneider. The AIS Silver Medal for most blue ribbons was won by Claire Schneider, and the Bronze Medal for second most blue ribbons was won by Janis Shackelford. We sold over 400 pots of iris, which helped defray the costs of putting on a spring show. It was a very successful event!

What else has SDIS been doing? At the June meeting, prizes were given to all the show winners. An ice cream social was the main event. Janis brought several cartons of ice cream along with a buffet of toppings. Everyone was able to create their own ice cream delight. We ended with door prize give-aways. As occurs at most of our regular meetings, every attendee chose an iris to take home.

SDIS does not meet during the summer. The 2023 Fall Rhizome Sale will be held on September 9 & 10 and 16 & 17 in the Casa de Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, in room 101. We always have boxes and boxes of tall bearded iris rhizomes. We also sell Louisiana, spuria, arilbred, and species-cross irises. Surprisingly, customers purchase a lot of these other irises. But always, the most popular are the reblooming irises!

The members-only auction of trek iris will be held on October 15th at the Lakeside Historic Building in Lakeside. For more information about our programs and events, please visit our website. We're on Facebook, too.

Claire Schneider



At right: mulberry pryanik made by Olga Batalov, photo taken by Claire Schneider

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Photos of award winners from SDIS spring show - Jim Hanson with his best pink (top left), Janis Shackelford with her winning irises (top middle), Claire Schneider with her Best Specimen of Show (top right), and the Wilsons with their winning entries (bottom row)

Top left and top middle photos by Claire Schneider; other three photos by SDIS member Tammy Priest



San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

By Andi Rivarola, President

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. We shared a wonderful cake during that Regional Trek in the spring, and then a potluck dinner at our June meeting. Many old time members were present, including some that were specially called to come back in order to see them for the anniversary.

A 50th Anniversary booklet is in the works and we're hoping that it will be available to all our members in September.

Our club is experimenting with something new: holding daytime general meetings instead of evening meetings. We're trying to see if the daytime meetings help those that can no longer drive at night, or who do not feel safe driving when dark. As the saying goes, "the numbers don't lie," so we will be keeping a close eye on people's reaction to this. We will only do this every so many months, as some other members still work during the day or are unable to attend meetings during the day.

As the hot weather makes it impossible to spend much time out in the garden, we're looking forward to the following activities:

September 7: Annual Iris Auction

October 5: Jill Bonino's Annual Digital Presentation: Regional and National Garden Treks

November 2: GAMES! We play games for irises

December 7: Holiday Potluck Party

Top right: Member Marianne Davis holding a plaque with the proclamation from the City of Los Angeles of our 50th anniversary. Several city supervisors signed the document.

Bottom left: Chocolate cake from the spring trek.

Bottom right: June potluck dinner to celebrate our 50th anniversary



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Southern California Iris Society Report

By Brian Moon, President

The Los Angeles Arboretum, where we meet and have our Spring show, is back open after a major remodel. Our first in-person meeting since Sept. 2022 will be in August of this year. With no Spring show this past year and only seeing each other on Zoom meetings, we are very excited to see each other and reconnect. Our club is smaller due to the sad loss of several beloved members, and others have moved away. Acquiring new members continues to be a challenge after COVID and the lack of in-person meetings. Increasing membership will be a top priority this year.

With the Arboretum closed, we only held one iris sale this year, which was at the South Coast Plaza's four-day Spring Garden Show in April. We sold out in the first day and a half. Our first live meeting on August 26th will be our annual bearded iris auction. SCIS will be auctioning iris from Mid America, Superstition, Sutton's and the regional iris. The Sept. 23rd meeting will feature our beardless auction with the focus on LA iris this year.

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More photos from the 2023 Spring Trek (credit: Sharon Petterson, Sun Country Iris Society)



Left: another view of Joan Citron's garden; right: speaker Lynda Miller giving her talk



Prescott Area Iris Society Report

By Marty Boxer, 1st Vice President

The Prescott Area Iris Society members can report on a great 2023. We have been busy!

Our Spring Show and Sale was a big success, despite an early date and a slow awakening of iris locally. The majority of our blooms arrived a week later! Community support at the Stoneridge Community Center was very good. We enjoyed the day and sold lots of potted iris.

Our membership has grown from 99 last year to 125 today. We meet every two months, and have featured speakers on iris photography, nomenclature, historic iris, and irises around the world. We have had lots of fun with our photography contest and an ice cream social.

July brought us together for digging and dividing iris at the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden - a must-see if you are in Prescott in the Spring. Our monsoon rains were late to arrive, but we dug our home gardens too, and cleaned, marked, and sold over \$9,000 of rhizomes at our July sale - enough to cover our yearly expenses and provide funds for the scholarships we give to local horticultural students

It looks like PAIS will host a Fall Trek in 2024, stay tuned for details!

Below: Rhizome marking party. Photo taken by Jeri Conklin



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www.prescottirissociety.org



At left: Iris show winners documented by photographer Cynthe Brush

Below left: Spring iris sale

Below right: Kurt Conklin at the Yavapai College Garden

Photos taken by Marty Boxer





Sun Country Iris Society Report

By Sharon Petterson, President

Left photo: Judges training on patterns by Denise Stine in Sedona on May 23

Right photo: (left to right) Fred, Dee, Denise and Russ enjoy homemade ice cream from Scott Seeley at our August meeting



Captions for page 29:

Top left: Larry and Dee Wilson share their 50th anniversary at our June meeting

Top right: Kathy Chilton gave a Judges Training on how to prepare iris stalks to enter in an AIS Show on March 23

Middle left: Judging Sun Country AIS Show, April 2023

Middle right: Best Specimen of Show at April AIS Show, a spuria entered by Sharon Petterson

Bottom left: Patrick Orr gave a Judges Training on Luminata iris, May 2023

Bottom right: Scott Seely runs the projector for a program on "Birds and More," given by Tice Suplee of the Rio Salado Audubon Center

Photos taken by Sharon Petterson





Tucson Area Iris Society Report

By Sue Clark, Secretary

The Tucson Area Iris Society held our first AIS-sanctioned show in 15 years in April, spearheaded by Terry Schwartz. We shared the space with the Rose Society of Tucson, so there were lots of flowers! Our president, Kevin Kartchner, who grows far more irises than anyone else in our club, won many ribbons and rosettes. Three members created arrangements to enter in the artistic division, as did several Ikebana practitioners. In May, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service spoke to our group about their operations and website. We do not meet in June or July, and August saw our annual rhizome auction. This member-only fundraiser is always well-attended and successful. We hold our annual rhizome sale in September, during which members and the public can stock up on rhizomes and learn more about growing irises in containers.

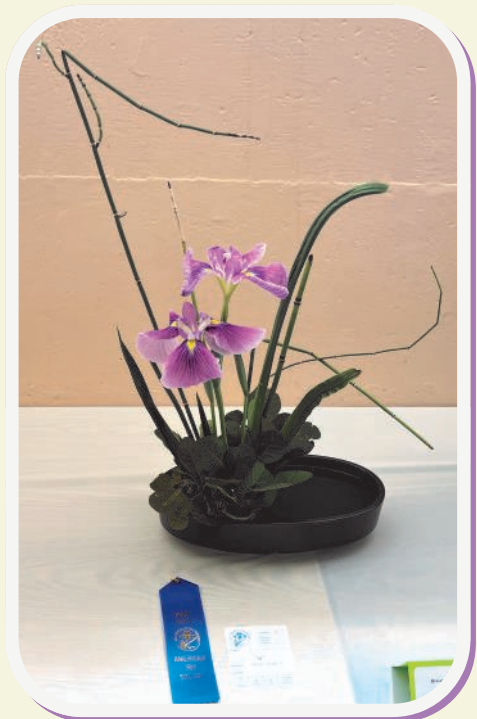


Photos from TAIS show on page 30 and 31 taken by Dave Smith, except above photo taken by Sue Clark

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[TucsonIris.org](https://www.tucsoniris.org)



Photos from TAIS show taken by Dan Smith



AIS Region 15 2023-2024 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location
September, 2023	5	IRIS Monthly Meeting - Region 15 Rhizome Auction and Iris Trade	Riverside, CA
	5	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9-10	<u>SDIS Fall rhizome sale</u> , Balboa Park, Casa del Prado room 101	San Diego, CA
	13	OCIDC Monthly Meeting - Program on iris	Garden Grove, CA
	16	PAIS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Eugene Zielinski - <i>The Wonderful Worldwide Diversity of the Iris Family Continued</i>	Prescott Valley, AZ
	16	HDIDS Monthly Meeting - Region 15 iris auction	Lancaster, CA
	16	<u>TAIS rhizome sale</u> - Harlow Gardens nursery, 9 am to noon	Tucson, AZ
	16-17	<u>IRIS Fall Rhizome Sale</u> at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center	Riverside, CA
	16-17	<u>SDIS Fall rhizome sale</u> , Balboa Park, Casa del Prado room 101	San Diego, CA
	23	Southern California Iris Society - beardless iris (Louisiana) auction	Arcadia, CA
October, 2023	3	IRIS Monthly Meeting - agenda TBC	Riverside, CA
	3	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	5	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - Jill Bonino's Annual Digital Presentation: <i>Regional and National Garden Treks</i>	Canoga Park, CA
	7	<u>Region 15 Fall Meeting</u> (registration form on page 14)	Lompoc, CA
	15	SDIS general meeting - Members-only Region 15 rhizome auction	Lakeside, CA
	21	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	22	Sun Country Iris Society - presentation by David Toth on broken color iris, 2-4 pm at 1809 N. 15th Ave.	Phoenix, AZ
	28	Southern California Iris Society monthly meeting	Arcadia, CA
November, 2023	2	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - GAMES! (we play games for irises)	Canoga Park, CA
	7	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Hybridizing Irises" with guest speaker Riley Probst of Fleur de Lis Iris Garden, Modesto, CA	Riverside, CA
	7	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	12	SDIS general meeting	Lakeside, CA
	18	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	18	PAIS Monthly Meeting - 2024 Board Elections and Program by David Toth - Hybridizer	Prescott Valley, AZ
December, 2023	5	IRIS Monthly Meeting - Christmas Party and Gift Exchange	Riverside, CA
	5	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - Holiday Potluck Party	Canoga Park, CA
	10	SDIS Holiday Party	Ramona, CA
	16	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
January, 2024	2	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	4	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	14	SDIS general meeting	Lakeside, CA
	20	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	27	Southern California Iris Society monthly meeting	Arcadia, CA

Month	Day	Event	Location
February, 2024	1	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	6	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Iris Terminology and Color Patterns, A Judge's Training " (1.5 hours credit) by Beth Train	Riverside, CA
	6	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	11	SDIS annual birthday party with guest speaker Bonnie Nichols	Lakeside, CA
	17	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	24	Southern California Iris Society monthly meeting	Arcadia, CA
March, 2024	5	IRIS Monthly Meeting - agenda TBC	Riverside, CA
	5	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	10	SDIS general meeting	Lakeside, CA
	16	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	24	Southern California Iris Society monthly meeting	Arcadia, CA
April, 2024	2	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Creative Floral Design" program and demonstration by Patricia Clayes, NGC Judge	Riverside, CA
	2	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	4	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	14	SDIS general meeting	Lakeside, CA
	20	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	20	Region 15 Spring Trek (flyer on page 15)	Riverside, CA
May, 2024	4-5	SDIS Spring Show and Sale , Balboa Park, Casa del Prado	San Diego, CA

AIS REGION 15 AFFILIATE SOCIETY MEETINGS

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society (HDIDS) meetings: 1-3 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Antelope Acres Community Center, 8820 West Avenue E-8, Lancaster, CA 93536 unless otherwise stated. HDIDS, P.O. Box 4572 Lancaster, CA 93539
Visit: 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: facebook.com/Inland-Region-Iris-Society

For Lompoc Valley Iris Society meetings contact the LVIS president or visit: facebook.com/Lompoc-Valley-Iris-Society

Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meetings: 2nd Wednesday every month at 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, CA. Inquire with Derry Gerald (562-420-9190) in case meeting has been cancelled.

Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS) meetings are held from 1:30-3:30 pm (except as noted) at Stoneridge Community Center, 1300 Stoneridge Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314. For calendar of events go to www.prescottirissociety.org or [Facebook](https://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 or 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/sanfernandovalleyirissociety

Southern California Iris Society (SCIS), is back to holding 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, July, August, September and October. The Los Angeles Arboretum is located at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA. First in-person meeting since September 2022 was on August 26th. 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

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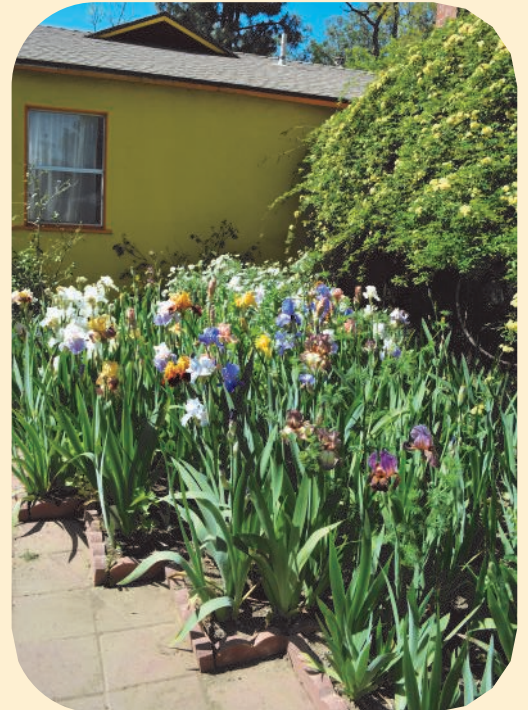
Region 15 Spring Trek 2023



Top left: left to right - Jan Lauritzen; Andi Rivarola, President of SFVIS and AIS; Debbie James; Loren Zeldin



Top right: River bed at Lauren Zeldin's garden



Middle right: One of Lauren Zeldin's many flower beds

Bottom left: TB 'Cowboy Boots' (Mike Sutton, 2021) - Claire Barr Award winner, growing in Jill Bonino's garden; bottom middle and right: TB 'Renegade Lady' (Cheryl Deaton, 2009) - Herb Holk Award winner for best iris by a Region 15 hybridizer, growing in Jill Bonino's garden. There were not enough votes for Bernard Hamner Award (best seedling by a Region 15 hybridizer), Best out of region seedling, Best spuria or Best Louisiana iris.



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TB 'As You Wish' (Johnson, 2023)



TB 'Born To Party' (Johnson, 2023)



TB 'Flying Free' (Johnson, 2023)



TB 'Gone Viral' (Johnson, 2023)



BB 'I Believe' (Johnson, 2023)



TB 'One In A Million' (Johnson, 2023)



TB 'Secret Chord' (Johnson, 2023)



TB 'Shivers' (Johnson, 2023)



TB 'Superhero Kiss' (Johnson, 2023)