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Spring 2023 Semi-Annual Report

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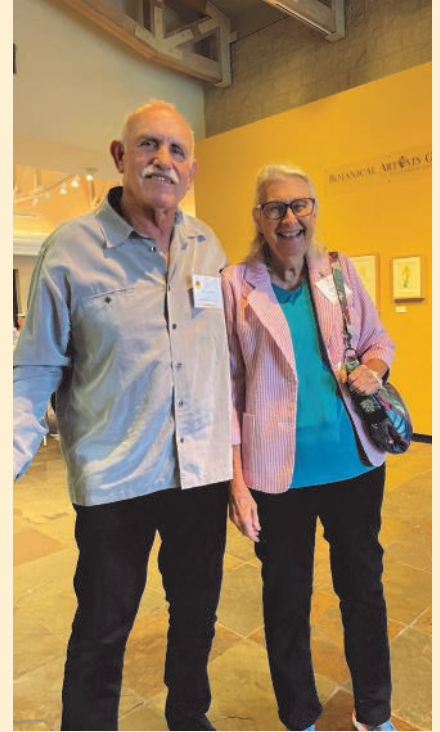
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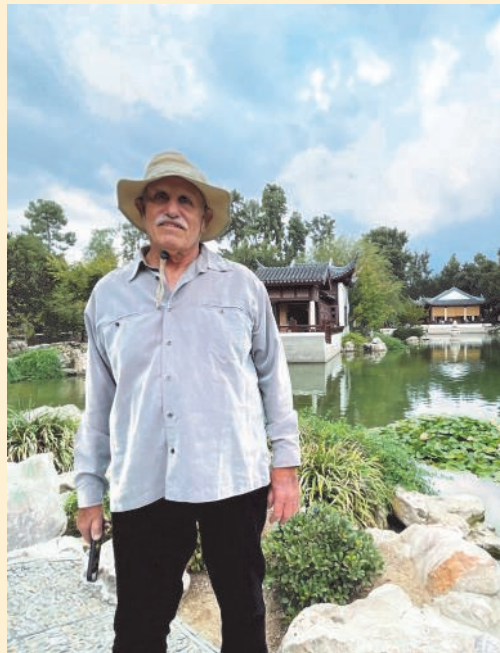
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Region 15 Fall Meeting 2022



Top left: SDIS members Jan Benoit (left) and Tammy Priest (right) with speaker David Toth; top middle: Sue Brown of HDIDS (left) and Debbie James at the Huntington museum; top right: Mason Train of IRIS and Derry Gerald of OCIDC
Bottom left: Beth Train at the Huntington gardens with some of the reblooming iris; bottom middle: Mason Train exploring the Chinese garden at the Huntington; bottom right: Ben and Flo Schleunung of LVIS



Thank you Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society!

Photo Credits: top left - Tammy Priest; all others - Beth and Mason Train of IRIS



Note from the Editor

Hello fellow AIS region 15 members!

It sure has been a wet start to the year! As of March 1st, I got 7.7 inches so far in 2023, and 11.7 inches since September 2022. The storm the last week of February sure was a cold one. I read that places in LA got snow, and I saw some of it on the mountains to the east of Irvine. We got some graupel and learned a new word at the same time (although some family members think it is the same thing as hail). Sadly, it does not seem this was enough for our deserts to have a super-bloom, although there was a rare winter bloom that was triggered by the remnants of Tropical Storm Kay - some places apparently got 4 inches, while I only got 0.2 inches from that storm.

It was nice to see some of you at the Fall 2022 meeting at the Huntington. Well done, HDIDS! That iris quilt sure was beautiful! I hear rumors that there will be another quilt at the spring trek - if true it is not to be missed. I got the last of the speaker's door prize rhizomes: 'Runaway Bride' (David Toth, 2022) with lucky ticket ending in 626 (any Lilo and Stitch fans out there?). I also ended up with the collection of Sutton ornaments from the raffle - putting almost all of your tickets towards one item can definitely pay off. I gifted some of them and the rest decorate my cubicle at work. It is always interesting to learn how to properly pronounce cities and names, such as Toth rhyming with "both" not "moth" or Prescott rhyming with biscuit (at least I hope I remembered that one right).

I am hoping the rains will result in lots of iris blooms. Naturally, the two years that SDIS did not have a show due to the pandemic were the two best iris bloom seasons I have ever had. My irises were shy in 2022 - not a single stalk was in bloom for our show, but hopefully they will make a strong comeback this year.

I hope you, your families, your loved ones and your members are healthy and doing well. Consider ways you can help your club flourish, suggest ideas for getting the public interested in irises, and volunteer your time if you can. The relationships we make and maintain enrich our lives in ways we never saw coming.

Olga Batalov, Editor

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www.region15ais.org



On the Cover: TB 'Football Hero' (Lynda Miller, 2014) - President's Cup in 2015, HM in 2017, AM in 2019, Wister Medal in 2021, American Dykes Medal in 2022, AIS 2023 "Iris of the Year"
 Photo by Claire Schneider

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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2023 Spring Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Canoga Park, CA
2023 Fall Meeting	Lompoc Valley Iris Society	Lompoc, CA
2024 Spring Trek	Inland Region Iris Society	Riverside, CA
2024 Fall Meeting	open	

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks
 from our website

www.region15ais.org

Visit us on Facebook

Membership Update (as of 2/14/2023)



By Mason Train, Membership Chair

TOTAL AIS MEMBERS: 230 (217 adults)
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: Incomplete (see below)
TOTAL YOUTH: 1
TOTAL AFFILIATES: 10 (No change)

AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

IRIS: 42 total members with 1 youth and 17 AIS members

SDIS: 76 families with 1 youth

TAIS: 65 members, 0 youth and 10 AIS members

LVIS: 38 members

HDIDS: 33 members, 3 youth

OCIDC: no report

PAIS: 92 members, 18 AIS members

SoCal-IS: no report

SFVIS: 80 total members with 4 youth and 23 AIS members

SCIS: 35+ members, 0 youth, 14 AIS members

TOTAL AIS MEMBERS: 230 (217 adults, 1 youth, 2 libraries, 10 affiliates)

AZ = 78 (75 adults, 0 youth, 3 affiliates)

CA = 152 (142 adults, 1 youth, 7 affiliates, 2 libraries)



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Janis Shackelford, Region 15 RVP

Hello Irisarians,

January was an atmospheric river - raining and especially cold and the cold continues in February with another atmospheric river. The spring and summer cultivars are still waiting for a warmup, but my reblooming irises are blooming right now. Currently, I have 'Gene Machine,' 'Concertina' and 'Orangelo' blooming right now and 'Desert Roundelay' and 'Faithful' are now sending up stalks.

I was going to report on the outcome of putting ice and ice water on 'Lady Jean.' 'Lady Jean' bloomed in October last year and I looked back at my records. Normally, it bloomed in November or December, so the ice did have an effect. You could experiment and add ice to a reblooming cultivar in the summer and see when it blooms if you keep records.

This year, the AIS is offering a special. If you join or upgrade your AIS membership (at the full membership rate), they will send you a certificate for membership in a section or cooperating society - your choice!

This year's AIS Convention will be hosted by the Iris Society of Dallas, April 12-16, 2023. It will be in a historic town, Grapevine, Texas, and will be occurring before our next Spring Trek.

Please look on the AIS website, under conventions, for more information.

Now, the Trek Wheel.

Inland will commit to the Spring Trek in 2024. Tucson will not commit to the Fall Trek in 2024. Sun Country will not commit to the Spring Trek in 2025 or 2026, since they only have one garden right now. So now we will have to find a club to commit to the Fall Trek in 2024, and a club to commit to the Spring Trek in 2025. I am notifying the clubs in advance of this year's Spring Trek meeting, so you will be able to go to your Board and ask if they are willing to host a Trek. If not, we will have to decide what to do with future Treks.

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/>

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 warm and dry in this long, cold, and wet winter. As I write this, it is 37 degrees outside. It may not seem like it, but spring is just around the corner. With all this rain, I am looking forward to a beautiful and bountiful spring bloom season! The wildflower fields should be in peak bloom soon; the irises ready (fingers crossed) for the iris shows, treks and sales.

Congratulations! The AIS Board approved the advancement of two apprentices to G/E and two students to apprenticeship. Likewise, the Region now has 5 judges certified for Artistic Design. If you are interested in becoming an Artistic Design judge, let me know. The requirements for certification are in this issue, on the Region 15 website and in the judges handbook.

The Region has 20 G/E Judges, 7 Master Judges, 1 Emeritus Judge, 5 Artistic Design Judges, 3 Apprentices, and 9 students.

Region 15 is in need of 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, since membership is a requirement for all persons in the training program. When a student signs an application for the training program, the student will have three years to obtain the 10 hours of training. 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.

Judges and students, please take advantage of training sessions offered in your area, during the regional treks and meetings, and at the national conventions. Visit as many iris gardens as you can this spring and attend JT sessions when available, either in person or online. AIS JT Webinars on Zoom are offered periodically. Past AIS JT Webinars are available to view for free on the AIS YouTube Channel. Don't forget to keep track of your activities and be ready to send your reports in August.

I have approved the following JT sessions: "How to Put on an Iris Show," February 7, 2023 in Riverside, CA for 1.5 hrs credit (IRIS); "Grooming and Exhibiting in the Iris Show," March 7, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ for 1.0 hr credit (SCIS); "Spuria Irises," March 12, 2023 in Lakeside, CA for 1.0 hr credit (SDIS); and "Artistic Design," April 4, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ (SCIS).

Please take note of your AIS membership expiry dates. All judges, accredited or in training, are required to be current AIS members. Check your AIS membership at www.irises.org/web-based-lookup/.

Thank you HDIDS for hosting the well-attended Region 15 Fall Meeting. The program was great, the food delicious, the company delightful. Mason and I likewise enjoyed visiting the different gardens and numerous museums at the Huntington after the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by the San Fernando Valley Iris Society. I plan to attend the AIS National Convention in Grapevine, TX, so I will likely see you there, too.

Wishing you all a gorgeous iris bloom season this spring!

APPOINTMENT OF ARTISTIC DESIGN JUDGES

AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, Edition 8.22, Chapter 1, Pages 7-8

GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION AS ARTISTIC DESIGN JUDGE

A person interested in becoming certified as an artistic design judge should notify the appropriate regional AIS judges training chair and ask about the region's policies regarding this category of judge.

To qualify for this certification, the person must already be an AIS accredited judge. In some cases, an AIS member with vast experience in artistic design or with other floral certifications may qualify for this certification. Eligibility will be determined by the regional AIS judges training chair.

The person must have the current edition of the *AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* in order to study the chapter on Artistic Design.

Training hours required:

- One hour covering Principles of Design, Chapter 27 in the *AIS Handbook*.
- One hour covering the Scale of Points, Chapter 27 in the *AIS Handbook*.
- Two hours of instruction that cover the rest of Chapter 27 in the *AIS Handbook*.
- Two hours of apprenticeship, watching judging of artistic designs at a show.
- Two hours of actual hands-on designing with a design judge (AIS or National Council of State Garden Clubs) or proof of winning a Best Design of Show or a Best of Design Sweepstakes.

Tests given at training sessions must be passed and reported to their regional AIS judges training chair.

An activity report must be completed on a yearly basis until all requirements are met. There is no time limit for completing the eight hours of training. The RVPs will collect the activity report information and pass it along to the appropriate regional AIS judges training chair in a process similar to other judge categories (G/E. master. etc.)

Once a certificate is issued for AIS artistic design judge has been given, nothing else is required unless the Principles of Design change, which is unlikely.



APPOINTMENT OF ARTISTIC DESIGN JUDGES

AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, Edition 8.22, Chapter 1, Pages 8-9

GUIDELINES FOR BEING GRANDFATHERED IN AS AN ARTISTIC DESIGN JUDGE

Any AIS judge or other floral society member judge may be grandfathered in as an AIS artistic design judge if specific requirements have been met. Being a florist may or may not qualify. Qualification will depend on how familiar the person is with the chapter on Artistic Design (Chapter 27, edition 8.0), in the *AIS Handbook for Judges*, especially when specific florist design techniques are not in line with the principles outlined in Chapter 27.

A person interested in being grandfathered in as an artistic design judge should notify the appropriate regional AIS judges training chair and ask about the region's policies regarding this category of judge.

The person must have the current edition of the *AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* and be familiar with the chapter on Artistic Design (Chapter 27 in Edition 8.0), specifically the Artistic Design Point Scale. A written statement that verifies this requirement will be requested by the regional AIS judges training chair.

To demonstrate love of judging design, the regional AIS judges training chair will request proof of the person's record of judging artistic design shows, leading design training sessions, attending design training sessions, awards for Best Design of Show or artistic sweepstakes, or other relevant activities.

The person may be contacted by an AIS judge or the regional judges training chair to answer other questions before being grandfathered in as an artistic design judge.

Once a certificate for AIS artistic design judge has been given, nothing else is required unless the Principles of Design change, which is unlikely.



TREASURER'S REPORT

REGION 15 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer

REGION 15 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
Website	\$495	\$495	\$495
RVP Travel Fund	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Officer expenses (\$250 each)	\$1,000	\$312*	\$1,000
Spring Trek	\$600	\$600	\$800
Fall Trek	\$400	\$400	\$600
Newsletter (2 issues)	\$800	\$989.82	\$1,200
Rhizome shipping	\$400	\$0	\$200
Awards (engraving and postage)	\$100	\$70*	\$100
Miscellaneous	\$200	\$250	\$350
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,995	\$3,116.97	\$5,745

*officer expenses: \$312.11, awards: \$70.04

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
Rhizome Sales	\$3,000	\$5,233.62	\$5,000
Region 15 'basket' donation		\$250	\$250
Investment Interest	\$245	(\$25)	\$225
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,245	\$4,958.62	\$5,475
DEFICIT/PROFIT	(\$1,750)	\$1,841.65	(\$270)

The RVP Travel Fund is meant to help pay for the RVP attendance at the National Convention.

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

Since the newsletter is now an online issue except for less than 50 members of Region 15, this expense should be sufficient to cover its cost.

Postage and shipping expenses are guestimates.

The balance as of 12/31/2022 was \$14,050.66.

Editor's note: Refer to the Winter board meeting minutes on page 11 regarding the 2023 proposed budget for award expenses, which will be reevaluated at the Spring board meeting.

Fall 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

REGION 15 FALL BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2022 AT 10:00 AM

Minutes from Spring Board Meeting, April 22, 2022 - motion to approve as amended by Cheryl Deaton and seconded by Sue Brown. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report for 2022 – Cheryl Deaton

The report is pending audit. Sue Brown motioned for approval. Mason Train seconded the motion.

Judges Training Report – Beth Train

We have 18 G/E judges, 7 Master judges, 1 Emeritus judge, 3 apprentices (2 recommended for advancement to G/E) and 10 students (2 recommended for advancement to apprentice, one moved to TX). Upcoming judges trainings: November 1st in Riverside, CA by Mason Train (IRIS) on “Artistic Design, Container-Grown Iris and Single Blossom entries.” November 5th in Scottsdale, AZ by Dawn Boyer (SCIS) on Artistic Design - 4 hours credit (2 hours each for lecture and hands-on).

Membership Report – Mason Train: 36+ members gained with AIS promotion.

Youth Report – Cheryl Deaton: we need more youth - her grandson is aging out.

Editor Report – Olga Batalov: All reports due by mid-March 2023.

Historian Report – Sue Brown: We need pictures and newsletters to be emailed to Sue.

Affiliate Reports:

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society - Sue Brown - Iris sale in October had few customers. Need to remind people to remember that irises are drought tolerant.

Inland Region Iris Society - Beth Train - Also reported fewer customers at the sale, so leftovers were potted and half will go to the Spring sale. They will host the Spring trek on 4/20/2024.

Lompoc Valley Iris Society - Struggling with membership but officers will be elected. 15 irises were donated to a high school horticulture club.

Orange County Iris & Daylily Club - Lois Farr - A small number of members are keeping the club alive and happy, following traditions and maintaining meetings.

Prescott Area Iris Society - Sales are good, monsoon rains, earned \$6400 including silent auction. They will restart education in the college this spring 2023. In the Sculpture Garden, 300-450 irises were planted. Tasco donated over 150 cultivars, which were planted at the garden. They have 99 members.

San Diego Iris Society - Hosted the Spring Trek. Fall sale is 2 weekends, Saturdays were busy but Sundays were not. They will have an auction in October, master gardener presentation in November, party in December and program on Artistic Design in January.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society - Cheryl Deaton shared about the upcoming 2023 Spring Trek. The hotel will be in Warner Center, Woodland Hills, and registrations will be approximately \$100-125 per person, with \$179 for the hotel. More information will be made available at the next board meeting in January 2023.

Southern California Iris Society - The club was kicked out of their current location due to remodel. They are using Zoom for their meetings. A Holiday party is planned and the first sale since Covid is also coming this year. The club is also reaching out to the homeless.

No reports from Sun Country Iris Society or Tucson Area Iris Society.

Spring Trek discussion – San Diego Iris Society's expenses for the 2022 Spring Trek were \$2500 over income. There were 50 attendees.

National Convention Basket – Each club is to send \$25 for the AIS basket (for a total of \$250 from our region) by January 7th, 2023. Motion by Lucie George, seconded by Sue Brown.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am - motioned by Cheryl Deaton, seconded by Sue Brown. The winter board meeting will be on Saturday January 7, 2023 at 9 am via Zoom. Please send Debbie James the link.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Farr.

Winter 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

REGION 15 WINTER BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2022 AT 9:00 AM

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:10 am PST, January 7, 2023.

Attendees: Cheryl Deaton, Janis Shackelford, Olga Batalov, Beth and Mason Train, Andi Rivarola, Lucie George, Sue Brown, and Claire Schneider.

Minutes from Fall Board Meeting, October 22, 2022 - motion to approve as amended by Claire Schneider and seconded by Andi Rivarola. Motion approved.

Budget for 2023 – Cheryl Deaton

The spreadsheet of the proposed budget 2023 was shared online. Claire Schneider reported that the supply of trophies is low and asked that the amount for awards be increased so that she can purchase more trophies. However, she was not able to give a specific amount and suggested using \$1500. Cheryl reported that one of the affiliates has not yet deposited their income from the rhizome auction. After more discussion, it was decided to table the approval of the 2023 Budget until the Spring Meeting.

Judges Training Report – Beth Train

There is one new student judge and four judges certified for AIS artistic design. The requirements for certification as an artistic design judge are posted on the Region 15 website.

Membership Report – Mason Train

Mason asked that each of the affiliate presidents send him their current membership count, including which ones have an AIS membership.

Awards Report – Claire Schneider

The supply of trophies is low. Claire will present a proposal for the purchase of more trophies at the Spring 2023 Board Meeting.

Youth Report – Cheryl Deaton

There are no youth members, currently.

Editor Report – Olga Batalov

Olga requests that the deadline for the submission of affiliate and committee reports and minutes be March 1st.

Historian Report – Sue Brown

Sue requests that all newsletters be sent to her so they can be archived, especially from the Arizona affiliates. Currently, Lompoc does not have a newsletter.

Affiliate Reports:

- High Desert Iris & Daylily Society's Spring Show will be April 29 & 30, and is open to everyone.
- Inland Region Iris Society's Spring Show is scheduled for April 8.
- San Diego Iris Society's Spring Show will be on May 6 & 7 in Balboa Park. Sunday, January 8th, Anna Cadd will give an Artistic Design program. Saturday, February 11, Jim Hedgecock will give his program, "Shoot Out between Spuria and Tall Bearded Iris."
- San Fernando Valley Iris Society is not having a show this year because they are hosting the Region 15 Spring Trek 2023.
- Lompoc Valley Iris Society will have a garden tour instead of a show. They are planning a sale in July. They have been meeting in member's backyards and garages.
- Southern California Iris Society has been meeting via Zoom as they continue to look for a permanent venue for their meetings.

No reports from Sun Country Iris Society, Tucson Area Iris Society, Orange County Iris & Daylily Society, or Prescott Area Iris Society.

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New Business:

- Cheryl Deaton, treasurer, will send a check for \$250 from Region 15 to the AIS convention.
- AIS Convention 2023 will be in Dallas. Details and registration form are online.
- Jody Nolin has sent the 2023 Affiliate Application to all the affiliate presidents. Each president needs to complete the form and return to their RVP. It is efficient to fill out the form online.

Trek Wheel:

- Spring Trek 2023, April 21 & 22, will be hosted by San Fernando Valley Iris Society (SFVIS). Cheryl Deaton and Debbie James are co-chairs. Lynda Miller will do a JT Friday night on MTB irises and a presentation Saturday on her hybridizing work. There are four gardens with a JT at the last garden. Registration fee is \$125, which will include a bus ride to the gardens, lunch, and banquet. The hotel cost is \$179 per night if you mention Iris Society. Because this is the 50th anniversary of San Fernando Valley Iris Society, the theme of the Trek is "Our Golden Journey." Donations of items for the raffle will be welcomed. E.g., iris-themed items, garden equipment, MTB iris, etc.
- Fall Meeting 2023 will be hosted by Lompoc. They are working with a speaker to coordinate the date and have a couple of venues to consider. Final details will be announced at the Spring Trek 2023 meeting.
- Spring Trek 2024 will be hosted by Inland Region Iris Society on Saturday April 20.
- Fall Meeting 2024 date and host TBD, maybe by Tucson Area Iris Society.
- Spring Trek 2025 date and host TBD, maybe by Sun Country (Phoenix).
- Fall Meeting 2025 date and host TBD, maybe by Prescott Area Iris Society.

Announcements:: There is an affiliate meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 5 pm PST. It is a Zoom meeting. Janis will forward the link to all the affiliate presidents.

Motion to adjourn at 9:58 am by Cheryl Deaton.

Respectfully submitted by 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.

The American Iris Society



Check AIS membership status:
[irises.org/web-based-lookup/](https://www.irises.org/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

Send payments to:

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P.O. Box 6

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Phone: (515) 597-4240

E-mail: aismemsec@irises.org



www.AISYouth.com

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

AIS CONVENTIONS

2023 AIS Convention

2023 April 12-16, Dallas, TX

2023 Convention Chair: Bonnie J. Nichols

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www.irises-dallas.org/isd-events/2023-ais-convention/

2024 AIS/Japanese Convention

2024 June 25-29, Portland, OR

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2025 Convention

2025 June 2-7, Billings, MT

2025 Convention Co-Chair: Delane H. Langton

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FUTURE SECTION CONVENTIONS

2024 Louisiana & Spuria Iris Joint Mini-Convention

April 25-27, 2024: Dallas, TX

2023 Convention Chair: Bonnie J. Nichols

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For most current additional information, visit
[irises.org/aismembers/conventions/](https://www.irises.org/aismembers/conventions/)

FUTURE REGION 15 TREKS

2023 Fall Trek

Lompoc Valley Iris Society

October 7, 2023: Lompoc, CA

2024 Spring Trek

Inland Region Iris Society

April 20, 2024: Riverside, CA



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THE REGION 15 2023 SPRING TREK
“Our Golden Journey” SFVIS 50th Anniversary
APRIL 21-22, 2023**



REGISTRATION (each registrant should fill out a separate form)

NAME (as you want it on your badge) _____
ADDRESS _____ **Email** _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ **Phone** _____
Club Affiliation(s) _____ **AIS Judge?** ____ **Yes** ____ **No**
FOOD ALLERGIES? _____ **MOBILITY ISSUES?** _____

TREK HOTEL

Woodland Hills Marriott, 21850 Oxnard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 Tel# 818-887-4800

Group rate: \$179 per night plus taxes (up to four people in the room). Please use this link to make your hotel reservations: <https://bit.ly/region15trek2023>. The hotel will not accept phone reservations.

TREK GARDENS

Four Trek gardens, with Guest Iris in each one. Transportation will be by air-conditioned bus with restroom facilities on board. There are no mask requirements for the bus or in the gardens.

TREK COSTS (circle your choice)

Full Registration (includes garden tours, trek book, goodie bag, boxed lunch and Saturday night Awards Banquet): choose your entrée

___ grilled chicken breast ___ teriyaki glazed salmon ___ vegetable risotto **\$ 125**

Garden Tours only (includes everything above, except Banquet): **\$ 50**

Banquet Only: ___ grilled chicken breast ___ teriyaki glazed salmon ___ veggie risotto **\$ 75**

Youth (under age 19) Full Registration: choose your entrée for banquet **\$ 65**

___ grilled chicken breast ___ teriyaki glazed salmon ___ veggie risotto

JUDGES TRAINING

Friday night, April 21: JT on Miniature Tall Bearded iris by Dykes Medal winning hybridizer Lynda Miller!! Lynda will also be our speaker at the Saturday night Banquet.

Saturday April 22: In Garden JT on Tall Bearded iris by Jill Bonino in her garden. ___YES ___NO

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO “SFVIS.” MAIL TO JILL BONINO, 3110 KIRKHAM DRIVE, GLENDALE, CA 91206 Email: jillbiris62@gmail.com or Phone 818-404-4216

AFTER APRIL 1, PRICE GOES UP TO \$150. DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS APRIL 15, 2023. DEADLINE FOR CANCELLING IS APRIL 15, 2023.

AIS Region 15 FALL TREK 2023

October 7

Hosted by LVIS



3955 Apollo Way, Lompoc, CA 93436

lompocvillageinn.com

(Further information to follow)



8 am Registration

9 am Board Meeting with Janis Shackelford, RVP

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

by Tom Johnson, Mid America Iris Gardens

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

REMEMBERING RICHARD JAMISON



Richard Jamison passed away at age 85 on November 29, 2022 in Antelope Acres, CA. He will forever be remembered as a beloved Husband and Father. He was also a loving Grandfather, Great Grandfather and a Great Great Grandfather of far too many to count. He took great pride in the beautiful family he and Norma built. Richard was a man of great wisdom, incredible experience and the pure love of an understanding heart. His sense of humor and stories told will never be forgotten and the legacy he leaves behind is one to be cherished by many.

Richard was born on December 13, 1936. He retired from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department after 30 years. Then, he was a teacher at the Antelope Valley College for 25 years.

He and Norma built a home in Antelope Acres with a garden full of irises. There were numerous TBs, many BBs, a few IBs and some LAs. He was the President of Hi-Desert Iris and Daylily Society from 2006 to 2008. Throughout the years, Richard and Norma had donated

anywhere between 500 to 2000 rhizomes per year for sale to Hi-Desert Iris and Daylily Society. He and Norma opened their garden for the 2008 Region 15 Spring Trek. During the 2017 Region 15 Spring Trek, we enjoyed the guest irises in his garden with a fabulous lunch.

We will always remember Richard for the many years of dedication and service to the people. He built many friendships along the way that he kept until the end. He will be missed terribly and forever in our hearts.

Photo taken by Beth Train at Region 15 Spring Trek on April 22nd, 2017.

BEAUTIFUL VINTAGE JAPANESE IRIS PAINTINGS

Special thanks to Jillian Ford and the San Fernando Valley Iris Society for sharing a link to these wonderful public domain watercolors (40 in total from around 1910, artist unknown) in their February 2023 newsletter.

See them all here: www.pictureboxblue.com/vintage-japanese-iris-paintings/

Shippo - Cloisonnée



Shuchu no Hana - Flower in The Wine Cup



Hō-ō-jō - Bird Of Paradise Castle



Shishi-odori - Lion Dance



REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

By Sue Brown, President

Spring is coming. With rain in January and February, the experts are predicting a super bloom in the coming months. I hope their prediction was correct. Because of the rain, my garden has many new growths. In the Antelope Valley, many night temperatures are at freezing or below. I am so glad that, unlike other plants in my garden, irises can tolerate freezing temperatures. The rain also bring in weeds. I pull them. After another rainy day, the weeds are back. It is a losing battle. The Antelope Valley was dusted with snow last night. It was so beautiful as I looked out of the window with snow on top of Joshua trees.

As of our February meeting, we have 47 adult members and 3 youths. 17 of us are AIS members.

We had a holiday party at the Antelope Acres Community Center for the December meeting. We all had fun. The food was delicious. There was a gift exchange. Many of us came to the party wearing holiday sweaters for the contest. There were prizes for the ugliest, cutest and prettiest.

Cheryl and Allie Deaton presented a program on irises for our January meeting. There was a demonstration on how to prepare a stalk of iris for the show.

Carol Collins from Antelope Valley chapter of the Audubon Society came for the February meeting and presented a slide show on plants that attract pollinators. It was very informative because she included gardens in the high desert.

The March meeting is all about preparation for the Show & Sale. The last time we had one was in 2019. We all needed a refresher course.

Our Show & Sale is scheduled on April 29 & 30 at the Elks Lodge. It is a new location for us.

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Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

By Derry Gerald, President

Hello everyone. I always say, "I hate the rain, but I won't complain because we need it." Now I say, 'ENOUGH ALREADY!'

There is a war in my garden - weeds against the flowers. My bulbs are blooming or about to. The daffodils always make me smile. The iris are growing well. I have great hopes for a wonderful bloom season.

Our election resulted in: Derry Gerald, president; Bobby Hogancamp, vice-president; Frank Hogancamp, treasurer, and Peggy Sheldon, secretary. Our very long time treasurer and editor needed to retire. Our many thanks for many, many years of service go out to her.

We are still a very small group now, but we are making plans for our new year. Our March meeting will be all about bees. We will be having member only auctions for both iris and daylilies for our gardens. Bobbie is busy lining up future speakers for our fun filled year.

Hope to see you soon at the Region trek.

Love, *Derry*

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Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report

By Judy Lauriello, Secretary

The Lompoc Valley Iris Society had another successful year. Our membership numbers are currently at 38. Our club continues to reach out to our local community. At the October meeting, Jennifer Watkins, one of our members, reported that she had donated 15 iris to the Horticulture Club of Cabrillo High School here in Lompoc. As a result, Lompoc Valley Iris Society will be offering student membership to the Horticulture Club members at a discounted rate. A few of our members offered to sponsor some students as well.

Our first meeting of the year is always a dinner with spouses and guests invited to attend. This year, the dinner was held at the Mission Club restaurant here in Lompoc. The venue was lovely, the food was delicious and we had a marvelous turnout. One of our members, Tagen Baker, was in charge of our annual photo contest this year. She took it upon herself to create beautiful calendars using photos that were submitted for the contest. Tagen had these calendars available for members at the dinner. They were well received.

At our upcoming meeting in March, we will be discussing the details of our Annual Garden Tour held the last weekend of April. We have enjoyed a great turnout at this event for the last 2 years. Several of our members offer their gardens for viewing. One of our members, Ken Ainsle, has hundreds of iris planted at the Clairmont Lavender Farm in Los Olivos, CA. With permission of the owners, Meryl Ann Tanz and Sean Crowder, we will be including the farm as part of our Annual Garden Tour in 2023.

Additionally, the Lompoc Valley Iris Society is diligently planning for the Fall Trek we are hosting in October. Our club is eagerly anticipating this event. We are also looking forward to our annual picnic in June, our Rhizome Sale in July, as well as our August potluck and society iris exchange. We are ready for an active and memorable 2023 for the Lompoc Valley Iris Society.

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Inland Region Iris Society Report

By Beth Train, President

Rain, sleet, hail, graupel, snow! I've seen it all, sometimes all in one day. I hope you are keeping warm and dry.

The weather's been so cold it is hard to imagine that spring will ever come but fear not: crocuses, iris reticulatas, daffodils, hyacinths and other spring bulbs have started blooming. Median irises and tall bearded irises will follow soon.

Fall rebloom season was off to a good start. IRIS members participated in our club's annual Reblooming Iris Display. Winter rebloom was less than stellar - there was too much rain and temperatures were too low to encourage rebloom. Anyhow, we are hopeful that the weather will warm up soon in time for our IRIS SHOW on April 8th.

Fall was a busy time for our dedicated and hard-working iris members. A loyal customer, who had to downsize her vast iris collection because of water restrictions, donated hundreds of rhizomes to our club, which members dug and potted. Members also planted rhizomes in the iris beds in early winter. Kudos and many thanks to the members!

The December Christmas Party and Gift Exchange went well. We had fun, ate too much, and enjoyed the Cookie Exchange (photo of Beth sampling the cookies at right). The next meeting was February 2023. I presented a JT program on "How To Put On An Iris Show."

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:



- March 7 — Demonstration and Hands-On Training on Preparing Iris Bloom Stalks for the Iris Show, by Carol Morgan and Beverley Fortune
- April 4 — "Artistic Floral Design Using Irises," demo class by Ron Lang (NGC)
- April 8 — IRIS SHOW and Potted Iris SALE at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center (JMDC), Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, CA
- April 29-30 — Rhizome and Potted Iris Sale at the Riverside Community Flower Show and Garden Tour, Elk's Lodge, Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA
- May 2 — "Let's Get Buggy with Rocking Lady Bugs." Back by popular demand, Penny Culbertson guides members on how to paint lady bugs on rocks
- June 6 — "Beach Party Bingo"

Thank you Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society for hosting the Fall Meeting last October. Several IRIS members attended. We enjoyed meeting and seeing fellow Region 15 affiliates.

I am looking forward to the Spring Trek hosted by the San Fernando Valley. 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.

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

Beth 2/28/2023

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Top left: Mason Train at the Huntington Museum (painting: “Irises” by Helen Lundeberg. Oil on canvas, 1936). Top right: IRIS members attend the Fall meeting - front, left to right: Carolyn, Penny; back, left to right: Sandy, Mason, Odelia, Beth

Middle: IRIS members dig donated rhizomes, October (left) and November 2022 (middle and right)

Bottom left: Potting crew - left to right: Sandy, Maggie, Odelia, Charlotte

Bottom right: Ken and Jane at the Christmas Party

Photos by Mason and Beth Train





San Diego Iris Society Report

By Claire Schneider, President

Hello, everyone!

We are off to a great start in 2023. Anna Cadd gave a program on artistic design at our January meeting. She drove 11 hours all the way to San Diego, bringing a slide program and multiple boxes of floral supplies. After her slide program, all the club members were invited to create their own artistic design using her floral supplies plus flowers SDIS had provided. While our members worked, Anna moved around the room, making careful and subtle suggestions that ultimately improved each arrangement. "Try moving this flower to the other side" and "perhaps if you turned your vase this way" were examples of her gentle suggestions. Her final message was that every club show should include an artistic design division. Anna, we got the message!! Thank you for a terrific lesson!!

On February 11th, SDIS celebrated its 60th anniversary. It was a great party (photos at right). We invited Jim Hedgecock to repeat his "Shoot Out Between Tall Bearded and Spuria Iris" program. Remember that he gave this program at the 2021 Fall Meeting in Prescott, AZ? He showed beautiful pictures and gave lots of advice. Everyone enjoyed it, including those of us who saw him in Prescott.

On March 12th, there will be a follow-up program on spuria at the Lakeside Historical Society, 9906 Maine Ave, Lakeside, CA. Because of the upcoming Region 15 Spring Trek and the AIS Convention in Dallas, the SDIS Board decided to cancel the April meeting. Our Spring Show and Sale 2023 will be held in room 101 of Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego on May 6 and 7. The last meeting of the 2022-2023 season will be June 11th at the Lakeside Historical Society, where awards from the spring show will be given. SDIS does not meet in July or August.

Our Fall Rhizome sales will be held September 9, 10, 16 and 17 in room 101 of Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego.



Top: Jim Hedgecock, photo taken by Claire Schneider

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Bottom: Claire and Janis, photo taken by Jan Benoit



Top left: Anna Cadd, speaker at our January meeting; top middle: arrangement by Beth Train visiting from Inland Region Iris Society, middle row: three of Anna's arrangements; top right and bottom left: two arrangements by our members

Credits: top middle and bottom left photos taken by Olga Batalov; rest of photos taken by Claire Schneider



San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

By Andi Rivarola, President

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society held its first program on January 5th with the program "Los Angeles Native Plant Advocacy: Why and How?" Charles Miller discussed the importance of native plant landscaping to biodiversity, energy and water use, climate change, and other issues you may have never thought were connected.

On February 2nd, Andi Rivarola, Spuria Iris Society President, held a program on spuria iris. The program focused on spuria iris species and the many ways of growing these irises in our gardens.

On March 2nd, Ken, a botanist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Ventura Field Office, will be giving a presentation on Dudleyas, highlighting the vulnerability of many species due to land development and poaching. As poachers often target niche populations of plants, Ken's work is crucial in protecting these important ecosystems.

The April 6th program will focus the club's energy into preparing for the upcoming Region 15 Trek to be held in the area.

As usual, our May 4th program will primarily focus on putting together a live mini show for beardless irises, primarily spuria and Louisiana irises.

The June program is our "elections night."

Top right: Spuria photo taken by Andi Rivarola.

Middle right: TB 'Just The Ticket' blooming in February at the garden of SFVIS members Marianne and Richard Davis in Encino, CA.

Bottom row: photos from February meeting taken by Andi Rivarola.



Spuria 'Missouri Rivers'



TB 'Just The Ticket'



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Southern California Iris Society Report

By Jill Bonino, SCIS Treasurer

SCIS had a fabulous Holiday Party at Clearman's Northwoods Inn on December 17, 2022 in Rosemead.

Nineteen members and family members brought wrapped gifts (garden related) for a gift exchange that followed a huge lunch. Lots of laughs and lots of cheese bread was passed around.



Derry Gerald (left) with Jill Bonino (right)

Mike, Steven and Elaine Monninger



Photo credits: Anne Michaelson

Until July 2023, SCIS will be meeting on Zoom, as the LA Arboretum is doing remodeling on their entrance, which includes the Classroom space where we meet and Ayres Hall where we have our Show. There will be no Iris Show for SCIS in 2023. We will be selling iris at the South Coast Plaza 2023 Spring Garden Show held in Costa Mesa on April 20-23. This is our Club's biggest fundraiser of the year.

In August, we will have our members only Club auction of several different classes of recent bearded iris introductions (Tall bearded, arilbreds, some medians, novelty) depending on what we receive. Bidding starts at \$2 and if you are not paying attention, someone will "steal" it for \$2.

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Prescott Area Iris Society Report

By Dennis Luebkin, Past President

Our 2022 season ended in January with review of our 2022 season and planning for our 2023 season. Several Board Members have switched positions within the Board. Our current positions consist of:

President:	-vacant-
Past President:	Dennis Luebkin
1st VP:	Marty Boxer
2nd VP:	Vicki Hughes
Secretary:	Jeri Conklin
Treasurer:	Sherry Williams
Newsletter:	Judy Book
Member at Large:	Kathleen Shaffer
Membership:	Robin Walter
Publicity:	Sandi Shilling
Education:	Sharon Luebkin
Hospitality:	Deb Wade
Yavapai College Sculpture Garden:	Dennis Luebkin
Embry- Riddle University Garden:	Kathleen Shaffer
Sharlot Hall Museum Garden:	Diane Thornbrugh
Guardian Gardens Coordinator:	Cynthe Brush
Facebook Coordinator:	Barb McCurry

Our membership now stands at 99. The Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College and our other gardens continue undergoing a two-year upgrade to amend soil, upgrade irrigation, provide new planting areas and plant additional irises. Since the Sculpture Garden is adjacent to the fine arts building and theater, the themes for the additional irises will be related to the fine arts: music, art, dance, Broadway, and literature. We added a complete collection of Rick Tasco and Roger Duncan irises to the Sculpture Garden in 2022.

Our education program in the schools will start again this spring. We hope to continue our classes at Yavapai College and begin new classes at the Sharlot Hall Museum.

We currently provide an annual scholarship of \$1,000 for horticultural students at Yavapai College. Also, 2023 will be our last year for funding our \$10,000 endowment scholarships for horticultural students to honor Francell Edwards, Arizona Hybridizer and friend of PAIS.

We will be returning to our spring iris show, the “Kaleidoscope Of Color,” and potted iris sale on April 29th, and will continue with our July rhizome sale again after a long hiatus due to Covid. Funds raised from our two sales go to support our scholarship programs and food bank charities.

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Top left: PAIS potting party

Top right: President Dennis Luebkin at Yavapai College garden

Middle left: A giant clump awaits dividing at Sharlot Hall museum in Prescott, AZ

Bottom left: PAIS community outreach at Prescott Farmers Market

Photos by Martin Boxer





Sun Country Iris Society Report

By Sharon Petterson, President

Sun Country Iris Society has had many opportunities to get together for educational meetings, celebrations, garden tours, hybridizing, and judges training.

Ardi Kary, a longtime member, has focused on growing our own judges and arranged many judges' training sessions over the last years. We have 3 members in higher elevations, so we visit gardens that bloom later than in the Phoenix area. Every year, we have enjoyed going to these gardens for judges training and a delicious lunch - Darol Jurn in Sedona, Hall Bradshaw and Cliff Morris in Payson, and Lyn and Bill DeHaven in Forest Lakes at 7000 feet. We now have 1 Master judge and 9 Garden/Exhibition judges, 2 of which are also Artistic Design judges, as well as 3 apprentice judges.

We have lively monthly meetings at the Valley Garden Center in Phoenix.

SCIS held 4 rhizome sales in the fall with irises dug from members' gardens. We often get new members at the iris sales and share lots of information with many people who comment "I didn't know we could grow irises in the desert."

We hold an annual photo contest and auction new introductions to our members that we purchase from 3 commercial growers. Lifetime relationships are formed through working together in the iris society.



Left photo: Officers installed for 2023: Sharon Petterson - President, Mary Platner - Vice President, Valerie Wielgus - Secretary, Scott Seeley - Treasurer, and Dale Liggett - Past President. Missing from the photo are directors Ardi Kary and Nancy Evans.

Right photo: Everyone enjoyed dinner at our Holiday party, which included fun games.

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Top left: Judges training by Denise Stine in Sedona at Darol Jurn's garden on May 7th, 2022.



Top right: Cheryl Dreska did a judges training in Payson at Hall Bradshaw and Cliff Morris' garden on May 14th 2022.



Middle left: Fall iris sale in Gilbert on September 24th. Middle right: Dawn Boyer gave a judges training on artistic design on November 5th, with each participant making a design.



Bottom right: New Year's resolutions - our January 2023 program was on healthy tips to stay in shape for gardening by Autumn Hunt, fitness trainer.

Photos by Sharon Petterson





Tucson Area Iris Society Report

By Sue Clark, Secretary

The Tucson Area Iris Society finished strong in the second half of 2022 with annual events: Auction, Sale, Photo Contest, and Potluck. With 30 people at our August Auction, it was the best-attended meeting in many years! Most members went home with new rhizomes to grace their gardens. The Region 15 rhizomes brought in over \$1100! We honored one of our deceased members with a collection to rhizomes to distribute to members in her memory. Our Rhizome Sale in September is our big fund-raiser, and this year was no exception with over \$3000 to boost our treasury. We donated the 40 rhizomes left at the end of the morning to the nursery who graciously hosts our sale each year. Photos for our Contest are posted on our website and members submit votes via email. Categories are: Individual iris flower or stalk, macro view of an iris flower, and miscellaneous or garden view of iris. Three prizes are bestowed per category. The quality of the photos goes up each year, as members incorporate tips from speakers and articles from the past few years. We held our annual potluck dinner at the home of Bonnie, one of our members. Besides being a social time, we have fun with a plant and seed exchange that has grown through recent years. In January, our president, Kevin, reviewed iris color patterns and forms. In April, we look forward to our first judged show in over ten years. Our newsletter continues to be well-received by members and others.



Calendar:

Feb 11: Chad Harris of Mt Pleasant Iris Farm on hybridizing Japanese irises

Mar 11: Speaker on AIS Show preparations - details TBA

April 22: TAIS Iris Show

May: date and topic TBA

June-July: no meetings

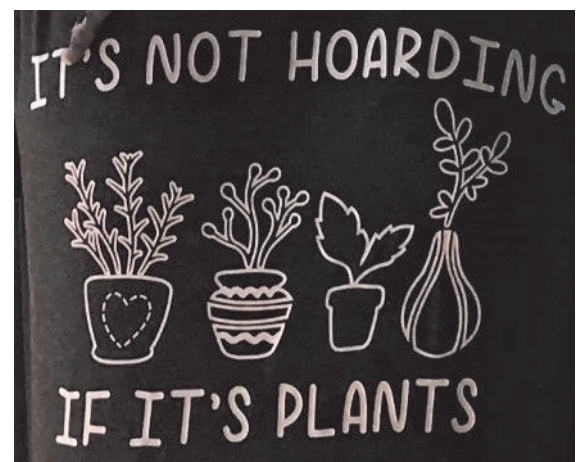
Aug: Auction

Sept: Rhizome Sale

October: Photo Contest

Nov: Potluck

Dec: no meeting



Photos by Dave Smith and Sue Clark. Top right: 'Dracula's Kiss' - macro photo contest entry by Sue Clark.

Bottom right: message on member Cathy Pane-Scire's t-shirt that we can all relate to

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Above: photos from meetings and rhizome sale
Top left: August meeting, top right and middle left: September rhizome sale, bottom left: November potluck, bottom right: long-time member Sam Wymer

Below: Sue Clark's photo contest entries
Left: *Iris pseudacorus* at the Arboretum - flower category
Right: Darol Jurn's garden - garden category



AIS Region 15 2023 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location
April, 2023	4	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Floral Design Using Irises" by Ron Lang	Riverside, CA
	4	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	6	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - preparing for Region 15 trek	Canoga Park, CA
	8	<u>IRIS Spring Show and Potted Plant Sale</u> at the JMDC	Riverside, CA
	12	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	15	HDIDS Monthly Meeting	Lancaster, CA
	20-23	<u>Southern California Iris Society iris sale</u> - South Coast Plaza	Costa Mesa, CA
	21-22	<u>Region 15 Spring Trek</u> , hosted by San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Woodland Hills, CA
	22	PAIS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Master Gardener Lauren Pausi - <i>Spring Planting</i>	Prescott Valley, AZ
	22	<u>TAIS Iris Show</u> at Trinity Presbyterian Church, more info on website	Tucson, AZ
	29	<u>PAIS spring iris show and potted iris sale</u>	Prescott Valley, AZ
	29-30	<u>IRIS Rhizome and Potted Iris Sale</u> at Elk's Lodge, Riverside, CA	Riverside, CA
	29-30	<u>HDIDS spring show and sale</u> at Elk's Lodge, Lancaster, CA	Lancaster, CA
	29-30	LVIS Annual Garden Tour	Lompoc, CA
May, 2023	2	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Let's Get Buggy with Rocking Lady Bugs"	Riverside, CA
	2	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	4	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - live mini show for beardless irises	Canoga Park, CA
	6-7	<u>SDIS Spring Show and Sale</u> - Balboa Park, Casa del Prado rm 101	San Diego, CA
	10	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
June, 2023	1	SFVIS Monthly Meeting - elections night	Canoga Park, CA
	6	IRIS Monthly Meeting - "Beach Party Bingo"	Riverside, CA
	6	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	11	SDIS general meeting - Spring Show Awards and Ice cream social	Lakeside, CA
	14	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	17	PAIS Monthly Meeting - Photo Contest and Silent Iris Auction	Prescott Valley, AZ
July, 2023	4	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
	6	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	12	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	29	<u>PAIS Rhizome Sale</u> , 10 am - 2 pm	Prescott Valley, AZ
August, 2023	1	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
	1	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	3	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	26	SCIS Monthly Meeting - members-only iris auction	Arcadia, CA

Month	Day	Event	Location
September, 2023	5	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
	5	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9-10	SDIS Fall rhizome sale, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado room 101	San Diego, CA
	13	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	16	PAIS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Eugene Zielinski - <i>The Wonderful Worldwide Diversity of the Iris Family Continued</i>	Prescott Valley, AZ
	16-17	SDIS Fall rhizome sale, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado room 101	San Diego, CA
October, 2023	3	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
	3	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	5	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	7	Region 15 Fall Meeting (registration form on page 15)	Lompoc, CA
	8	SDIS general meeting - Members-only Region 15 rhizome auction	Lakeside, CA
	11	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
November, 2023	2	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	7	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
	7	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	12	SDIS general meeting	Lakeside, CA
	15	OCIDC Monthly Meeting	Garden Grove, CA
	18	PAIS Monthly Meeting - 2024 Board Elections and Program by David Toth - Hybridizer	Prescott Valley, AZ

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.

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.

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/sanfernandovalley.irissociety

Southern California Iris Society (SCIS), normally 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, July, August, September and October. The Los Angeles Arboretum is located at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA. Note: refer to page 25 about how in-person meetings are not currently possible here. 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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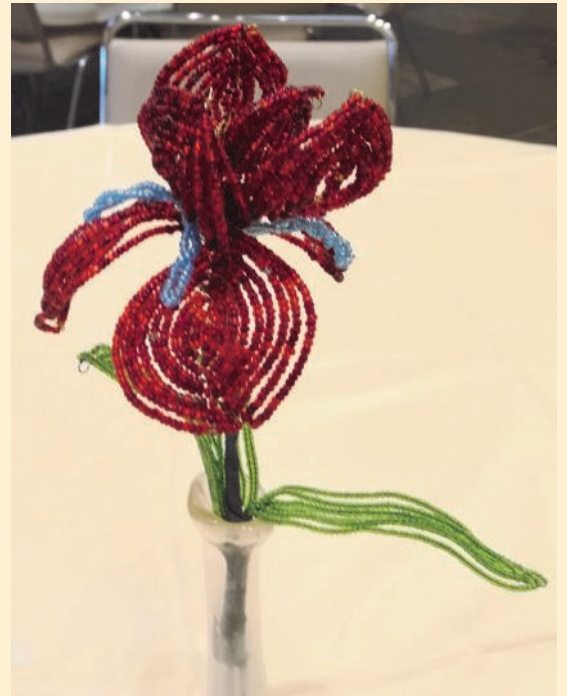
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Top row, bottom left and bottom middle: Cheerful beaded irises greeted us as centerpieces on the tables in the break area

Bottom right: Up for special raffle was a fabulous iris quilt handmade by HDIDS member Tina Estrada Rohl. Here it is held up by two HDIDS members, Wayne Kiger on the left and vice president Allie Deaton on the right, to show off its splendor for all to see.



Thank you Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society!

Photo Credits: Olga Batalov, SDIS (centerpieces) and Beth Train, IRIS (quilt)

Miniature Tall Bearded (MTBs)



'Hippy Chick' (Lynda Miller 2016)
Photo taken at AIS convention by Janis Shackelford



'Bingo Markers' (Lynda Miller 2017)
Photo taken at AIS convention by Janis Shackelford



MTB 'Breakfast in Bed' (Bunnell 2014)
Photo taken by Claire Schneider in her garden



MTB 'Going Dotty' (Markham 2010)
Photo taken by Claire Schneider in her garden



'In My Veins' (Bunnell 2009)
Photo by Claire Schneider



MTB 'Holiday in Mexico' (Probst 2012)
Photo by Claire Schneider in her garden



MTB 'Josephs Coat Katkamier' (Katkamier 1930)
Photo taken by Claire Schneider in her garden



MTB 'Frosted Velvet' (Fisher 1988)
Photo by Olga Batalov in her garden