

The Prescott Area Iris Society welcomes you to the AIS Region 15 2015 Fall Meeting in beautiful and historic Prescott, Arizona. Located in the central mountains of Arizona 90 miles north of Phoenix, Prescott has a diverse climate variation based on altitude from approximately 4,000 ft to 8,000 ft within a radius of 40 miles making for a very diverse environment for growing Irises. Prescott founded in 1864 along with historic Fort Whipple has a rich history of mining and ranching. Whether you will be here for our Fall Meeting or will extend your stay over the longer weekend, there is much to see and do in the Prescott area and the surrounding country of Northern Arizona. Below are some suggested activities which might interest you during your stay with us. We look forward to seeing many of our AIS Region 15 friends from around Arizona and California. Join us for a weekend of fun, learning, and friendship.

Our guest speaker Kelly D. Norris is an author on iris horticulture, hybridizer, the former editor of "Irises, The Bulletin of the American Iris Society" and the current Horticultural Manager, Des Moines Botanical Garden in addition to growing his own iris gardens. He will be speaking on Intermediate and Border Bearded Irises and how to sort them out. Kelly will also be doing our judges training session. Our judges training is open to all whether you are in judges training or just want some valuable information on intermediate and border bearded irises.

Schedule of Events

Friday October 9th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Hassayampa Inn Main Lobby

5:00-8:00 p.m. Early registration: Visit our registration table located in the side Parlor off the lobby.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Meet and Greet: A light snacks, not dinner, and bar will be available in the lobby.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Book Signing: Kelly Norris will be available to talk with us and to sign his book "***A Guide to Bearded Iris***".

Saturday, October 10th, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Marina Room (adjacent to the hotel)

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration, Complimentary Continental Breakfast , Boutique open

8:30-9:30 a.m. Region 15 Board Meeting

9:30-10:30 a.m. General Meeting

10:30-12:00 p.m. Speaker: Kelly D. Norris, Intermediate and Border Bearded irises

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1:00-2:30 p.m. Indoor Judges Training: Intermediate and Border Bearded Irises

2:30-3:30 p.m. Raffle and Silent Auction

3:30 p.m. End of meeting! Boutique Closes. Enjoy your weekend!!!

Prescott area sites to see

Courthouse Square, Whiskey Row, Downtown Historic District Shops, Galleries, Antique Shops and Eateries
"Fall Fest in the Park" Arts & Crafts Festival, Court House Square (Saturday, Oct. 10th and Sunday Oct. 11th)

Sharlot Hall Museum

Phippen Western Arts Museum

Highlands Center for Natural History, Prescott National Forest, Lynx Lake

Smoki Museum

Sculpture Garden and Iris Gardens at Yavapai College

Northern Arizona Sites to see

Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon and the Red Rock Country

Verde Valley Scenic Rail Road, Clarkdale, AZ

Grand Canyon Rail Road, Williams, AZ (1-800-THE TRAIN)

Grand Canyon National Park

Tuzigoot National Monument Indian Ruins, Clarkdale, AZ

Flagstaff, Arizona Snow Bowl and San Francisco Peaks

Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Monuments, Holbrook, AZ

Phoenix area sites to see: The Desert Botanical Gardens and Heard Museum