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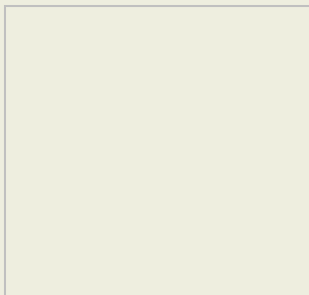
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Iris Encyclopedia Is Open Again!



The **Iris Encyclopedia** has been moved to its new server and is better than ever! While we are still making adjustments, you can now edit as before. And if you have not begun using

Welcome to the first issue of the **AIS News & Notes** for your enjoyment. Please let us know what else you would like to see here. And if you have notes you would like to add, or you would like to become a reporter, please let us know! You can contact either [Bob Pries](#) or [Wayne Messer](#) with your comments or interest.

2013 Membership Contest

The **American Iris Society 2013 Membership Campaign** will have prizes for the member, affiliate, and Region bringing in the most new members! You can learn more about the contest in the April/May 2013 AIS Bulletin on page 8. And see the [AIS Marketing Handbook](#) for suggestions and links to other resources to help you win!



Broken Color Irises

the **Iris Encyclopedia** = the **Iris Wiki**, now is a great time to try it and to register to add to it. See it [here](#). Thanks to **Tim Valenzuela** and **Chris Lindsey** the move was accomplished without ever taking it down!

The **World of Irises** (the AIS blog) has a great article: [Broken Color Irises with Hybridizer Brad Kasperek at Zebra Iris Gardens](#). Thank you to Susanne Holland Spicker for the great article and pictures. Be sure to check the [World of Irises](#) frequently for other iris posts by the outstanding lineup of contributors.



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Iris Medal Winners Coming Soon

This is the time of year when everyone holds their breath until the Iris Medal Winners are announced. Okay, maybe not everyone. But whatever you do to wait and to celebrate when they are named, they should be available in a few months. And we will be bringing them to you. Make sure you are signed up for the **AIS News & Notes** to hear them soon! In the meantime, the Iris Encyclopedia has all the previous winners. Check the lists of awards [here](#). All the previous winners are listed and many winning irises have pictures. For example, see the [Dykes Medal Winners](#).



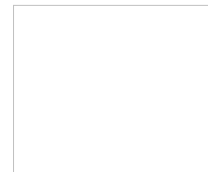
In Memoriam

George Sutton, the founder of [Sutton's Iris Gardens](#) and a prolific hybridizer, died May 29, 2013 at the age of 80. He registered hundreds of irises including some from most of the iris classes. Two of his Arilbred irises won the [William Mohr Medal](#), 'Ulalena' in 2010, and 'Shabaza' in 2008. He and his late wife Margaret were instrumental in creating the [Porterville Iris Festival](#). Obituaries can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Our condolences to his family.



AIS Voucher Program

There is a \$25 voucher for irises for members who upgrade their membership and for new members. **Hint:** Use this to help obtain new members for the Membership Contest described above! Full details can be found [here](#).



Become an Emember

Have you considered becoming an **American Iris Society** emember? This is a way for you to show additional support for AIS. For just \$15 a year, in addition

to your regular membership charge, you have online access to **Irises**, including all the back issues, the **Registration & Introductions** database, and you help to support our online initiatives! Find out more [here](#). And you will qualify for the **AIS Voucher Program** described above.

