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Request for Bearded Irises for 2016 Convention

Welcome to the twelfth issue of the **AIS News & Notes**. Please let us know what 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.

We Need Your Help

Hopefully you have already seen the most recent issue of *Irises Bulletin* with the Survey asking for your help. We would like to know if your club's needs and strengths have changed, if your club has used some AIS provided features, if you have access to the AIS electronic services, and **what the AIS can do for your club**. There are also opportunities to share your opinions. The survey is completely anonymous, but we would like to know your region and affiliate.



Note: While they ask about your club, they would still like your participation even if you are not a club member.

To make it easier to participate in this survey, we have the link you need. All you need to do is [click here](#). Thank you for your help!



REQUEST FOR GUEST BEARDED IRIS

"EAST WE GO IN 2016"

2016 AIS CONVENTION IN
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

THE ESSEX COUNTY PRESBY
MEMORIAL IRIS GARDENS
AND THE AMERICAN IRIS
SOCIETY WILL HOST THE
AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
NATIONAL CONVENTION IN
MAY 2016. CONVENTION
ATTENDEES WILL TOUR THREE
GARDENS IN THE MID-
ATLANTIC REGION OF THE U. S.
MASTER PLANTINGS WILL BE
ESTABLISHED IN TWO OR
MORE HOST GARDENS.
**HYBRIDIZERS OF
BEARDED VARIETIES ARE
INVITED TO SEND
RHIZOMES OF RECENT
INTRODUCTIONS AND
SEEDLINGS UNDER
CONSIDERATION FOR
INTRODUCTION.**

Please observe the following
guidelines when sending guest
irises as only officially
submitted guest irises will
appear in the convention
booklet.

**Up to two rhizomes of
each variety will be
accepted from August 15
through**

September 15, 2014.

Please ship plants to:

Nancy Skjei-Lawes

Presby Memorial Iris Gardens
474 Upper Mountain
Avenue

Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
(mail) or (UPS/FEDEX)

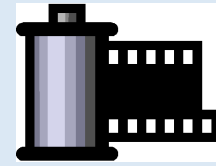
CONTACTS:

NancySkjeiLawes:
naskjei@verizon.net

AIS Digital Programs and Slides

AIS Digital Programs and Slides
coordinator reminds you there
continues to be slide programs
available to those affiliates who do
not have the equipment nor access
to view digital programs.

Remember once a year is free with
\$5 reimbursement for shipping. Learn more [here](#).



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Image/Photo, Photo Contest

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559-683-0447 (home and fax)

HIPS Rhizome Sale and New Look for Website

The **HIPS (Historic Iris
Preservation Society)** website
has a new look and another great
reason to check it out now! This is
when they have their **rhizome
sale - June 1 through 30** - and it
is open to members and non-
members.



You can see the website [here](#) and follow the links to the
sale. Be sure to read the directions on how to order.
And if you want to start with the list of rhizomes for
sale, [here](#) it is.

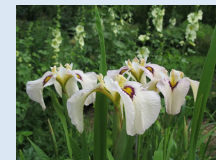
Congratulations to HIPS on their updated website! Be
sure to see all its features. And, if you are not already a
HIPS member, this is a great time to consider joining.
Follow this [link](#) to learn about all the membership
benefits.

AIS Photo Contest Deadline

The **2014 AIS Photo Contest** is
underway and the deadline is
approaching - **June 30**

midnight is when your entries
need to be there! Details can be
found on the AIS website [here](#).

The entry form (PDF) is also available [online](#). Good luck
to everyone.



And for inspiration, you can see winners from previous
years from the links on this [page](#).

Growing National Collections - How You Can Help

Claudia Kolster
ckolster@presbyirisgardens.org
George Boyce:
glenara@aol.com

The name of the variety or seedling number should be clearly marked on each rhizome. In addition, the following information should accompany each variety on a separate packing list:
Hybridizer's name and address
Name or seedling number of the variety

Type of iris (Tall Bearded, Intermediate Bearded, Border Bearded, etc)

Height, color, distinguishing features

Year of introduction (if applicable)

The packing list should include the contributors email address to receive an electronic receipt.

Absent of an email address a receipt will be mailed to all contributors.

If a guest seedling is later named, it will be the responsibility of the hybridizer to notify the Guest Iris Chair of change. Updates should include name and corresponding seedling number.

Shortly before the convention, contributors will be asked for instructions regarding disposition of the plants. Failure to reply by April 1, 2016 will be interpreted as permission to destroy all seedlings, and distributed named varieties, one to each host garden and the rest as determined by the Convention Committee. No rhizomes will be offered for sale on the internet or other means which compete with sales by the contributors. Guest iris returned will be sent freight paid, except for foreign addresses.

The Convention Committee and the owners of the host gardens will strictly adhere to the Code of Ethics as printed in the AIS Convention Handbook.

The Convention Committee and host gardens will not be responsible for losses beyond their control.

Quick Links

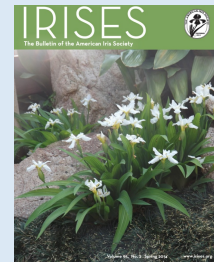
Earlier we talked about the [Gardens Web section](#) of the Iris Encyclopedia which includes a list of Iris National Collections. Under this is a [Putative List of Gardens](#) that are seeking to create particular iris collections which could become National Collections. And they need your help!



You can find one of these (well, 5 actually) in Charlie Carver's article "**Preserving Small, Historic Irises**" in the Spring 2014 *Irises Bulletin*. He closes by asking for your help, both in irises you may be growing and in suggesting sources of particular irises. And in referring him to sources of historic information about these irises. His desired acquisition lists were too lengthy to include in the article; so, now you can find them in the Iris Wiki [here](#). They range from MTBs to TBs; so, whatever your bearded interest, you may be able to help!

Spring Irises Bulletin Available

The Spring 2014 Irises Bulletin came in the mail shortly after the previous News & Notes. So you should have yours already. Andi Rivarola has more information on it in the [World of Irises blog](#).



You can see it online with your Emembership by going [here](#) (username and password required). You can learn more about becoming an Emember at the end of this newsletter.

New Iris Encyclopedia Feature

When you go to the [Iris Encyclopedia](#) (also known as the Iris Wiki because you can edit it), you will now see a **Lost & Found** button. This is a place where you can ask for help finding irises or let others know you have rare irises you are willing to share. There are already some requests. See them and add your comments [here](#).



You may also notice that the Iris Wiki is again fast. We recently upgraded the software so it is now more responsive.

Historic Iris Jigsaw?

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[AIS Facebook](#)

[AIS Blog](#)

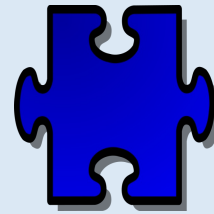
[Iris Encyclopedia](#)

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Another Noid jigsaw puzzle for your consideration. This came from a large clump - 30+ good sized rhizomes - at an apartment. No identification. I planted over 20 rhizomes and only this one bloomed this first year. I suspect it is historic not because of where it was but from its appearance. Also pbf at the base of the fans. It appears to be a TB.



Can you help identify this purple iris? Here is the [puzzle](#). Please send your suggestions to wrmesser@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

Become an Emember

If you are already a member, you might consider adding an **American Iris Society** Emembership. 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 of it and the **AIS Bulletin**, 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 in earlier issues.



The Emembers Login link can now be found in the Quick Links in the left column. You will need your username and password which comes from the AIS Membership Secretary (aismemsec@irises.org).