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## Quick Links Updated



The **Quick Links** section below has been updated to include the AIS Sections and Cooperating Societies.

**Welcome** to the seventeenth regular 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.

## Spuria Poll Deadline November 30th

The deadline for [Spuria Iris Society](#) members to submit their list of favorite spurias from the 2014 season has been extended to November 30th. You can select up to 10 irises and varietal comments are welcome. Send your list to Kate at [kbrewitt@rogers.com](mailto:kbrewitt@rogers.com).



See the list of 2012 and 2013 poll winners [here](#). And the 2014 results will be in the Spring Edition of the Spuria News. See membership information and join online [here](#).

## Fall Irises *Bulletin* is Available

However, we have arranged it a little differently than you will find it on the AIS website. There you will find a page for [Sections](#) and a page for [Cooperating Societies](#). Here you will find them separated into those based on types of irises and those with particular interests. How would you arrange the 12 (currently) groups?

You probably noticed that we have added 13 links. That is because we included the Section currently being organized, the [Novelty Iris Society](#). This link points to the page on the Iris Encyclopedia where you can learn about their history, plans, and how to become a Charter Member.

Please let us know what you would like included in the Quick Links. What do you use frequently or think others would find useful?

## Quick Links

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[Society for Louisiana](#)

You should have your Fall 2014 *Bulletin* in your mailbox already. See Andi Rivarola's [description](#) on the **World of Irises** blog. A great issue with photos of AIS Medal Winners and the 2014 Photo Contest Winners!

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



## Photo Contest Winners

The latest *Irises Bulletin* has the 2014 Photo Contest Winners. You can see all 76 photos that are winners, runner-ups, and honorable mentions on the AIS website as a slideshow [here](#). And this [page](#) now has links for the photo contest winners from 2008 through 2014.



Congratulations to all the winners!

Time to start thinking about your photos for the 2015 Photo Contest as well.

## AIS Committee Email Updates

Some technical difficulties have required changes to some email addresses of the AIS committees. These were irises.org email addresses that have been changed to the committee members personal email addresses. Janet Smith's email address for some of her responsibilities, such as [aisphotocontest@irises.org](mailto:aisphotocontest@irises.org), is now her personal email of [gbyp456@gmail.com](mailto:gbyp456@gmail.com). With the old address, you will receive a bounced message notice.



You can see the updated email addresses (and keep up with any other changes) on the AIS Committee Contacts [page](#). Other good pages to be aware of, contact information for Officers is on the AIS website [here](#), and; for Directors see this [page](#).

## Region 6 Has a New Website

Region 6, covering Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, has their new website available. Check it out beginning [here](#). They have done a nice job recognizing their Medal winning hybridizers and other ballot winners on their front page and on the [hybridizers page](#).



The [More Info page](#) has copies of their recent newsletters, information about the display gardens in their Region, and lists of reblooming irises for the Region or Indiana. The reblooming information was originally compiled by Mary

## [Iris](#)

[Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris](#)

[Society for Siberian Irises](#)

[Species Iris Group of North America](#)

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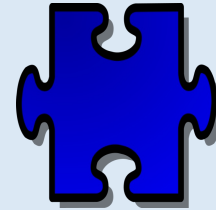
Lou Swann-Young and is being updated by Jean Kaufmann.

For more reblooming information, you can see the [Reblooming Iris Society website](#). Their [Gallery 1](#) has all types of reblooming irises except TB. See [Gallery 2](#) for listings of TB rebloomers.

One other observation about the Region 6 website, this is a [Weebly](#) website. It is a choice you might consider if your Club or Region is setting up a website. Weebly claims that building a website has never been easier; it is all drag and drop done in your browser. Certainly, Region 6 illustrates what a nice website can be created with it!

## A Rare Jigsaw Puzzle

An iris originally planted in 2009 which bloomed well this year; not sure if it was the first time or just my first time to get a good photo. It is the IB '[Rare Edition](#)', which is a [Sass Medal Winner](#).



Again, two versions for your enjoyment. See the Standard version [here](#). Or try the Harder version with twice the number of pieces [here](#).

What puzzles would you like to see? Please send your suggestions and comments to [wrmesser@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)).