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Botanical Art in the Iris Encyclopedia

Welcome to the nineteenth 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.

Clarke Cosgrove Nominations Deadline January 31st

Nominations for the **Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement** are due by January 31, 2015. Any AIS member may nominate any AIS youth member.



You can see the guidelines for nomination and award details [here](#). A great opportunity to honor our younger members.

To learn more about all the exciting AIS Youth Programs, start with the AIS Youth website [home page](#). The website shows projects and programs that may be available to youth members in your area - or that you can help create. There are various resources to help you get started!

Iris Exhibitions Update 2015



A new section in the **Iris Encyclopedia** is Botanical Art with depictions of irises. It has Classical, Primitive, and Contemporary Botanical Art Galleries. A good starting point is this [page](#) which shows the Galleries currently available - from 1597 to the present.

Within each Gallery, you can see all of the plates from that source. Right click on the plate of interest and choose View Image (or its Apple equivalent) and you will see a larger image that you can click to enlarge. For example, in the [Gallery of Dykes' monograph The Genus Iris](#), right clicking on the first image, *Iris sibirica* - the image not the link - and choosing view image will show [this](#), a large version of the image shown above.

Botanical Art is part of the [Library of Iris Literature](#) in the Iris Encyclopedia. It aims to bring together all the iris literature, articles, catalogs, and books. You can learn more about its mission and how you can help [here](#). Thank you to all who have helped make this possible and continue to make it better!

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Approval

Remember to send your show schedules for approval to Lois Rose at least two months prior to your show date. Lois prefers to receive schedules via e-mail at lowy222@aol.com as it speeds up the process and saves everyone a little in postage. If you submit your show schedule via e-mail, please include a cover note with your "snail mail" address as Lois must send the official approval and show certificates back to you via U.S. Postal Service.



Warning: Lois will be traveling January 31 - February 8 and again March 2-17, so no shows will be approved during those times. Since March is peak season for show schedule approvals, Lois will return home March 17 to a huge backlog of schedules needing attention and will deal with them in the order in which they were received. So if you are planning a May show, seriously consider getting your schedule to Lois early, even if show date, venue, and some show committee positions are still tentative. Date, place, and committee members do not affect schedule approval and can be changed later by sending Lois an e-mail.

Supplies

To avoid having to pay a "Rush Order" fee of \$25, make sure to get your show supplies order to Susan Boyce no less than two weeks prior to show date. The fee is optional, but Susan generally only ships once a week, and will not drop everything to get out a rush order unless the fee is paid. Susan cannot accept supplies orders electronically as she is not set up to accept electronic payment.

Show Reports

Please use the electronic show report form (sent to you via e-mail by Lois Rose at the time your show is approved) if at all possible. If you have to fill out the report by hand, **please print**. It is extremely important that the information is correct and readable. Remember that a copy of your final show schedule must accompany the show report.

If a show is canceled, please notify Ray and Karen Jones via e-mail at ramonwjones@comcast.net so they will not keep watching for your show report.

Where to See Shows List

As the lists of approved shows is available, we will post and update post it on the Iris Encyclopedia. Check on the [Iris Calendar](#) for a link to the approved shows. It will probably be there before the next News & Notes.

New Zealand Dykes Medal Winner

The New Zealand Iris Society recently announced their 2014 Dykes Medal Winner - '[Atavus](#)' by Alison Nicoll. Learn more about it on their website; it's on their [home page](#). Congratulations to Alison!



You can learn more about how judging occurs in New Zealand [here](#). The same page has the three previous winners as well. And see the other parts of their website for

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more iris information for New Zealand irisarians and those from around the World.

We have added 'Atavus' to the list of [New Zealand Dykes Medal winners](#) on the Iris Encyclopedia as well. We do have photos there of 'Atavus'; but, the previous winner, [Norma of Irwell](#) is one of the iris winners where we need photos! So we have added it and some Australian Dykes Medal winners to the [list of award winners needing photos](#) on the wiki. Thanks to your efforts, this list is getting shorter! We have been able to remove some Caparne, Debaillon, Nies, Knowlton, Mohr, and Payne winners, and British Dykes Medal winners, from the list in the last month.

Tax Time and AIS

Last month we mentioned donating to AIS as a deduction on your taxes. This month it's time to think about doing your taxes :(AIS participates in a program with H&R Block for non-profits that you might consider. This is where H&R Block will donate \$20 to AIS for those having their personal taxes done.



What you need to know:

1. You must be a **new H&R Block customer**. If you had your taxes done by them last year, you do not qualify.
2. Referral form must be **presented prior to completion of the initial tax interview**.
3. May not be combined with any other referral program, coupon, or discount offer.
4. The non-profit ID for their office use is: **40010001078617**.

The details can be seen in a larger version of the thumbnail [here](#) (click on the resulting image to enlarge it). You also can see it as a [PDF file](#).

Thank you for your consideration.

January Seed Sales

It's a good time to think about iris seeds - so we have two seed sales in January. Both **SIGNA** and **SPCNI** have seed exchanges that are underway. Hybridizers and collectors have donated iris seeds to the sections which are available for sale to section members. And, in both cases, you can become a member or renew membership as you purchase the seeds. Great fundraisers for the sections and sources for new irises for you! And you will enjoy all the other membership benefits.



The **Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris (SPCNI)** seed exchange is underway. The **deadline for orders is January 31, 2015**. Learn more about the seed exchange [here](#) and see the list, with pictures of many, on this [page](#) which you can order from. And you can learn more about these irises on the [SPCNI website](#) and on the [SPCNI Facebook page](#).

The **Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA)** seed exchange is just getting underway. Members should have the list in their mailboxes shortly and it will be available online as well. The details about their seed exchange are [here](#). You will be able to order (and join) on this [page](#) shortly. Learn more about species of iris on the [SIGNA website](#).

Spuria Popularity Polls

Another popularity poll for your consideration. This one by the **Spuria Iris Society**. In 2012 and 2013 their members voted for their favorite spurias. The results can be found on the Spuria Iris Society website [here](#). The 2014 poll was just completed and will be in a future issue of *Spuria News*.



You can also see the results of the earlier polls on the **Iris Encyclopedia**. Here are the [2012 results with photos](#) of all the chosen spuria irises on one page. And 2013 will soon be added (there is a link on the 2012 page). These and other [popularity polls](#) are one way of showing the history and the beauty of irises in the Iris Wiki. If you have other popularity polls you would like included, please add them to the wiki or let us know.

And to learn more about these beautiful irises, see both the [Spuria Iris Society website](#) and their [Facebook page](#). To join the Spuria Iris Society, see their [Membership page](#).

A Botanical Art Jigsaw

Something different, an iris representation, part of the Botanical Art collection in the Iris Wiki described above, is our jigsaw topic. This plate is from the 1913 Dykes book *The Genus Iris*. In two editions, [Standard](#) difficulty and [Harder](#) difficulty.



This is something that I was not sure whether to try or not; being afraid it might be much more difficult than usual. However, at least the easier one (Standard) did not require much more time than my usual attempts. Let me know what you think. Would you like to see more botanical art jigsaws or do you prefer live plants? Or are there other subjects we should consider? Please send your comments and suggestions to wrmesser@gmail.com.

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).

