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Requests for Guest Irises



'Guest Appearance'

There are so many great iris Conventions and similar meetings in the next few years. To prepare for them,

Welcome to the twentythird 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.

New Member Contest - Submission Deadline May 15

If you or your club have been obtaining new members, it is time to let Bob Pries know. He will be announcing the individual and the club that have obtained the most new members in the last year at the Portland Convention. The **deadline for submitting your results is May 15th**.



'Contest'

Please email them directly to him at robertpries@embarqmail.com rather than the PR and Marketing Committee email listed on the AIS website. And if you have sent them to the latter address, please resend them to him at the embarqmail address. There may have been some difficulties with the general PR address.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts!

there have been a number of requests for guest irises. This is a summary of recent requests for hybridizers and so everyone can get the meetings on their travel calendar.

Conventions: 2017 AIS Convention in Des Moines, Iowa guest bearded irises should be received **July 27 through August 17.**
2018 AIS Convention in New Orleans request for guest beardless irises should be received **September 1 through October 15.** (This is an AIS/SLI convention.)

Other **2017 Meetings:**
2017 Median Iris Mini-Convention request for guest median irises including arilbred medians accepted **July 15 through August 15.** The **2017 Region 15 Trek** request for **bearded and beardless** irises should be received by **November 30.** **Society for Louisiana Irises 2017 Convention in Dallas** request for guest Louisiana irises accepted **August 15 through September 30.**

More details on all of these requests can be found in the **Spring 2015 Irises Bulletin, pages 44 - 48.**

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Posters for You and Bonuses for New Members

Andi Rivarola has been at it again - creating beautiful posters for AIS and Sections. And they're also available for you to use.



'Poster Girl'

One is for the \$25 Voucher Program for new members and those who upgrade their membership. You can see the details of the program [here](#) (PDF revised in April 2015). The nurseries participating and links and details can be found in [this PDF](#).

The other is a limited time offer for new members of the [Spuria Iris Society](#) of a free rhizome for joining. The offer expires October 1st or when supplies are gone. See the details and the poster [here](#).

Both of these posters are available for you and your clubs to use at shows and sales and any other way you would like. The AIS Voucher Program poster and details are [here](#) and the Spuria Iris Society poster and details can be found in [this posting](#). We have also added the poster information to the ["Free Irises" page](#) on the Iris Encyclopedia.

Irises In The News

We all read great news about irises in the *Irises Bulletin*, all the [newsletters](#) from Sections, Regions, and Clubs, the [World of Irises](#) blog, and every month in **News & Notes**.

However the public does not read the same things we do. So I consider it newsworthy when I see articles about irises and iris lovers in other publications. Here is a roundup of recent discoveries.



'News Brief'

"Iris are garden's bread and butter," is a quote from an interview with **Dede Erceg** of the [Prescott Area Iris Society](#) (PAIS). The interview can be found [here](#) in the Chino Valley Review. (Note: If the link does not work (they have moved things around on me a couple of times!), search for iris in their search box.) PAIS has been very active in creating iris gardens and publicizing irises; I suspect this is part of that.

A passion for iris is the title of an article about Hopland resident **Diana Ford** and her 2,000 plus irises in the Ukiah Daily Journal. In addition to all the types of irises she grows, she discusses her hybridization adventures. Read the article [here](#). She is a member of the [Santa Rosa Iris Society](#) among others.

The British newspaper The Telegraph has **Chelsea 2015: Cedric Morris irises return** describing **Sara Cook's** quest for lost Morris irises. This will be the first time in 60 years they have been seen at the Chelsea Garden Show. See the article [here](#) and follow the links in it to learn more about her search for Morris irises. The Iris Encyclopedia [entry for Cedric Morris](#) is another source to learn about his introductions.

Finally, a historic article from the New York Times in 2006,

[Dwarf Iris Society](#)

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The Hunt Continues for the Holy Grail: A Red Iris.
It can be found [online here](#).

Bloom Time - A Challenge

Recording the bloom time for irises (and other plants) is useful both for planning your garden and for knowing when irises are likely to be in bloom at particular locations. On the **Iris Encyclopedia** you can record your observations under particular cultivars to help with this. See [phenology](#) in the Iris Wiki for suggested details.



'Any Time'

As far as I know, the participation with this approach has been meager. So here's an alternative, hopefully easier, way to participate. **We are gathering bloom time observations for the year in one place.** You can see and add to what we have for [2015 here](#). Look under Iowa and Nebraska to see some different ways of reporting your observations.

Thank you to **Region 21** for initiating these observations. You can see fuller descriptions of these [bloom times on their website](#).

Do you have observations to add? You can add comments to that page or put your observations on the page. Or send them directly to wrmesser@gmail.com and I will add them for you.

From the World of Irises Blog

The AIS blog [World of Irises](#) always has great topics! And they have continued this tradition. Here are a few more for you to see.



Start with a tutorial on [creating and using collages of irises](#). Susanne

Holland Spicker followed up her earlier [Blue Iris Garden](#) posting to tell how she creates and uses collages for planning, mapping, and showing her irises.

Pacific Coast Irises have been a popular topic recently. Kathleen Sayce describes [waiting for the first PCI to bloom](#) and then her [first blooms](#). Mike Starrhill visited Leonine Iris Gardens which required four posts ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)) to describe the PCIs and [another for the bearded](#).

Louisiana Irises have also been the the subject of multiple authors. Joe Musacchia has [part 1 of Understanding Louisiana Irises](#), I. giganteaerulea in this case. And Patrick O'Connor discusses [the open and flaring form](#).

Follow along and learn about all kinds of irises. Including **species**, the subject of the latest posting. Tom Waters topic is [Species Irises: Back to Nature](#). No matter what types of irises you enjoy, you will find it in the **World of Irises**.

A Historic Jigsaw Puzzle

A historic iris I acquired from [Presby](#) two years ago when they had their Etsy sale of historic irises. These were my first blooms for 'Gracchus', so bloom time this year May 9th in central Iowa. It is listed as a mid bloom season iris (originally TB; but, now would be considered MTB). You can learn much more about it in this [posting](#). I was surprised to find in searching the Iris Encyclopedia that only two cultivars list it as a parent.



Two versions for you: the standard version is [here](#) and a [harder version](#) is available.

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).