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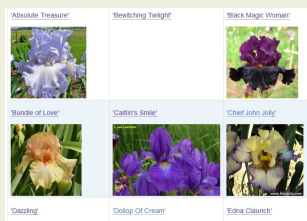
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Updating Winners and Potential Winners

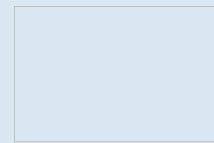


Dykes 2015

Welcome to the twentyfourth 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.

Views from the Portland Convention

While the *Irises Bulletin* will have reports from the recently concluded 2015 AIS Convention, you can see some early photos and news online.



'Royston Rubies'

Start by checking out the American Iris Society Facebook [page](#). They have posted photos and shared those posted by others of gardens and irises. Among these you can see the **Lloyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Cup winner, Adam Cordes**, and his winning seedling 'Royston Rubies'. (I should point out that you will have to scroll past more recent photos to get to the Convention photos.)

The convention also made it into newspapers with photo galleries. The *Oregonian* had a report on the visitors, growing tips from the [Greater Portland Iris Society](#), and a gallery of photos from the Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm. See them all starting [here](#). The *Columbian* also has a gallery and interviews that you can see [here](#). The Camas-Washougal Post-Record also has interviews and photos from the visit

One of the types of topics in the **Iris Encyclopedia** are the galleries of winners of major awards. We have the [American Dykes Medal Winners](#) and all the Medal Winners leading to the Dykes Medal. Links to all these galleries and more can be found [here](#).

There are also galleries showing the **candidates for the 2015 Medals** which you can find with the links [here](#).

For all these galleries, the photos used are those on the individual cultivar's page. Which means as changes are made to the cultivar's page they may affect the galleries appearance. Photos may be removed causing them to disappear from the galleries. And, of course, photos are added to the cultivars which allows us to update the galleries.

The galleries have recently been updated so you should find very few missing photos in them. There are two of the Medal Eligible Irises that we do not have photos for in the **Iris Wiki**. They are ['Currier McEwen'](#) and ['Ruth Wilder'](#). These are respectively eligible for the [Randolph-Perry Medal](#) and the [Founders of SIGNA Medal](#).

Please let us know if you have photos we can use of either of these irises. We will be glad to add them or you can. You can find other award winners needing photos [here](#). Thank you for all your help and enjoy the photos.

Quick Links

[AIS Website](#)

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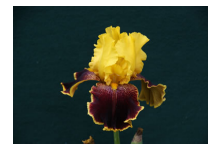
[AIS Blog](#)

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to Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm. Start [here](#) for the article and click on the individual photos for larger versions.

AIS Photo Contest Entry Deadline - June 30th

The **2015 AIS Photo Contest** has been underway for some time. And between your irises and the Conventions and Spring garden tours you have some great iris photos. So now is the time to choose your best photos and submit them! Before midnight June 30th.



'Beverly Ann' - HM
2012 Photo Contest

The form you need is available online. You can find all the details on this [page](#). The six categories this year are

1. Irises in a landscaped garden.
2. Irises in a field or home garden.
3. Events, tours, a person or people (at iris location).
4. Close up of an iris or irises.
5. Iris photos- art effects, macro of bloom segments.
6. Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with the irises.

Adult and youth entries in each category are judges separately.

That page has the link to the PDF form you need. Or you can load it directly [here](#).

2020 Logo Contest Deadline - June 30th

While the AIS Centennial Anniversary does not occur until 2020, some of the preparations have deadlines much earlier. One of these is selection of an **AIS 2020 Centennial official logo. The deadline for submissions is June 30th, 2015.** You can learn all about the details in the Winter 2015 Irises *Bulletin* on page 25. Submissions must be by email to ais2020centennial@gmail.com which is also where you can direct your questions.



'Logo'

While you're checking it, you can also learn about plans for naming a **Centennial Celebration Iris**. This will be chosen in 2019 from the irises not yet introduced, but present, at the 2019 AIS Convention (in Region 14). Details are on the same page in the Irises *Bulletin*. Watch for the calls for guest irises in 2016 and 2017 for the 2019 Convention.

TBIS America's Choice Irises Voting Deadline - June 30

The [Tall Bearded Iris Society](#) has an annual competition to choose the America's Choice Irises. TBIS

Types of Irises

[Aril Society International](#)

[Dwarf Iris Society](#)

[Median Iris Society](#)

[Tall Bearded Iris Society](#)

[Society for Japanese Irises](#)

[Society for Louisiana Irises](#)

[Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris](#)

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[Spuria Iris Society](#)

Interests

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[Reblooming Iris Society](#)

[Novelty Iris Society](#)

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members may vote for up to 10 TBs. However, **they must be irises that are being grown in their garden!**

TBIS members should have received their ballots with the Spring issue of *Tall Talk*. They can be submitted either by regular or email. You can see all the details and the 2014 winners, with photos, [here](#). **June 30th is the deadline to vote.**

Note: You must be a TBIS member to vote. AIS members will have their opportunity later in the year to vote in the [Tall Bearded Iris Symposium](#).



'Clear Choice'

More Convention Notes

The [Bluegrass Iris Society](#) has some exciting Convention and iris news items. Their president, David Cupps, was video-blogging from the Convention. Short interviews with hybridizers. You can find them on their [Facebook page](#) - look in the left hand column for videos. They also have earlier videos there including a television appearance before their iris show and various tips on growing irises. (You can see all their videos on their Facebook [video page](#); but, you should also check out their regular page for photos.)



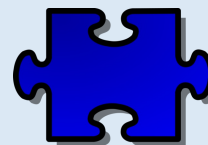
'In The News'

BGIS also received an award for the **most new AIS members of any local society over the past year** at the Convention. Congratulations!

Neil Houghton of the [Greater Rochester Iris Society](#) also has video interviews from the Convention. You can see him at [Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm with Gerard Heemsker](#) and [interviewing Terry Aitken](#). Also, see the [Region 2 homepage](#) for photos of Convention winning irises.

A Puzzling Noid

This is an iris that came to me as a noid. Presumably is a tall bearded. The first bloom was May 22nd. You can find the [standard difficulty puzzle here](#) and the [harder puzzle here](#).



Do you know what it could be? Please send you thoughts to wrmesser@gmail.com Thank you for your help. And enjoy the puzzles. Please let me know what else you would like to see as well.

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).