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**2016 AIS
Convention
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Welcome to the twenty-sixth 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.

Siberian/Species Guest Iris Request

Another request I should have included previously. Siberian and Species guest irises for the **2018 Siberian/Species Convention being hosted by the Francis Scott Key Iris Society May 25-26, 2018**. The guest irises should be **shipped from August 24th to September 15th, 2015** to Carol Warner, 16815 Falls Road, Upperco, MD 21155-9445. You can reach Carol by email at draycott@qis.net with questions.



'Tree Of Songs' - 2014
Morgan-Wood Medal
Winner

Complete details can be found [here](#) by going to the bottom of the page.

Guest Iris Requests Reminders

It is the season for guest irises to be planted for 2017 and 2018



'Rainbow Tour'

It's not too early to be thinking about 2016. And part of that is the **2016 AIS Convention in Newark, New Jersey**. The AIS website has information about the convention [here](#). The [convention website is already available](#) to learn more, including how to register - here is the [registration form](#). So save the dates **May 23rd-28th, 2016!**

Presby Memorial Iris Gardens is one of the hosts and one of the tour gardens. Did you know they have a [newsletter](#) as well as their [Facebook page](#) and their [website](#)? All are ways to learn more about what will be happening. (Note the newsletter link above is to the most recent one. You can sign up for their newsletter in the lower left-hand corner of their website homepage.)

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conventions. If you missed the calls for guest irises in the Spring 2015 Irises Bulletin (pages 44-48), here is a quick summary:

2017 AIS Convention: Guest bearded irises should be received **July 27 - August 17**. Details [here](#).



'Gentle Reminder'

2017 Median Mini-Convention: Guest medians, including arilbred medians, should be received **July 15 - August 15**. Details are [here](#). (Go down the page to the February 6 posting and be sure to click on Read more.)

2017 Region 15 Trek: Guest bearded will be accepted until **November 30**. See page 46 of Spring Irises Bulletin.

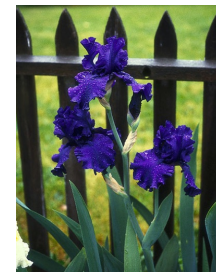
2017 SLI Convention: Guest Louisiana irises should be received **August 15 - September 30**. See page 48 of Spring Irises Bulletin.

2018 AIS/SLI Conventions: Guest Louisiana and inter-species irises involving Louisianas should be received **September 1 - October 15**. Details [here](#) (PDF).

Also be sure to check out the 2018 Siberian/Species Convention request in the item above.

Tall Bearded Symposium Deadline September 1st

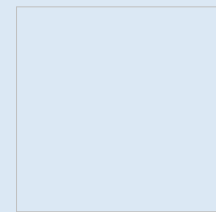
One of those opportunities that sneaks up on you. A chance to vote for your favorite tall bearded irises. Up to 25 from the list of those eligible. But **you must submit your votes by September 1st!** See the complete details [here](#) and download the ballot (PDF) listing all the TBs you can vote for. You can go directly to the [ballot](#).



'Dusky Challenger'

Logo Contest - Deadline Extended

With the **AIS Centennial** coming soon (2020), now is time for preparing to celebrate. One of the first details is selecting a logo. You may have seen the call for logos in the Irises Bulletin earlier this year. You can now see the request [here](#). And note that the deadline has been extended to **October 15, 2015**.



One of the entries

On the AIS Facebook page you can see some of the entries. That album is [here](#).

Send questions and entries to AIS2020@gmail.com.

In Search of the "Little Ones" - MDB Photos Needed

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Terry Laurin is one of the "Wiki Heroes" responsible for the incredible progress of the **Iris Encyclopedia**. To make it even more useful, he needs photos of more irises. Currently he and the [Dwarf Iris Society](#) are making an appeal for photos of MDBs. You can learn more about their request (and see some great photos of MDBs) [here](#). As part of this, a list of the MDB cultivars needing pictures has been created and can be found on the [Ontario Iris Society Miniature Dwarf Iris Society Project page](#). The list is the PDF labeled Miniature Dwarf Iris Picture Project.pdf.



'Be Little'

Fall Regional Meetings

Many of the Regions have a Fall Meeting for Judges Training, business meetings, and iris sales and auctions. The first ones are in August - actually this next weekend. You can see all the **2015 Fall Regional Meetings** we've located in this [table](#). If you know of others, please let me know (wrmesser@gmail.com) and I will add them. (While you can add them yourself, keeping the links in the table working when I edit has been a challenge, to say the least. So I'll be glad to struggle with it so you don't have to.)



'Alpine Region'

One other meeting in the Fall is the **Board of Directors meeting**. This year it is November 6-7 in Omaha, Nebraska. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. You can find more information about the Fall Board Meetings on the [AIS Conventions page](#).

Summer Irises Bulletin On the Way

The **Summer 2015 Irises Bulletin** has been printed and is on its way to your mailbox. For those of you who are also Emembers, you can see it now. Just go to the usual Emember website [here](#) and use your username and password. While you are waiting for your printed copy, you can learn more about the contents in this [World of Irises blog posting](#).



'Football Hero'

A Spuria Jigsaw

A great clump of irises that I saw at the [Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden](#) this year. I understand it is the Spuria Fontanelle (not sure about the spelling and I have not been able to locate it in the Iris Encyclopedia). If you know more about it, I would be glad to hear from you. You can email me at wrmesser@gmail.com. Thank you in advance.



Here it is as a jigsaw both in the [standard difficulty](#) and the

[harder difficulty.](#)

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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).