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**Time to Vote -
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Welcome to the 38th 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.

Call for 2019 Beardless Guest Irises

[Region 14](#) will be hosting the **2019 AIS Convention** during April 2019. There will be 6 gardens on the tour but only 3 will be receiving beardless and they are accepting up to 3 plants per cultivar. They are accepting Siberians, Louisianas, Spurias, and Pacific Coast Natives and other beardless that bloom with bearded. (Japanese irises do not bloom until too late for the Convention).



'Guest
Appearance'

Send your beardless guest irises to **Guest Iris Chair Riley Probst 2701 Fine Ave. Modesto, CA. 95355**. They will be accepted from August through October 2016. Questions regarding guest irises contact Guest Iris Chair Riley Probst rprobsto2@earthlink.net. Email shirleyjtrio@gmail.com with questions regarding the convention.

Details of the request will be in the **Iris Bulletin Summer 2016**. You can learn more about the



'Dusky Challenger' -
2015 Winner

The **AIS Tall Bearded Iris Society Symposium** is the opportunity for all members to vote for their favorite TBs. And now is the time for you to vote; **send your choices to your RVP to arrive by September 1st!**

The list of eligible irises was included in the **Spring issue of the Irises Bulletin**. These are the previous year's top 100 varieties, the Dykes Medal eligible tall bearded, the Wister Medal eligible irises, tall bearded eligible for Award of Merit, tall bearded that won 2015 Award of Merit, and tall bearded that won 2015 HonorableMention.

Learn more about the 2015 voting and winners and the 2016 Symposium in the article by **Riley Probst, AIS Symposium Chairman, in the Winter 2016 issue of the Irises Bulletin**. The list of winners is concluded in the Spring 2016 Irises Bulletin. See [lists of previous winners here](#).

This year there were 3 irises that would have been in the top 100 if they received one more vote! **Your vote is important!**

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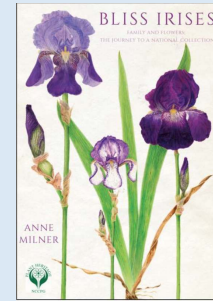
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Convention gardens in the **Region 14 Winter 2015** [newsletter on pages 14-15](#).

HIPS Reminder - Bliss Irises Book - Special Order Deadline August 25th

The book **Bliss Irises Family and Flowers; The Journey to a National Collection** will be published this summer. Anne Milner presents her family history intertwined with the history of Bliss irises, which are now part of the [British Plant Heritage family of National Collections of plants worth preserving](#). With stunning



photographs, line drawings, and watercolors throughout, the second part of Bliss Irises focuses on the flowers themselves and details the range of irises registered by Anne Milner's ancestor, Arthur Bliss.

By special arrangement of HIPS with the author, pre-orders will be accepted through August 25, 2016 (US shipping only). Anne will autograph each pre-ordered book. The \$32 price includes shipping to your home. [Details and ordering can be done here on the HIPS website](#) or you can [print and mail this form](#).

Learn more about the book and Bliss Irises on [Anne's website](#). This is also where you can contact Anne for non-US orders.

Resources for Your Programs

How do you find topics for your club meetings and presentations? AIS has a number of topics already available as digital presentations to make your job easier. Popular topics such as **Genus Iris - Bearded Beardless, It's Show Time, and Irises in the Garden** are available as CDs or via email.



'Presentation'

See the [complete list of CDs on this order form \(PDF\)](#). You can learn more about the program and other details, such as a digital projector available for rent, [here](#).

They are also preparing new topics, **Storybook Gardens will be coming soon** as a digital program.

What would you like to have available? You can send your suggestions to Janet Smith at gbyp456@gmail.com. Topics, formats, your experiences, and other feedback would be very helpful!

Region 6 Guest Iris Requests

Region 6 is requesting guest irises for both its **2018 and 2019 Spring**

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Conventions.

Details for the bearded and beardless irises requested by the **Tri-County Iris Society** for 2018 can be found on page 9 of [this newsletter \(PDF\)](#). They are accepting guest irises from August 23 to September 6th. If you would like to send them earlier, email Lori Lanford at lelanford@yahoo.com.



'House Guest'

The **Northeastern Indiana Iris Society** is hosting the 2019 Region 6 Spring Meeting and Garden Tour. Their bearded and non-bearded guest request can be found [here](#). Lana Wolfe is accepting the irises from August 22 to September 8th.

A general question for growers and hybridizers, where do you look for guest iris requests? The **Irises Bulletin** carries notices and we include them in **News & Notes**. However, I'm not familiar with a general site carrying all requests. So, we have created a [page on the Iris Wiki where you can add your requests](#). Please add your request with as many details as you would like or links to the details. If you need help, please let us know.

Fall Regional Meetings

One of those things that sneaks up on me. Next weekend is the first of the **Fall Regional Meetings**, led off by the [Region 21](#) and [Region 9](#) meetings.



'East Meets West'

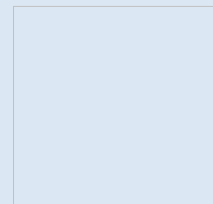
To help you find them, we have created another page on the **Iris Encyclopedia** and are filling it in.

This year we are trying a new format (the previous tables were not easy to update). Hopefully this will allow you to add your meetings. And we will still be glad to include them for you. Just email wrmesser@gmail.com. You can [find the meetings here](#).

One other meeting in the Fall is the **Board of Directors** meeting. This year it is **November 4 - 5 in Sedona, Arizona**. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. You can find more information about the Fall Board Meetings on the [AIS Conventions page](#).

Easier Searching of Iris Encyclopedia

Looking at the **Dallas Morning News** article ["North Texas is a surprising hotbed for growers of this ephemeral flower"](#) and following a link to the [Iris Society of Dallas](#) reminded me. The latter tells people **how to search the Iris Wiki: check the boxes for Search All Webs and for Topic Title before searching for your iris name**. They mention that these settings must be set every time you start searching as they cannot be saved.



'Search'

While true, here is a trick you can use to avoid having to set them each time and save you time and clicks. You can create a link that has the choices already set. Just save it wherever you save links and then use that each time. This is the link you need for [Searching Titles in All Webs](#). We have added this as a choice, along with a couple of other choices, to the page you reach by choosing **Search Iris Database** on the [Main Page of the Iris Encyclopedia](#) (so you do not actually have to save the link unless you want to).

This is an example of how we can incorporate new choices in the **Iris Wiki**. And you can do it also. Do you have some shortcuts or tips to share? Add them and let us know so we can publicize them. And if there is something you think could be easier, but, do not know how to do it; ask us about that as well. Someone may know how to do that or be able to create a way.

No Guest Bearded Iris for 2018

The 2018 AIS/SLI Conventions in New Orleans will not be accepting any bearded guest irises. The people in New Orleans and Louisiana are not familiar with growing bearded irises. The decision was made we would not accept them so as not to take the responsibility of planting and growing them and having them die. Thank you for understanding.



'Seminole
Sunrise' - 2015
Debaillon Medal

Paul W. Gossett
2018 Co-Chairperson

Jigsaw Puzzle and the Iris Wiki

I'm always really surprised when checking an iris from my garden on the **Iris Encyclopedia** to find it does not already have a photo! Maybe some of these irises are rarer than I thought.



Case in point, this month's jigsaw iris: '[Gentle Bluebeard](#)' by Barbara Marsh (1992), a Region 21 hybridizer from Lincoln, Nebraska, did not have a photo. So in addition to using this SDB's photo for a jigsaw, I've added it to the Iris Wiki. You can play the [standard difficulty puzzle](#) or the [harder difficulty puzzle](#).

What irises do you have that need photos in the Iris Encyclopedia? You can add your photos or we'll be glad to 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).