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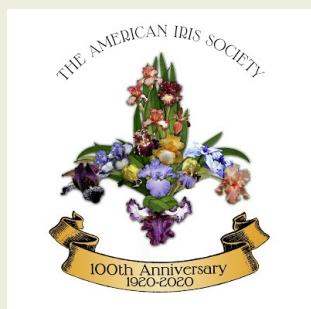
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AIS 2020 Centennial Irises



Welcome to the 39th 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.

2019 Convention Guest Irises Reminder

[Region 14](#) will be hosting the **2019 AIS Convention** April 23-27, 2019. There will be 6 gardens on the tour. 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).



'Californian'

Send your beardless guest irises to **Guest Iris Chair Riley Probst 2701 Fine Ave. Modesto, CA. 95355**. They will be accepted from through November 15, 2016. PCNI will be accepted up to December 1, 2016. Questions regarding guest irises contact Guest Iris Chair Riley Probst rprobsto2@earthlink.net. Email shirleyjtrio@gmail.com with questions regarding the convention.

As part of **The American Iris Society celebrations in the year 2020, two irises, each with the names 'Centennial Anniversary' and 'Centennial Celebration'** will be selected - the first name for a beardless iris, and the second for a bearded iris.

Description: The irises will be chosen among those not yet introduced but present at the 2019 AIS Convention (Northern California). Any iris of any category can be submitted, whether in our out of region, bearded or beardless.

Instructions for Hybridizers: Each hybridizer may submit up to three irises, and up to three rhizomes of each. The Guest Plant Chair will determine how the rhizomes will be allocated to the Convention gardens. Make sure all rhizomes are properly marked "AIS 2020 Centennial." There will be other not-yet introduced seedlings allowed for submission, and you may submit according to the Convention rules, but **only those marked "AIS 2020 Centennial" will be considered for this purpose.** [Submission of rhizomes will have to comply with the 2019 Convention rules].

Award and Recognition: The chosen irises will receive a special AIS 2020 Centennial Medal, and will be featured in all AIS publications printed and online, and of course, they will live as a favorite irises among iris lovers for years to come.

Andi Rivarola
For the 2020 Centennial
Committee

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Details of the request are in the **Iris Bulletin Summer 2016, page 20**. You can learn more about the Convention gardens in the [Region 14 Winter 2015 newsletter on pages 14-15](#).

Also remember to specify "**AIS 2020 Centennial**" for those seedlings you wish to have considered for Centennial Irises as described in [this item](#). They are accepting 3 of any beardless seedling to be entered into the Competition.

Fall Meetings Reminder

The Regional Fall Meetings are underway. You can find out where and when they are on this [Iris Encyclopedia page](#). So many opportunities to learn more about irises and irisarians.

They offer an array of speakers and topics. And the judges training are opportunities for all of us to learn more. And consider if we would like to become judges.

Be sure to check out the ones in your area and the others you might travel to. You are not limited to one!



'Meet You At
Midnight'

AIS Awards Follow-up

The **2016 AIS Awards** were the subject of our **Special Issue of News & Notes** in mid-August. If you have not seen it yet, it is also available in the News & Notes Archives; this is the [direct link to that issue](#). The list is available [with pictures](#) and as a [printable list \(8 page PDF\)](#).

The **Dykes Medal winner this year, 'Swans In Flight' by Robert Hollingworth**, is the first Siberian Dykes Medal winner. The [AIS awards page](#) has the story of how we almost did not have 'Swans In Flight'! Congratulations to all the winners!



'Swans In Flight'

Board of Directors Meeting Invitation

The AIS Board of Directors meets at the National Convention in the Spring and a second time in the Fall. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings. This Fall the meeting is in **Sedona, Arizona on November 4th and 5th**. You can find information on all the upcoming AIS Conventions and Fall Board Meetings [here](#). That page is where I found this link to the meeting headquarters, the [Hampton Inn Sedona Hotel](#).



'Council
Meeting'

Hope many of you can attend. These are a great way to learn what is happening.

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Louisiana Iris Species Preservation Project

The [Louisiana Iris Society](#) created a **Louisiana Iris Species Preservation Project** in 2015. Based on a proposal by Charles Perilloux, the work was begun in 2016.



'Frederick
Douglass'

You can learn more about the need and the plans, and see beautiful Louisiana iris photos, in [this World of Irises posting](#). The [Greater New Orleans Iris Society](#) has taken the lead in the project. Find more [details and photos here](#).

Thank you to all the participants in this project.

See the 2016 AIS Photo Contest Winners

The **2016 AIS Photo Contest** is over and the winners are now on the AIS website. [This page](#) has links to photo galleries of the winners from 2008 to the present. See the top photos in all six adult categories and the youth category. This is a direct link to the [2016 Photo Contest Winners](#).



Adult Effects
Winner - Susan
Bailey

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who entered. And thank you to the photo judges; I know it isn't easy to select from all the beautiful photos.

This also means it is time to begin taking photos for next year's contest. Reblooming iris offer an opportunity this fall and there will be iris shows, the 2017 Convention, and all your gardens where you can photograph irises. To get started in photographing irises, see these [suggestions on HIPS by Mike Unser](#).

A Reblooming Jigsaw Puzzle

A flower we saw as a jigsaw last year. And this year it is reblooming more than ever. ['Oxmoor Hills'](#) by James Ennenga opened August 29 this year and has had blooms open every day since then. Enjoy it again in the [standard difficulty puzzle](#) and the [harder puzzle](#).



While you are thinking about rebloomers, head on over to the [Reblooming Iris Society](#). Learn more about enjoying these irises again and again.

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).