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## 2021 Beardless Guest Irises Request



Las Cruces, New Mexico will be hosting the 2021 Convention April 12-17, 2021. This year they are accepting beardless guest irises (Louisiana and

**Welcome** to the **60th** regular issue of the **AIS News & Notes**. It is a little later and thinner than usual because of the Special Edition for the iris awards and other, non-iris, if you can believe that, responsibilities. - [Wayne Messer](#)

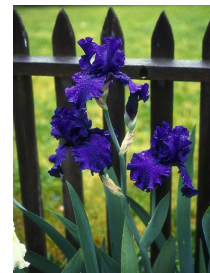
## Symposium Voting Deadline September 1st!!

The **2018 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium** voting has been underway for some time. You can choose up to 25 iris from the 478 eligible this year.

The ballot originally was an insert in the Spring 2018 Irises Bulletin. Now [it is available online](#) as a PDF.

**Everyone is eligible and urged to vote! Votes need to reach your RVP by September 1st.**

You can also [see earlier results, 2007 through 2017, here](#). Thank you to Riley Probst for chairing the Symposium and thank you for voting.



## More Regional Fall Meetings

September offers four more opportunities to enjoy Regional Meetings. See all the [upcoming meetings in this table](#).

The September lineup is:

Spuria only) September 1  
- September 30, 2018 -  
early blooming preferred.

Ship plants to:  
**Roy Covey, Guest Iris  
Chairman**  
1955 Carlyle Drive  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Full details can be found  
[here](#).

## Quick Links

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### Types of Irises

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Irises](#)

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Coast Native Iris](#)

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Irises](#)

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### Interests

[Historic Iris](#)

- September 7-8 Region 22  
Muskogee, Oklahoma -  
Speaker/trainer Chad Harris
- September 15 Region 6  
Huntertown, Indiana
- September 15-16 Region 23  
Santa Fe, New Mexico -  
Speaker/trainer Lynda Miller,  
speaker Tom Waters
- September 28-30 Region 7  
Lucas, Kentucky - Speaker Robert Strothman



'September'

Also in September is another **AIS Board  
Teleconference. September 26th** is the date; details  
and agenda will be on the [AIS News page](#) and [AIS Discuss](#).  
**Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and  
participate.**

## More on the 2018 Iris Winners

The August special edition of News &  
Notes announced the irises chosen  
as medal winners, to receive an  
award of merit, and to receive  
honorable mention. We pointed to  
the [photo list with winners and  
runners up](#) and to the [printable list  
\(PDF\)](#).



'Haunted Heart'

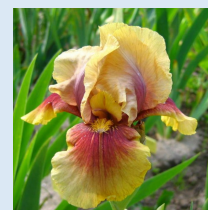
The [World of Irises](#) now has a series of blog posts with  
expanded descriptions of the medal winners. See the  
entries here:

- [Dykes - Haunted Heart](#)
- [Wister - Notta Lemon, Bottle Rocket, Strawberry  
Shake](#)
- [Knowlton - Sheer Excitement](#)
- [Sass - Cat In The Hat](#)
- [Cook-Douglas - My Cher](#)
- [Williamson-White - Holiday In Mexico](#)
- [Caparne-Welch - Kayla's Song](#)
- [White - Byzantine Ruby](#)
- [Mohr - Sri Lanka](#)
- [Founders of SIGNA - Wildwood Willie](#)
- [Randolph-Perry - Take No Sato](#)
- [Mitchell - Pacific Tapestry](#)
- [DeBallion - Deja Voodoo](#)
- [Morgan-Wood - Miss Apple](#)
- [Nies - Lemon Chiffon Pie](#)
- [Payne - Kimono Silk](#)

Congratulations to all the hybridizers! Thank you for your  
continuing efforts to create new exciting irises!

## Median 2020 Convention Guest Iris Request

The next **Median Convention**  
will be in **Oklahoma City,**  
**Oklahoma April 16-18, 2020.**  
They are currently accepting guest  
irises through September 2018.



'Oklahoma'

Please ship plants to:

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**Louise Carson**  
5037 NW. 24th Pl.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73127

Complete details can be found in the Spring 2018 issue of *The Medianite* on page 23. Or you can see them online [here](#) (PDF).

**Editor's Note:** My apologies for missing this request earlier. And if you know of other requests, please send them to me [wrmesser@gmail.com](mailto:wrmesser@gmail.com).

## A Preconvention Jigsaw Puzzle

One of the perks of being a convention garden is the opportunity to see, and take pictures of, the guest irises before the convention. From the AIS 2017 Convention in Des Moines, I have many, many 2016 photos, although not always well documented:( This one did have a good picture of the label as well.



['Putting On The Ritz'](#) (Hedgecock, 2012) HM 2015 was a striking iris that bloomed the first year. Enjoy the [standard difficulty jigsaw](#) and the [harder difficulty puzzle](#).

Do you have irises you would like featured as jigsaw puzzles? Please let me know [wrmesser@gmail.com](mailto:wrmesser@gmail.com). If you would like to create your own puzzles, [Jigsaw Planet](#) is the free service I use for all the News & Notes puzzles.

## 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](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)).