



The American Iris Society

News & Notes February 11 2022



The next century of the AIS begins

2022 AIS Convention – Las Cruces, NM Update

Exciting News!

The Mesilla Valley Iris Society is pleased to announce that it is dropping its late registration fee. The \$359 early full registration fee will be in effect through the registration deadline of March 15. Registration is available at [2022 National Convention – AISRegion](#)



Live - How to name and upload images for Registrants and Hybridizers

As of 2021, Images must be submitted to AIS Image Coordinator for Official Introduction of New Irises to be complete.

Join us for a live online demonstration of the process for correctly naming an image file and uploading (sending) it to a folder in a Google Drive.

While intended for registrants and hybridizers, this session is open to anyone interested in the process and

23. Debit and credit cards are accepted at <https://AIS-2022.square.site>.

The optional tour on Tuesday, April 12 is filling up. We have only 15 spaces left so be sure to register if you are interested. Registration for the optional tour is also available via the above links.

Be sure to make your reservations for the convention Hotel, the Hotel Encanto. We are approaching 75% of our room block being full. While the hotel is working with us to add rooms, they cannot guarantee availability beyond our reserved block. Reservations are available at [Hotel – AISRegion 23](#) or by calling 866-383-0443. Be sure to mention “American Iris Society Group Rate.”

Finally, TSA rules mandate the use of masks on all public transportation. Thus, masks will be required on the busses to the garden tours. We will provide participants with 3 ply masks but it is suggested you bring higher quality masks with you. We will follow this rule even if the TSA drops the requirement prior to the convention.

The convention team is now busy clearing and preparing the gardens for the convention. With three year clumps the gardens should be glorious this spring. We also are in the process of lining up an exciting group of speakers for the section meetings. Be sure to check the event schedule at [2022-event-schedule.pdf \(aisregion23.com\)](#). We will update it continually between now and the convention.

See you in Las Cruces.

Howie Dash – AIS 2022 Convention Co-Chair

possibilities for storing any files online.

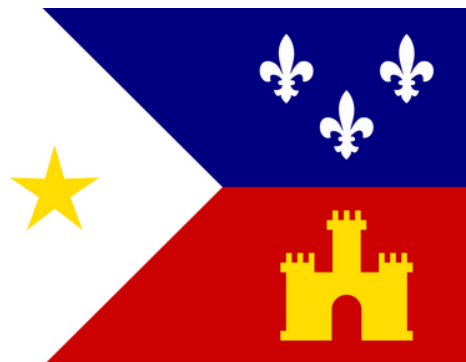
Thursday, Feb 17, 8 PM Eastern, 7 PM Central, 6 PM Mountain and 5 PM Pacific.

Please Register before the event by clicking on this link: Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

When you register you will receive a link to sign in with February 17.

If you have images to be uploaded and would be willing to be an "audience participant," contact Neil Houghton at images@irises.org



**2022 Society for Louisiana
Irises Convention April 6-9**

2022 Siberian/Species Convention May 27-29, 2022

“Come Experience Our Region of Bloom!”

The King County Iris Society is very pleased to host the 2021 (oops, 2022!) Siberian/Species Iris Convention. The convention will be held in the greater Seattle, Washington, area Friday through Sunday, May 27-29, 2022. We offer a tour of three gardens, along with a 1-hour session of in-garden judges training and a species iris trek.

[Complete details and the registration form](#) are available. [Check here for any updates.](#)

EXTRA, EXTRA!!! On Monday, May 30, 2022, Bob Seaman (Leonine Iris) and Debby Cole will open their gardens from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bob and Debby have extensive collections of Pacific Coast Iris as well as other types of iris and perennials. Drop by on your way to the airport and experience our Region of Bloom!



SIGNA News

Seed Sale is temporarily paused because of a computer being down and awaiting repairs. The Seed Sale will be open for at least a week after the repairs even if that goes beyond the original March 1st deadline. The [list of seeds](#) is still available to see. Go to the bottom of that page to check the sale status.

SIGNA Articles Needed - Authors and potential authors, please send your

The [Society for Louisiana Irises](#) convention is in Lafayette, Louisiana.

This convention will be more compact, with **three great garden tours on Thursday** and the **Louisiana Iris Show on Friday** (and holding over through Saturday). The **Friday dinner will feature the Silent and Live Auctions**, always a highlight and critically important to financing SLI activities and publications. The traditional **Symposium will feature a panel and member discussion on the future of the Society**, a topic critical to all plant organizations in this day and age. Look for two dinners, a slide show, awards, and lots of socializing with new friends and old ones you have not seen in a few years.

[Registration form with all the details.](#) It should **reach the registrar no later than March 15, 2022.** See the [SLI website](#) and the [Greater New Orleans Iris Society website](#) for any changes.

Please contact the registrar, Ron Killingsworth with any questions. Phone 318-426-3654 and email retmiagt@gmail.com

Leave: LAS CRUCES		Leave: EL PASO	
Time	Days	Time	Days
4:00 am	Mon - Fri	5:00 am	Mon - Fri
6:00 am	7 Days a Week!	7:00 am	7 Days a Week!
7:30 am	7 Days a Week!	9:00 am	7 Days a Week!
10:00 am	7 Days a Week!	11:45 am	7 Days a Week!
12:00 pm	7 Days a Week!	1:45 pm	7 Days a Week!
1:30 pm	7 Days a Week!	3:15 pm	7 Days a Week!
3:30 pm	7 Days a Week!	5:15 pm	7 Days a Week!
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7:30 pm	7 Days a Week!	9:15 pm	7 Days a Week!
1 Pass 1 Way	1 Pass Roundtrip	2 Pass 1 Way	2 Pass Roundtrip
\$55	\$95	\$90	\$165
Companion Rate			
\$35 Each Way			

Las Cruces Shuttle Service

For your convention travel planning, here is the website for the Las Cruces shuttle.

[Las Cruces Transportation | Shuttle Service | Your Ride to The Airport \(lascrucesshuttle.com\)](http://lascrucesshuttle.com)

Note that the price is cheaper with companions. Please coordinate with

articles or topics to Olga Batalov,
olga_batalov@yahoo.com .

Thank you to all our seed donors and authors.



Tomas Tamberg Winding Down His Iris Breeding Career

Well-known international iris and daylily hybridizer Tomas Tamberg has indicated [this may be his last year](#) to offer irises for sale and the deadline to order is March 31st.

Dr. Tamberg was honored by the American Iris Society with the AIS [Hybridizer's Award in 1999](#). His website has more [details about his work](#). Irises he has registered are listed in his [Iris Encyclopedia hybridizer page](#).



Median Iris Society News

fellow travelers. The above table picture is from their web site (2-2-2022). Here is a [larger version](#).

They will take reservations but won't accept them until March 1.

ORGANIZE: 3° PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION "THE WORLD OF IRIS"

Deadline for presentation of works
03 April 2022



1st classified edition 2021 Frederic Depalle (France)



Invitation - The 3rd Photographic Competition "The World of Iris"

You are invited to enter The Iris World 2022 Photo Contest, Italy. Hosted by Circolo Fotografico "Citta de Thiene" and Ana Montegrappa S.Giorgio di Perlana, the **deadline for entries is April 3, 2022**.

Complete [details, including the registration form](#), can be found in the 2022 Winter Bulletin, pages 42-43.



Happy Valentine's Day Everyone

Ackerman Youth Contest Chair, Debbie
Strauss

We had our first taste of winter here in Texas. I know it was cold all over the country. I bet our median iris are loving it. My daffodils are all up tall. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

As we approach the date for the 2022 National AIS Convention in Las Cruces, NM I am so excited to see all the iris and iris friends. If you have not already registered for the *Iris Enchantment* Convention you still have time to do so. It will be April 11-16. Go to this website and look at all the wonderful gardens that will be on tour. <http://aisregion23.com/2022-national-convention/>.

The general meeting of MIS will be on Friday, April 15 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Our guest speakers will be David, Ava, and Evelyn Toth from Indian Creek Iris in Pickerel Nebraska. Please attend the convention and come meet our speakers.

The Median Iris Society is needing two special median loving volunteers.

One is to chair fundraising efforts. The **Fundraising Chair** will always have many people willing to help with this fun position. Please consider volunteering to help out MIS by being our fundraising chairperson.

The next volunteer we need is the **Median Iris Display Garden Chair**. Wonderful Chuck Bunnell had to give up the position because he is downsizing and is terribly busy right now. This position would involve contacting all the Median Display Garden owners a few times a year about their garden, and then collecting their reports on their gardens and making a report about them for the Medianite and IRISES.

Remember to check the Median Iris Society Seed Exchange Facebook page for the most up to date inventory list of median seeds for sale. Kimberly Rieniets is the seed chair and invites you to buy seeds!

www.facebook.com/Median-Iris-Society-Seed-Exchange-103004931789099

Are you wanting to learn more about smaller bearded iris? The Median Iris would love for you to join us. We love median iris and love to share our

"An iris cannot blossom without sunshine, and mankind cannot live without love." February is the month to share your love with everyone you can. Maybe what you need to do is write a love letter to someone and share your love of iris. The youth winners of the Ackerman Youth Essay Contest will receive a 2022 iris from Howie Dash at **Picacho Mountain Iris** and cash! The March 21 deadline for entry is fast approaching.

There are three age group competition categories, thus awarding three 1st, three 2nd, and three 3rd place prizes: one in each age group! The age groups are **9 and Under, 10-12, and 13 and Over**. All three age groups will receive a \$100 Reward for First Place, \$50 Reward for Second Place, and \$25 Reward for Third Place (courtesy of The American Iris Society Foundation). Winners will also receive a new 2022 iris from Howie Dash in Las Cruces NM at Picacho Mountain Iris.

Here is the official theme:

Write a letter to a friend, family member, or teacher and explain to them why you love irises, describe some of your favorite irises, and tell them what you think they would like most about growing irises of their own.

Remember to write your ideas about why you love irises. Then describe your favorite irises and tell the person you are writing to why they would like to grow their own iris. Please don't wait until the last minute. Write your essay in letter format to someone you know, elaborate on everything. Get your Mom, Dad, Sister, Aunt, Teacher, or anyone to read it over after you write your first draft, and help you think about how to add to it or make it have more details.

Remember to get someone to check your grammar and spelling. Check out the other rule below and send it to me, Debbie Strauss at debbie@loveirises.com or mail it to me at 2213 Hereford Blvd, Midland TX 79707.

knowledge about them. You can go to www.medianiris.com/mis_membership.html to get the details on how to join, or you can go the AIS webpage and join in the sections area where the Median Iris Society is listed. If you would like you can send me an email at debbie@loveirises.com and I will be happy to talk with you.

*May iris always line your path and
sunshine light your day.
May songbirds serenade you every step
along the way.
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky
that's always blue.
And may happiness fill your heart each
day your whole life through.*



Snowbirds & Seasonal Birds Reminder

As you change your location, be sure to notify AIS so that you do not miss any issues of *Iris*es.

Online: Use the [Profile Update Form](#). It can be found on the [Membership Information](#) page with other Member Quick Links.

Email: aismemsec@irises.org

Mail: AIS Membership Secretary
PO Box 6
Huxley, IA 50124

Essays should be written in **500 words or less**. Again, the deadline for getting the essay finished and submitted to me is **March 21, 2022**.

I am going to love reading your essays. Have fun with this!

*"All you need is love. But a little
chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." –
Charles M. Schulz*



Invitation to February 23, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting

The American Iris Society invites you to a scheduled AIS Board Zoom meeting. All AIS members are encouraged to attend.

Reports for this meeting, the agenda, and minutes for the previous meeting [will be linked here](#) as they become available.

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Topic: AIS Board of Directors mtg
Time: Feb 23, 2022 05:00 PM Pacific
Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84456724563>

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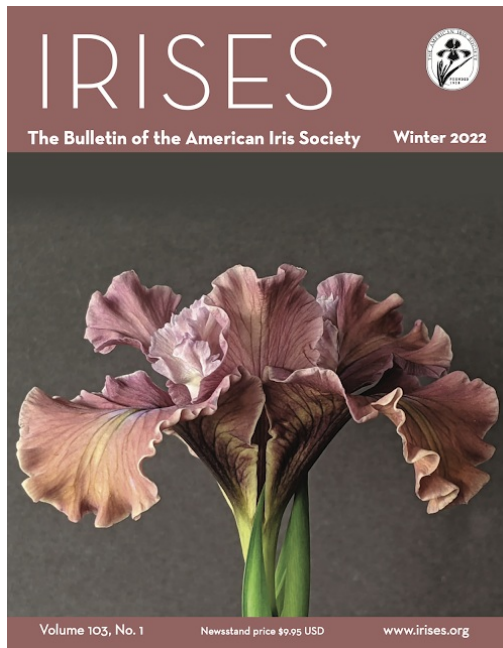
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Meeting ID: 844 5672 4563

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84456724563>



Latest AIS Bulletin

A regular feature in the AIS blog, [World of Irises](#), is a post by **Andi Rivarola** highlighting the contents of the new *Bulletin* issue.

The [Winter 2022 issue](#) has just been featured. Members with Emembership can see this issue online now and the print version is in the mail.



Photo Identification

- Live - 'Nine Lives'
- SIGNA - 'Pause'
- Tomas Tamberg - 'Appointer' one of his many Species Crosses
- MIS - 'Valentine's Day'
- Ackerman - 'Fan Letter'
- Snowbirds Reminder - 'Early Snowbird'
- Teleconference - 'Winter Olympics'
- Photo Id - 'Credit Line'