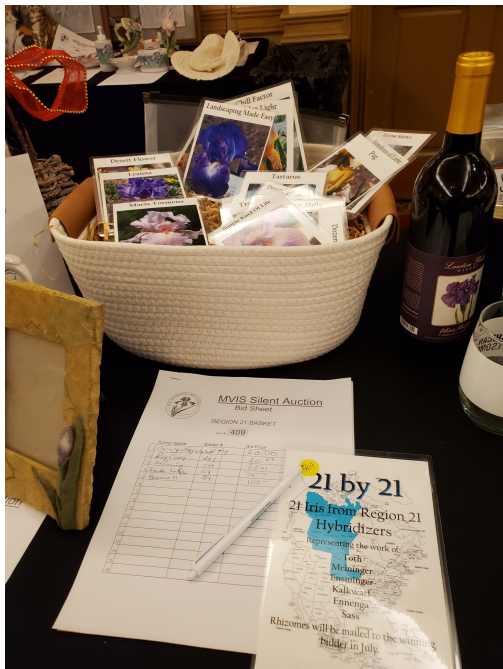




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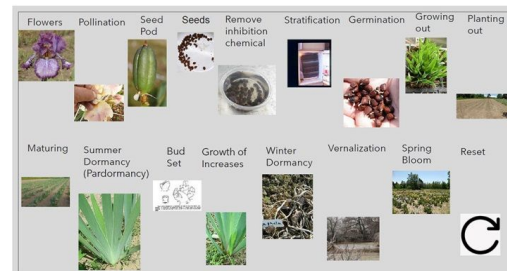


Region Baskets for 2023 Convention

One of the fun traditions of an AIS Convention is the auctioning of the Region Baskets. What is a Region Basket? you ask.

Each of the AIS Regions is encouraged

Life Cycle of Bearded iris



November 9th AIS Webinar

Presented by **Chuck Chapman**

“Life Cycle of Bearded Iris”

This webinar will cover the life cycle of iris going from parent flower to seedling flowering. It also covers the different biological steps that iris goes through in its life cycle.

The webinar covers pollination, forming seeds, breaking chemical and cold dormancy, growing out seeds, maturity, summer dormancy, bud set, growth of increases, and winter dormancy. Also includes some information relevant to biology of rebloom.

to put together a collection of items that represent the Region - food, souvenirs, t-shirts/caps, irises by your Region's hybridizers or have the name of regional states or cities in their names, etc., and bring them in a basket or other container to the Convention, where they will be bid on in a silent auction. They can be simple or as involved as the Region desires. They are a very popular part of the Convention and can create some very friendly rivalry between some Regions.

Start building your Region's basket today.

About the Presenter

Chuck Chapman lives in Ospringle, just north of Guelph, Ontario Canada in an agricultural zone 4. He is the owner of chapmaniris.com and has been hybridizing and selling iris for over 30 years. Some of his iris introductions (ie 'Forever Blue' and 'Blueberry Tart') are sold around the world. Chuck has had an interest in plant breeding and genetics from an early age. His first hybrid was an apple tree he planted in 1949, and currently still has a clone of it. Chuck has been studying plant breeding and genetics since 1960, and conducting experiments and studying iris biology since then.

After a degree in Experimental Psychology, Chuck worked as a Research assistant, then in clinical psychology working with children and families. For the past 10 years, Chuck has been taking a part time degree in Plant Science at the University of Guelph, specializing in Molecular Genetics and Plant Biotechnology.

Start Time: 5:30 p.m. Pacific, 8:30 p.m. Eastern

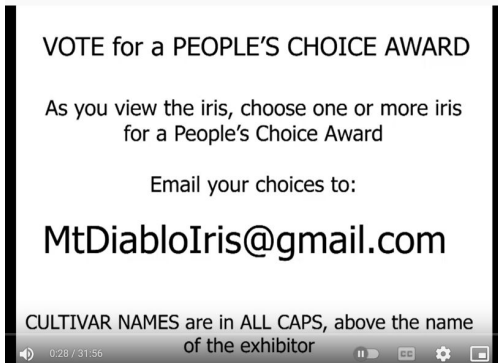
Duration: about 1 hour per session

Via: ZOOM

Info: AISwebinars@gmail.com

DETAILS

1. **An email invitation to register online will be sent to all AIS members a week before each event. Once you register you will be sent the webinar's link.**
2. **All webinars will be FREE of charge to all members of AIS, AIS sections, and local iris clubs.**
3. **Not an AIS member but want to attend? Email us.**



MDIS Virtual People's Choice Reminder

The 3rd Annual MDIS Novel (V)Iris Show is now in the record books and you can see the [first video of the entries](#).

You can also participate by voting for the **People's Choice Award**. See the instructions above. You have until December 31, 2022 to send in your picks.

More results will be in a future *Iris*es Bulletin.

Thank you Mt Diablo Iris Society for staging these virtual iris shows!



HIPS Purple Based Foliage Survey

NOTICE: The first cumulative counts report on the HIPS PBF Survey is now available. To date people have reported purple-based foliage Yes/No observations for 1,338 different cultivars. Many thanks go out to the reporters. Future reports will be issued annually to reflect new incoming data. The PCT Project has also issued a handy list that combines six other existing "PBF lists" into one. Check it out.

To access these useful documents and to learn how you can report data to the PBF survey please visit the HIPS' website [HIPS PCT Project page](#).



Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society Virtual Iris Show

The [Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society](#) held a Virtual Iris Show this spring and [you can now see all the entries](#). Best in Show went to '[Holden Clough](#)' with the picture shown above submitted by Meredith Endsley.



Moving...A New House, New Friends, New Everything!

A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust.

When I was growing up, we moved every three years. My Dad worked for an oil company, and they liked to rotate their employees around between the cities where they had offices. We could

They are planning another virtual show in 2023. Details will be on their website when available.

Thank you to Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society for staging this virtual iris show!

not afford to buy new plants and my Mother loved all kinds of flowers. When it was time to move, she would dig some of all the perennials, have seeds from the annuals, and of course take one of each of her iris. When we got to our new home, she would make new flower beds and plan out the right place to plant all of her lovely treasured flowers. I loved helping her and did not realize then that I would always love flowers.

Well, you wonderful youth, are you learning plant love from your Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, or someone else close to you? I sure hope so, because gardening is a lifetime hobby that is healthy, fun, and fulfilling and will help you develop new skills and expand your knowledge about the science of growing.

The Ackerman Youth Essay Contest for 2023 should help you imagine what it would be like to move to a new home that has no gardens! You will get to dream up a new garden where you plant only your favorite two colors of iris and mix different companion plants in with them. Please be creative, and full of detail when you write your essay. Write about the shape of your garden and where the plants will be in it. You might tell us where you would place some garden art that matches your iris or are just fun. Be very descriptive and elaborate on everything. Maybe even draw a map of your new garden. 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. Here is the official theme:

You just moved into a new home that has no iris. You decide to plant an iris garden with iris that are only two colors. They can be blends or shades of these colors. What two colors would you chose? Why would you choose to plant these colors? Choose companion plants and/or garden art to go in your bed. List a few names of the iris you would like to plant and list some of the companion plants you would use. Maybe describe what design or shape the bed(s) would be.

Remember to get someone to check your grammar and spelling. Check out the other rules below and send it to me, Debbie Strauss at

debbie@loveirises.com or mail it to me at 2213 Hereford Blvd, Midland TX 79707 by the deadline of March 21, 2023.

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 2023 iris from one of our wonderful hybridizers. And of course, there are just a couple of other easy rules:

Essays should be written in **500 words or less**. The deadline for getting the essay finished and submitted to me is **March 21, 2023**.

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies. I still have many seeds from my Mother's garden. I still love gardening because it is a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself. Enjoy writing your essay and enjoy gardening, especially with all the rainbow of iris.



Median Iris Society News

President Debbie Strauss

This is an exciting time of year when we have our iris all planted, fed, and bedded down for the winter. It is a time to prepare new programs, look at photos, study which iris won awards, plan crosses, or just rest for a spell. I have been thinking back to 2012. 10 years ago, I planted my first standard dwarf iris. I made a new bed along the edge of my driveway. I lined it with median iris, mostly SDBs. I was not sure they would grow in our hot dry climate, but I planted them. The next year they all grew and many even bloomed. Then the next year they



Remember the Daily Iris Puzzle?

The [Daily Iris Puzzle Archive](#) is still out there on the Iris Encyclopedia! Created during the pandemic, it ran from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Over 600 iris related images in more than 1300 jigsaws, there is something for everyone.

To add to your puzzle opportunities, here are fresh puzzles from the above photo of '[Daily Blessing](#)' as a [standard](#)

exploded. It was wonderful. I was amazed and became an excited full time median iris fan.

[jigsaw with ~55 pieces](#) and as a [harder jigsaw with ~110 pieces](#).

I don't know if you are already a fan or if you are just reading the awesome "News and Notes", but we would love to talk to you about all the wonderful median iris. And we would love to have you join the Median Iris Society. Please join us on our website <http://www.medianiris.com/>. We would love to share our knowledge and excitement about the Median Iris.

The Median Iris Society would like to congratulate **all** the AIS 2022 Iris Award winners. Here are the top median winners. The Knowlton Medal for Border Bearded iris was won by Joe Ghio's *Boy Genius*. The Hans and Jacob Sass Medal for intermediate bearded was won by Paul Black's *Apple Crisp*. The Williamson-White Medal for miniature tall bearded iris was won by Charles Bunnell's *Breakfast In Bed*, and the Cook-Douglas Medal for standard dwarf bearded iris was won by Marky Smith's *Coconino*. Be sure to go to <https://wiki.irises.org/> and look a photos of these awesome iris.

If you are already growing a good number of median iris and would be willing to share your garden when they are in bloom, maybe you would like to become a Median Iris Display Garden. The rules are simple, and the chore is a fun one. You can read the rules on our website <http://www.medianiris.com/> and you will receive a cool MIS Display Garden sign to put into your garden. Contact Cynthia Wade or Judith Andrews for more information today.

MIS would like to ask you to designate them on your Amazon purchasing page and use the SmileAmazon site to help us out. When you do you Amazon donates a small amount of your purchase to MIS. I know you all purchase on Amazon so please start using SmileAmazon, it is the same exactly except they donate to charities. Go to our webpage <http://www.medianiris.com/> and read more about it. Thanks for helping us out.

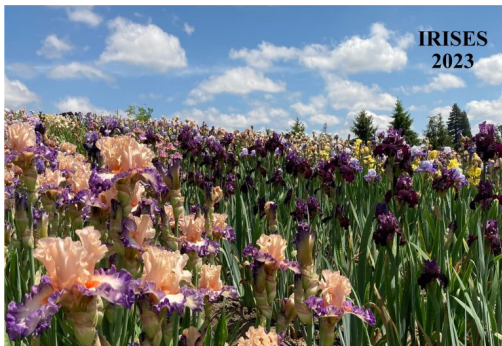
The Median Iris Society is still looking for one special median loving volunteer. This volunteer will chair our fundraising efforts. The **Fundraising Chair** will always have many people willing to help

with this fun position. I have done it for many years and will be willing to co-chair with someone. Please consider volunteering to help out MIS by being our fundraising chairperson. We really need someone!

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 Rienets the seed chair and invites you to buy seeds or donate your extra seeds!

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

If I can do anything or answer any questions send me an email at debbie@loveirises.com or call me at 432-352-5483 and I will be happy to talk with you.



AIS Storefront - 2023 Calendars Price Reduction

The AIS 2023 Iris Calendar is now available at a special price. Prices: USA Individual copy \$7.00, Packet of 10 \$42.00; Canada Individual copy \$8.00, Packet of 10 \$48.00; International Individual copy contact Storefront for price, Packet of 10 contact the Storefront for price. Prices include S&H.



Tech Corner - Your Google Alerts Superpower

How do you find out what is happening when you don't know what you are looking for? I believe in serendipity and also giving it a helping hand.

[Google Alerts](#) is my helping hand. It sends me an email once a day (or less) with items containing "american iris society" or "iris society" (separate alerts). Searching is exactly like Google, so you need the quotes to make sure it is a phrase. You can customize where it searches and how frequently it reports.

In the last week it has given me:

1. [Brad Kasperek's obituary](#)
2. The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society [Virtual Show](#) reported above

and a number of other items for my general interest.



October 26 Board Teleconference

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Oct 26, 2022 05:00 PM Pacific
Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/registrant/register/tZAKc-GgrjMtGNP1UBav-ZVjPtt2mMilr57N>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

November Note: The November Board Teleconference will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

You may request permission to see the documents of the October 26th Zoom Meeting by contacting Claire at secretary@irises.org.

Here is a complete list of measures we've recently taken to ensure a safer Zoom experience:

1. We will never publish meeting links on a public website or social media, EVER.
2. All AIS meeting attendees will be required to pre-register.
3. No last minute registrations, they will close one hour before each meeting/event.
4. Also, please be on time. Meetings will close "their doors" 10 minutes after the start time. (businesses do this regularly).
5. Always have a room monitor (besides the facilitator/presenter).
6. Sharing of documents is limited to Hosts and Co-Hosts only.
7. Non-identified individuals who try to enter a meeting will not be allowed. Please make sure your own Zoom account has your



Photo Identification

- SBMIS Virtual Show - 'Holden Clough' the Best in Show entry
- MIS News - 'Little Swiss Miss'
- Iris Puzzle - 'Daily Blessing'
- Tech Corner - 'Supernatural'
- Teleconference - 'Halloween Treat'
- Photo Id - 'Spooky'

- name.
8. Meeting passcodes will be different for every meeting (do not use the same code for all meetings).
 9. Email invitations to register will display the following: DO NOT FORWARD THIS EMAIL; DO NOT POST THIS INFORMATION ONLINE.
 10. Those who do not have the registration link can request one from the AIS
Secretary: secretary@irises.org