



The American Iris Society

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2024 AIS/Japanese National Iris Convention

Greater Portland Iris Society, of Portland Oregon, would like to invite you to the AIS National Convention with the **Society for Japanese Irises** in a joint Convention.

Mark your calendars now for **June 26th-29th, 2024**. These dates are focused on the peak bloom of Iris ensata (Japanese Iris) in the Pacific Northwest. Iris ensata are known for their grass-like foliage, many flower forms, and bright colorful patterns.

The Convention will entail a Welcome Banquet, Section Programs, several Judges Training



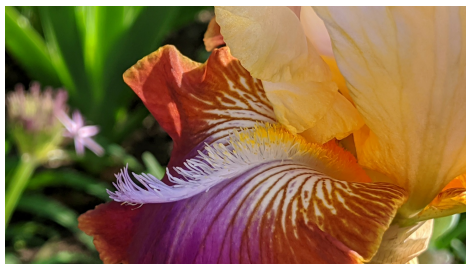
2024 Louisiana and Spuria Combined Convention

The Iris Society of Dallas is once again graciously hosting a convention. This time the Spuria Iris Society and the Society for Louisiana Irises (SLI) combined convention will be held April 26-28, 2024 in Dallas. Additional information may be found at the Spuria Iris Society website: <https://spuriairissociety.org/spuria-sli-convention>

sessions, Garden Tours, a Live Plant Auction, and the Closing AIS Awards Banquet.

Also available with separate registrations will be the all-so-fun [Geek Dinner](#) and a side trip to the world-famous [Japanese Gardens of Portland Oregon](#).

Registration Information for all and the Schedule of Events can be found at <https://socji.org/events/> and/or <http://greaterportlandirissociety.org/national-convention-2024>



Announcing the 2023 Photo Contest Winners

Adult Winners

Category 1. [Landscape or Garden](#):
Bernard Pryor, West Hobart, TAS, Australia

Category 2. [In the Wild](#):
Patrick Fett, Pollock, LA

Category 3. [Person/People at Events or Tours](#):

Mason Train, Colton, CA

Category 4. [Close Up](#):
Curtis Smith, Oregon City, OR

Category 5. [Art Effects/Macro](#):
Carol Bacskai, Yorkville, IL

Category 6. [Pets, Wildlife or Garden Art](#):

Amy Bond, Shingletown, CA

Youth Winners

Category 1 [Landscape Garden](#):
Nathan Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

Category 4 Close Up:
Nathan Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

Category 5 [Art Effects, Macro Segments](#):
Nathan Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

See the Winter 2024 Irises Bulletin for more photos from the contest.

Thank you everyone for your entries.



Fall Iris Beauties

It is fall in your lovely iris garden. Your friend came over to visit. She is going to have her garden ready to plant iris next year and has asked your help to learn what to plant and how to take care of them. She is amazed that you have iris blooming! Some are old and some are new but there are many either in bloom or putting up bloom stalks. You talk to her about them. You tell her about [reblooming iris](#), [broken color](#), and [space age iris](#). You took the opportunity to help her learn new things about what she can plant in her garden next fall.

So, keep helping her learn by learning yourself and then enter the 2024 Ackerman Youth Essay Contest. The theme this year is about helping your new friend learn everything about iris before she plants! It will also give you an opportunity to research and learn more about our favorite flower. As you plant and grow iris you are constantly learning new things, but you can always share your knowledge. There are many good books about iris and growing iris

that you can get. Then put on your writing cap and write an informative, but creative essay. The theme is:

A new friend, exactly your age and interested in all the same things you love, just moved in next door to you! Her Mom gave her a flower bed of her own in their new backyard. Your new bestie saw your blooming iris beds and now wants to plant iris too, but she doesn't know anything about them. So, she asked you to teach her all about iris! What are they? How do you plant them? When do iris bloom, and what do you do with them when they finish their bloom cycle? How (and when) do you fertilize them, or dig and separate them when they have grown large? In other words, she wants to know all about irises, and you are the perfect person to ask.

Write an informative essay to teach her everything she would need to know to plant, nurture, and enjoy a brand-new iris garden bed. You will need to start by researching irises and iris gardening tips and tricks. Organize the information and brainstorm your own ideas and favorite things about planting, growing, and seeing irises. Pretend you are teaching and encouraging your friend as you write out the essay – explain and be enthusiastic! This may be a longer essay than others you have written, and because you will be doing a little research, be sure you put everything into your own words (don't just cut and paste information).

Go to [this link](#) to see more information and rules. The deadline to send the essay to me is June 10, 2024. Debbie Strauss at debbie@loveirises.com or mail it to me at 2213 Hereford Blvd, Midland TX 79707.



Novelty Iris Society News

The [NOVELTY IRIS SOCIETY](#) is looking for articles for our electronic newsletter. Debbie Strauss (debbie@loveirises.com) is our newsletter Captain. Please participate by sending:

- Pictures of your favorite Novelty irises
- Hybridizer stories. Did you meet Monty Byers? Fred Kerr? Tom Burseen? Barry Blyth? Others?
- What is your favorite type of Novelty iris?
- What Novelty irises are you searching for to add to your collection?

Do you have an interest in being an officer or Director with the Novelty Iris Society? We will be electing officers at Novelty meeting in Portland. If you have questions about officer or director responsibilities, please reach out to Bonnie J Nichols (bjnhtn@aol.com).

Not yet a member, you can [join online](#) or [use this form](#).



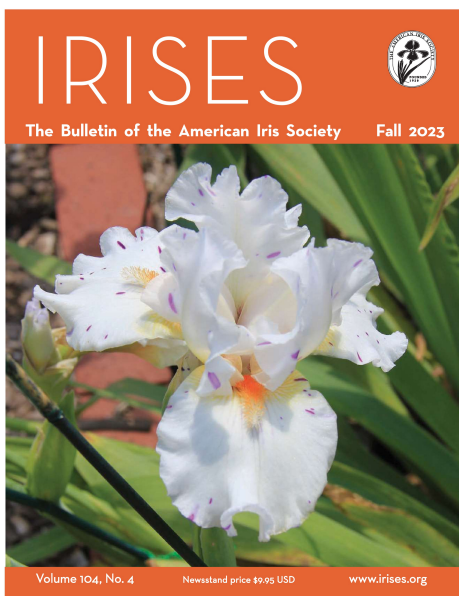
Dwarf Iris Society Seed Sale

The [2023 DIS seed sale](#) began Sunday, October 15, with over 100 different seed offerings from MDBs, SDBs, and bearded species, including hand-pollinated crosses. Most open-pollinated seed selections from previous years have been moved to the surplus list and will be available to both members and nonmembers. You must be a member of DIS to buy seeds from the members-only list, but you may join at the same time you order your seeds. Sorry, US/Canada addresses only at this time.



SIGNA News

Don't forget to send your seeds to



the seed exchange chair for the 2023 exchange. See the [instructions for 2023](#) or the web site for [details](#).

We will soon offer a set of back issues of the **SIGNA Journal** 1-100 as PDFs. Details on that later, but if you would like back issues on paper, now is the time to get them. Back issues between 1 and 100 that are in stock are on sale for \$1 each plus postage.

if you haven't hear from us in a while, contact Rodney Barton rbartontx@yahoo.com about your membership status.

Quick Notes

Emembers - the **Fall 2023 issue of the *Irises Bulletin*** is now available. It will also soon be on the way to Print Members.

AIS Webinar - Yesterday you should have received an invitation to register for the **Saturday, October 28th** webinar presented by **Bob Pries** Titled: **"A Romp Through the Iris Family"**

If you did not receive one, please let me know - Wayne Messer wrmesser@gmail.com .



October 25th AIS Board Teleconference

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Oct 25, 2023 05:00 PM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

November 4th AIS Fall Board Teleconference

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Nov 4, 2023 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Yes,
Saturday morning is correct.

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-10252020>

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

If you are a guest to the meeting, you may request permission to see the documents of the October 25th Zoom Meeting by contacting the AIS Secretary, Claire Schneider at secretary@irises.org.

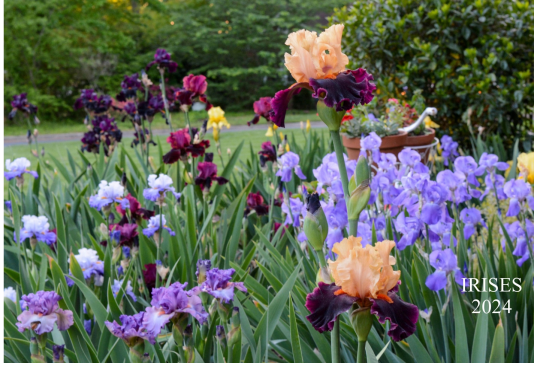
Here is a complete list of measures we've recently taken to ensure a safer Zoom experience:

1. We will never publish meeting links on a public website or social media, EVER. We ask that you do the same. Please do not publish this Zoom invite on a public forum or social media channel.
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 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.

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CLOSEOUT SPECIAL – AIS 2024 Iris Calendars

Each: USA \$7.00, CAN \$9.00, INT –
Contact the Storefront for price.
Pack of 10: USA \$42.00, CAN \$53.00,
INT – Contact the Storefront for price.
John Ludi
[AIS Storefront](#)

Photo ID

- Main
- LA and SPU - 'My Friend Dick'
- Ackerman - 'Autumn Colors'
- Novelty Iris Society - 'Broken Link'
- Another medal winner with SIGNA seed in its pedigree - 'Elfin Sunshine'
- October Teleconference - 'Waiting For October'
- Fall Board Meeting - 'Fall Fiesta'
- Photo ID - 'Hit And Miss'



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