



The American Iris Society

News & Notes December 22 2023



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 June 26th-29th, 2024**. You can now make your hotel reservations for the **Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront** online using this link, *mention AIS National Iris Convention for special rates:*
<https://book.passkey.com/event/50707482/owner/4387/home>

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



Why you should be an AIS Director

If you are interested in keeping up with the workings of AIS and being involved in decisions that affect the AIS, the promotion of irises, its members, sections, and affiliates, this is the place for you.

What is involved in being an AIS Director?

Directors serve 3-year terms, with elections held each spring. A director is responsible for attending AIS board meetings which are usually held once a month on Zoom, and the in-person meeting at the annual AIS Convention. Directors serve on at least one of the AIS

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>

committees where their special skills or knowledge can be applied.

How to nominate yourself or someone else?

If you are interested in becoming an AIS director or know someone who might be, prepare a short biography stating experiences with iris related matters, including club, region, and AIS experience. Include a statement about the impact that can be made on AIS by this nominee. Send the biography to the chair of the Nomination Committee, Heather Haley at Heather.Haley@gmail.com

Interested? Attend a Zoom Board meeting by requesting a link from the AIS secretary. secretary@irises.org or AIS.paperwork2000@gmail.com

Serving as a director on the AIS Board can be a wonderful experience. Please consider becoming a candidate.

AIS Nomination Committee presenting candidates in June 2024

Heather Haley, chair
Jacqueline Pountney
Charlotte Brennand
Anita Moran
Howie Dash

We're hooking up!!

DOUBLE TREAT

The Joint Convention of the Society for Louisiana Irises and the Spuria Iris Society
Dallas, TX, Friday, April 26 – Saturday, April 27, 2024

SPURIA
IRIS SOCIETY

- Five gardens on tour displaying both Louisianas and Spurias
- Learn how these beardless irises share the same gardens
- Expand your iris friendships

Hosted by the Iris Society of Dallas

[Click here for details.](#)
[Schedule, Registration Form, Hotel Information](#)

Double Treat in Dallas

The Iris Society of Dallas is proud to be host for the **2024 first-ever joint Louisiana and Spuria Iris Convention**. Both Louisiana and



YOUTH NEWS

I have exciting Youth News to report! First, I want to introduce myself as the newly appointed Youth Chair of the American Iris Society, Carolyn Hoover in Region 14. I wish to thank Cheryl Deaton, past youth chair, for her many years of dedication and support of the AIS

Spuria irises bloom at the same time in Texas. For those of you that attended the 2023 AIS National Convention in Dallas, you saw how well the Louisiana and Spuria iris grow. We have FIVE area gardens to tour plus other exciting things for iris lovers to enjoy.

[Complete information for the April 26 - 28, 2024 Convention](#) is now available.

Youth Program. Over the years, I have learned a lot from Mrs. Deaton about assisting youth to develop their knowledge of iris culture and AIS activities.

I started a Classroom Iris Program (CIP) in 2007 at my local elementary school where I was employed as an after school director, and, since 2019, I have been the Youth Chair for Region 14. I hope in future years to reach out to all the AIS RVP's and affiliate presidents to share ideas and encourage others to develop the AIS Youth program in their area.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding a CIP project. And contact me if you have children or grandchildren who may want to be an AIS Youth member so they can participate in all the fun and rewarding contests AIS has to offer. Youth membership for those under the age of 19, is only \$8 per year without *IRISES: The Bulletin* and \$12 with *The Bulletin*. You can mail a check payable to AIS to: AIS Membership Secretary, 1226 High St. Alameda, CA 94501. Or to pay by credit or debit card go to: <https://www.irises.org/ais-memberships-emember/>

Let's rebuild the AIS Youth Program together today! Our youth really need these kinds of fun and educational activities! Remember, you must be a youth member to enter the AIS Youth Coloring and the AIS Foundation's Ackerman Essay Contests. No matter which AIS Region you are from, it is not too late to submit your entry! Please see the [picture](#) and [contest entry form](#) which can be found at aisyouth.org. Please note that **January 31, 2024 is the new deadline date to submit entries to this year's AIS Youth Coloring Contest.**

Nominations for the [AIS Youth 2024 Clarke Cosgrove Award for Outstanding AIS Youth Achievement](#) are now being received. Please email your nomination to me at yischoover@gmail.com. Or you can mail it to me at Carolyn Hoover, AIS Youth Chair, 45812 Old Corral Rd. Coarsegold, CA 93614. **The due date for submitting**

nominations is January 31, 2024

Nominees must:

- grow their own iris garden with a variety of irises,
- attend shows and regional meetings,
- participate in club activities such as meetings, sales and shows,
- be a good member of their community,
- enter AIS Youth Contests such as the annual Coloring Contest and the AIS Foundation's Ackerman Essay Contest, and
- promote the American Iris Society.
- Youth members must be nominated by an adult AIS-member.

Please contact me, if you have any questions about the exciting and updated AIS Youth Program and any 2024 contest information.

Iristatically,

Carolyn Hoover, AIS Youth Chair
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45812 Old Corral Rd.
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Exhibitions Has a New Schedules Chair

Attention!! Attention!! All you show chairs and show schedule writers! AIS Exhibitions Committee has a new Schedules Chair. For the 2024 show season, you should send your draft schedules for approval to:

Olga Batalov



c. Louisiana Iris Gardens

Membership News

Just in time for gifting season - the AIS integrated online system can now process gift memberships! To purchase a membership as a gift to someone else, go to <https://system.irises.org/membership> and check the "This purchase is a gift" box. You will be prompted for the recipient's name, address, and email address (if applicable).

E-mail:
exhibition.schedules@gmail.com
Cell Phone: 858-405-9077 (please email first, I do not answer calls from unknown numbers)
Snail-mail address: 8715 Sparren Way, San Diego, CA 92129

Remember that show schedules should be sent for approval at least two months prior to your show date. That may be particularly important for Olga this year as she "learns the ropes." Please be patient and give her some extra time if possible.

Draft schedules can be sent via e-mail or USPS, but email is preferred. It speeds up the process and saves everyone a little on postage.

In other membership news, there has been a change in how the **U.S. Postal Service handles mis-delivered bulletins. They no longer send such bulletins back, or send paper notifications of failed deliveries or address changes.** While we do expect to get electronic notifications of address changes if they have been filed with the USPS, it is very important to **make sure that AIS has your current mailing address and email address on file.** You can notify the membership secretary of any changes via email at memsec@irises.org, by phone at (510) 864-7962, or via mail:

AIS Membership Secretary
1226 High Street
Alameda, CA 94501



HIPS Teaming Up With AIS Library

Several HIPS members are busy inventorying the historic collection at the AIS Library. Cathy Egerer and Susan Flow are working on the catalogs, of which there are thousands, and created a master spreadsheet. Jody Nolin is bringing the [Section](#), [Regional](#) and [Club](#) bulletins under control. The three also worked together to inventory the International catalog collection. Now that the catalog inventory is finished, HIPS will send additional catalogs and bulletins to be placed in the Library collection after they are scanned and uploaded to the AIS



Novelty Iris Society News

By Debbie Strauss Newsletter Chair

I hope that many Novelty Iris lovers read this in our fabulous "News And Notes"! Somehow, I managed to delete 3 months of my emails. And my sweet husband tried everything to find them but couldn't. So, I lost several important emails. If you sent me something, please resend it! I had a wonderful novelty iris lover volunteer to write an article for my newsletter, and I cannot find their name or email! So please resend me your emails!

I have heard from several members interested in putting photos and short

Wiki. Several hundred catalogs have already been shipped, with more to come now that the final inventory is finished. The goal is to have two copies of each catalog in the Library if possible. Scanning and uploading will continue through the winter. To date, [over 800 HIPS catalogs have been added to the Wiki.](#)

If you are interested in helping with the uploading, please contact Cathy at outreach@historicism.org.

stories in the newsletter, but I could surely use more-more-more!

- 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 any reblooming novelty iris? I would love to hear from you and please send me photos and when they bloomed too! Above you can see the beautiful "Banker Dave" reblooming in Midland Texas in November. Thanks so much for helping me. My email is debbie@loveirises.com.

We also need new officers and directors in the Novelty Iris Society. We will be electing officers at the Novelty IS meeting in Portland. If you have questions about officer or director responsibilities, please reach out to Bonnie J Nichols (bjnhtn@aol.com).



2023 Spuria Iris Popularity Contest

The [Spuria Iris Society](#) is holding their 2023 Spuria Popularity Contest. **We welcome ANY irisarian that fancies spurias to participate in our popularity contest.** Each participant may select up to 10 spurias. Your TOP favorite should appear in the first position with the remaining votes listed in descending order of preference. Awarded points by

Registrations and Introductions in 2023



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Iris Introductions Reminder

Hybridizers should register their irises through the online Iris Register and should notify me when they introduce an iris. If they publish a catalog, they should send me the catalog by the post office

choice are:

- 10 points for the first spuria listed
- 9 points for the second spuria
- 8 points for the third spuria
- And on down the list so that 1 point for the tenth spuria

The top 10 spurias will be determined based on the total number of points earned by each of the cultivars selected.

Please consider indicating the location of your garden and/or your USDA zones. Varietal comments are always welcome. Your input could assist others in deciding which ones they may want to grow.

There are three methods available to vote, online, e-mail or by US mail. **Please vote NO LATER THAN January 31, 2024** using ONE of the following methods:

- Online:
<https://forms.gle/QziYh8uWXeYiE6X58>
- E-mail: djurn@prodigy.net
- US mail:

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100 Sedona Vista Dr.
Sedona, AZ 86338-6017

(USPS). If they introduce the iris online, they should send me the url of their website by email. I don't do Facebook, so they should send me a screenshot of their introductions by email. The 'Registrations and Introductions for 2023' is now published, and if you did not inform me, then the introductions will appear in the 2024 R&I.

Janis Shackelford
AIS Registrar-Recorder
PO Box 21827
El Cajon, CA 92021
aisregistrar@irises.org

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Tell Us About Your Reblooms

The [Reblooming Iris Society](#) (RIS) is currently collecting data for its 2023 Rebloom Report. **Did you know that anyone, even if they do not belong to the RIS can submit data** for this very important report? Yes, even you can supply information to be included in the report. We have even made it easy for you. Currently there is a fillable PDF available for you to fill out so you can submit a report of those irises in your garden that rebloom.

You can download the form at: <https://www.irisregion4.com/publications/RebloomReport.pdf>

After filling out the form you can send it by snail mail to: Mary Platner, 8217 E. Del Camino Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85258, or by

Invitation -The World of Iris 2024 Photo Contest, Italy

You are invited to enter The Iris World 2024 Photo Contest, Italy. Hosted by **Circolo Fotografico "Citta de Thiene"** and **Ana Montegrappa S.Giorgio di Perlena**, the deadline for entries is **April 16, 2024**.

Complete details, including the registration form, will be found in the 2024 *Winter Irises Bulletin*. See also this [English language brochure](#).

email to: maryplatner@msn.com.

If the form is a bit much for you, we welcome one or two paragraphs instead of the form. Please send it to Mary Platner (maryplatner@msn.com) with your name and address so she can figure out what plant zone you are in. Many thanks!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Anita Moran
RIS Vice President



Merry Christmas To Everyone And Happy Writing!

*Debbie Strauss AIS Foundation Youth Essay
Contest Chair*

The end of 2023 is upon us. We all have many things to be thankful for. It has been a good year for irises and their growth. There were times when I thought our iris would all burn to a crisp. Yes, we lost some, especially some of the medians, but our iris are a hardy bunch of flowers. With fall and a little rain, they came bouncing back. That is one thing you can share with your new friend about the wonderful iris plants. With your days out of school it is a wonderful time to research all about the things to do with iris that you can share with your new friend. Also think about spending time with them and learning more about them and what colors, types, and varieties they might like. Of course, this is all using your imagination...unless you are lucky enough to have a real new friend that moved in close to you! All the hybridizers are releasing their new introductions, so you can explore their websites and come up with a plan. Then you can get busy writing for the Ackerman Youth Essay Contest 2024! The deadline is June 10, 2024. It should be a creative writing



Median Iris Society News

President Debbie Strauss

Hello my fellow median iris lovers. Yesterday I found a poor little iris rhizome behind my computer desk when I went to plug in my pencil sharpener. It still has a little green and several good-looking babies. It is the SDB 'Jenny Any Dots'. Well, it is 26 degrees outside and not going to warm up enough to plant it for a while. Guess I will pot the little one. Has something like this ever happened to you?

I also somehow deleted a few months' worth of my emails. If you sent me something and I did not respond, please send it again, so I can get back with you.

Sometimes life happens and we make mistakes. Thank goodness we have good people that surround us and make it all ok. The Median Iris Society has had a few bumps, and we are working to fix things. Our Fall Medianite will not be out until January 2024. If you would like to

piece, but since you have studied and learned more about iris, it will also be full of facts. Before you turn it in, 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 and fix grammar and spelling. Before you start writing review the official theme:

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).

Check out the [other rules](#) and send your awesome essay to me, Debbie Strauss at debbie@loveirises.com or mail it to me at 2213 Hereford Blvd, Midland TX 79707.



write an article for it, please do and send it to the Millers at miller42@aol.com.

If you are having trouble knowing something about your MIS membership, please contact either me at debbie@loveirises.com or Debra at miller42@aol.com.

We are still going to need a few good members to come forward and help with officer positions and chairmen positions. Please consider stepping up. Help!

When you start to have your local club meetings in 2024 please talk to them about hosting a Median Iris Society Mini convention in 2026 or 2027. Or maybe your Region would consider hosting for MIS.

Now that your fall work is done and winter is here, do any median hybridizers have extra seeds? Please consider donating them to MIS. Check the Median Iris Society Seed Exchange Facebook page for directions on how to donate and the most up to date inventory list of median seeds for sale. Kimberly Rieniets 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.

Next AIS Board Teleconference January 24, 2024

Just a reminder: Details on the January meeting will be in the January News & Notes.

Enjoy your holidays!



Photo Id

- Exhibitions - 'Good Show'
- Membership News - 'News Brief'
- Spuria Popularity Contest - 'Line Dancing' last year's winner
- Ackerman - 'New Leaf'
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