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2020 Webinar Summer Series

Welcome to the 80th regular issue of the **AIS News & Notes**. Please let us know what you would like to see here. And if you have notes you would like to add, or you would like to become a reporter, please let us know! You can contact [Wayne Messer](#) with your comments or interest.

Virtual Iris Shows Follow-up

With almost all of the physical iris shows being cancelled because of the pandemic, some groups have gone to virtual iris shows. While not eligible for AIS medals and ribbons, club ribbons can be awarded.



2020 Virtual Show - Velvet Valentine

At least one of these is still open for entries. **The Mt Diablo Iris Society** show continues to accept entries until July 1st. [Details here.](#)

The **Southern California Iris Society** iris show is available to see as albums on Facebook. Start [here](#) to see the photos and albums.

The **Garden State Iris Society** iris show can be seen as a [slideshow on their website home page.](#)

The **Fredericksburg Area Iris Society** show and garden tour can be found on their [Facebook page.](#) Japanese irises are winding down and rebloom has begun.

The virtual iris shows we are aware of can be found [here.](#) Please let us know of others to add!

Thank you to all the groups for helping spread the joy of iris



As you probably know, in 2020 we are celebrating our Centennial Anniversary! As part of the celebration we are happy to announce **our first ever webinar summer series.**

When?

- July 8th: **Gary White on "Iris and AIS - The Early Years"**
- July 15th: **Gary White on "Iris and AIS - The Middle Years"**
 - August 5th: **Bonnie Nichols on "Novelty Irises: Broken Color and Flatties" (including Judges Training)**
 - August 12th: **Bonnie Nichols on "Novelty Irises: Space Agers" (including Judges Training)**
- September 2nd: **Jody Nolin on "Species Irises" (including Judges Training)**

Start time: **5:30 p.m Pacific**

All events will be conducted via Zoom Webinars: 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.

All webinars will be **FREE** of charge to all members of AIS, AIS sections, and local iris clubs.

Not an AIS member but want to attend? Email us at: aiswebinars@gmail.com.

Zoom info.: <http://zoom.us>

Thank you to all our

shows! We appreciate your efforts in extending the traditional iris shows into new venues.

AIS Director Nominees Selected

The Board of Directors met in executive session to vote on the candidates for the Board presented by the Nominating Committee.

I am pleased to report that the following people will be the slate of nominees presented at this fall's Board meeting:

**Scarlett Ayres
Cheryl Deaton
Susan Driver
Michael Reed**

As always, additional nominations can be made by a petition signed by 40 AIS members. Such petitions should be sent to the AIS Secretary (aissecretary@irises.org) on or before August 15th.

Thank you all,
Jody Nolin
President, AIS



'Nominee'

Attend Another Exciting Board Teleconference June 24th

We're just recovering from last month's excitement and now it is time for another! **Wednesday June 24th 5:00 p.m. Pacific time.**

One special topic will be 2021. **How might we prepare in case 2020 recurs?** Let us know your thoughts during or after the meeting.

The documents for this meeting can be found [here](#).

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4358570936>

Find additional Zoom details or updated information about the meeting [here](#).

Hope to see you there!



'Recurring Delight'

New Items Available at the AIS Storefront and Other Exciting News

There is enough happening in the **AIS Storefront** to fill this issue of News & Notes. We've squeezed them all in here so [check out the Storefront](#) to learn more.

presenters! If you would like to be a future webinar presenter, please let us know.

Like a PDF with this information? [Here it is.](#)

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New items available at the AIS Storefront

1. **2019 Registrations and Introductions Booklet** - USA \$13.00
Canada \$14.00 International \$16.00.

2. **IRISES 100th Anniversary Supplements #1 and #2** - \$10.00 per copy.

3. **AIS 100th Anniversary Medal** - \$12.00 each. Delayed by the manufacturer because of a product defect. We are accepting orders at this time.

4 **AIS Anniversary Medal Special - Set of 50th, 75th and 100th Anniversary** - \$50.00. (Limited QTY - 5 set available.)

AIS Storefront Ordering Information Update

The AIS can now accept PayPal and regular credit/debit card payments for Storefront orders (minimum order: \$10.00)! See the [Storefront for details.](#)

Storefront Emails are Working

While there had been some reports of emails bouncing, as of June 17th emails to aisstorefront@irises.org were going through. If you experience problems with email to the Storefront, please let John Jones or John Ludi know.

Aril Society Plant Sale starts Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM CDT

If you have never grown arilbreds before, they make a great addition to your garden and they tend to bloom early thus extending your bloom season. Start with the ones labeled OGB-, they are the easiest, and most grow like other bearded irises, plus they come in dwarf (under 13 inches), median (13 - 22 inches) and regular (over 22 inches) heights. Something for every preference.



'Onlooker'

The sale this year will offer over 125 arilbred, aril hybrid, and aril species, with over 1100 plants available. All plants are donated by ASI members. Many have only 2-3 plants available and sell out fast - others have 10-15 plants, and everything in between. Online ordering is recommended with payment via Paypal. Orders will be shipped in mid August.

Visit the website at www.arilsociety.org and go to PLANT SALE. **You must be a member to order, and you can take out membership on the sale page.** A three year membership comes with a \$12 credit on your first plant sale order, issued as a refund check post order shipping.

Sale ends Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 8:00 PM CDT.



AIS Centennial Medal

Have questions? Email our Membership and Plant Sale Chair Dell Perry at seandelirises@yahoo.com.

Tall Bearded Iris Society Voting Deadline June 30th

TBIS Members - Please remember that your "**America's Choice**" ballot is **due by June 30**. We need everyone who grows iris to vote!



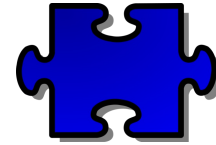
'Kathy Chilton' -
Part of the TBIS
Hall of Fame

All necessary instructions are on the ballot you received with your Spring 2020 Tall Talk. If perchance you have misplaced your ballot, you can email your ten choices with name, address and USDA Zone # (if you know it) to Jerry James at jpjrmj36@gmail.com or write them on a blank sheet of paper with the same information and mail them to **Jerry James, 9218 E. 98th Street, Tulsa, OK 74133**.

Find TBIS on the [TBIS website](#) and [on Facebook](#).

Daily Iris Puzzle Continues

The [Daily Iris Puzzle](#) continues to be updated daily with single (generally) iris blooms or gardens. That link goes to the **Iris Encyclopedia** page listing the irises and pointing you to the standard difficulty puzzle, the harder difficulty puzzle, and (weekly) to the super hard puzzle.



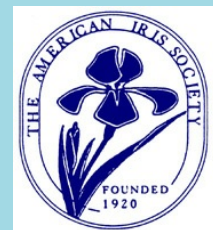
Which brings me to this month's thought: **How do you play the puzzles when the Iris Encyclopedia is down?** Horrors! Even though the Iris Encyclopedia has a good record, that actually happened recently; both the AIS website and the Iris Encyclopedia could not be reached.

Here is what you can do when you can't (or don't want to) go through the Iris Encyclopedia page: Go to the [album of Daily Iris Puzzles](#). This will show the most recent 20 puzzles and let you work backwards to see earlier puzzles. Note there are currently 9 pages of puzzles.

Hopefully you won't need this again for a long time. Enjoy!

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).