



# The American Iris Society

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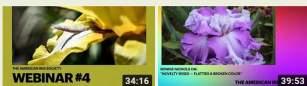
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## Continue to Enjoy the AIS Webinars



The AIS Webinar Series has been a very popular offering during the summer.

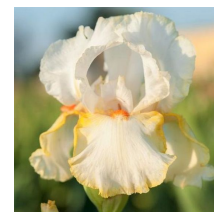
They have been recorded and now several of them are available on the [AIS YouTube Channel!](#)

Currently you can see two of

**Welcome** to the 84th 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.

## Happy Halloween!

This is going to be a Halloween like no other in history. Everyone be as safe as you can and still have a good time. We can imagine the fun parties and Fall carnivals that we would love to have. But we can all find ways to celebrate with our families and stay safe...talk about imagining...have you started imagining the wonderful party you can



'Halloween Halo'

throw for your hometown to celebrate the 100+1 American Iris Society Anniversary? With all the time we have on our hands, I hope you have it all planned out. The last day to get your essay to me will be March 22, 2021. Remember that this year's theme for The AIS Foundations Ackerman Youth Essay Contest is:

**"Imagine that you have been asked to plan a special 100+1 AIS anniversary event for your hometown. How would you celebrate irises and AIS with your friends, family, and neighbors? What activities would you plan to share your love of irises with your community?"**

All American Iris Society Youth Members are invited to write an essay and submit it to be judged by a panel from the AIS Foundation Board. The judges want to be excited to "attend" your fantastic, over the top, party with you as they read your essay. Get carried away and plan a great party for your town

Gary White presentations:

- [Irises and AIS - The Early Years](#)
- [Irises and AIS - The Middle Years](#)

And two of **Bonnie Nichols'** sessions:

- [Novelty Irises: Broken Colors and Flatties](#)
- [Novelty Irises: Space Agers](#)

Still to come, live via Zoom is **Jody Nolin's** Fall Public Webinar: [Growing Irises: The Basics! - Part 2: Beardless Irises](#)

on **Wednesday, November 11th**

(note that the date has changed),

Zoom registration details will be sent on Friday, November 6th.

Thank you to all our featured speakers for this great series!

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## Quick Links

[AIS Website](#)

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[Dwarf Iris Society](#)

[Median Iris Society](#)

[Tall Bearded Iris Society](#)

[Society for Japanese  
Irises](#)

with all the details about how you will decorate, plan things to do and ways to share irises with everyone. Write your essay like a story, tell it in vivid detail, make us all want to attend!

You can find out more about the [rules for the essay contest by following this link](#). If you have any questions please email me at [debbie@loveirises.com](mailto:debbie@loveirises.com)

## The Iris Encyclopedia Needs Your Help

The [Iris Encyclopedia](#) is an incredible resource for all things in irisdom. If you are seeking species, cultivars, hybridizers, or articles, this is where to find them.

Thanks to all the volunteers creating it, it keeps getting better and better. Every piece of information you add, every typo you correct, every iris photo you add, every link you create, they all improve it for everyone.

And there are many ways you can use your expertise to help! Start with this [page of ongoing and potential projects](#) to find those of interest. You can:

- Work on projects.
- Work on underdeveloped areas.
- Identify other areas that should be included.

Please let Bob Pries ([bobpries3@gmail.com](mailto:bobpries3@gmail.com)) - note the new address - know of your interests and suggestions.



'Marked Improvement'

## Dwarf Iris Society Seed Sale Now Open

The [Dwarf Iris Society](#) seed sale is underway! We have over 70 different seed offerings, spanning all classes of bearded irises, including dwarf species and hand-pollinated crosses. To learn more, visit



'Little Drummer Boy'

<http://www.dwarfirissociety.org/seedsale.html>

## Handling Changes During the Pandemic

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, many iris organizations have needed to alter how business is conducted. Some of these changes may conflict with their current bylaws or standing rules.

To help you deal with such situations,

[Society for Louisiana Irises](#)

[Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris](#)

[Society for Siberian Irises](#)

[Species Iris Group of North America](#)

[Spuria Iris Society](#)

Interests

[Historic Iris Preservation Society](#)

[Reblooming Iris Society](#)

[Novelty Iris Society](#)

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Gary White requested advice from our General Counsel, Dale Strauss. His [analysis and recommendations are available in this PDF](#). This includes sample changes to your bylaws allowing electronic meetings and voting.



'Expert Advice'

These are part of the [official documents of the AIS available in the Archive](#) in the AIS website.

## AIS 2021 Calendars

The [AIS Storefront](#) has a few 2021 AIS Iris Calendars left in the inventory. Effective November 1, 2020, reduced prices are \$7.00 each or a pack of 10 for \$40.00.



## Address Changes Reminder

Have you changed your address recently? Be sure to notify the AIS Membership Secretary:

AIS Membership Secretary  
PO Box 6  
Huxley, IA 50124  
[aismemsec@irises.org](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)



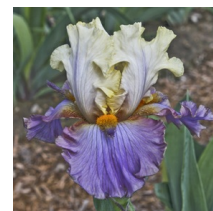
'Return Address'

Also, remember that updated emails keep you in the loop.

Thank you for your help.

## October 28th Board Teleconference Invitation

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this month's AIS Board Zoom teleconference. You can [see all the reports, the agenda, and the draft minutes from last month's meeting](#) here.



'Scary'

The American Iris Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **AIS Board teleconference Oct 28th**  
Time: **Oct 28, 2020 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/4358570936>

Complete details can be found [here](#).

## More Daily Iris Puzzle Help Has

## Arrived

The [Daily Iris Puzzle](#) has continued to be published with your help. Thank you most recently to **Nancy McDonald** for offering her photos on the Iris Encyclopedia for puzzles. There are an amazing number of her photos, frequently of historic, in the Iris Encyclopedia. You can find them by searching the text [Nancy McDonald The Pickle Barrel Collection](#).



Do you have photos, on or off the Iris Encyclopedia, that you would share for puzzles? Both single irises and iris garden photos would be much appreciated. Thank you. Wayne Messer - [wrmesser@gmail.com](mailto:wrmesser@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)).