



The American Iris Society

News & Notes February 23 2021



**Please join us for two webinars
in March 2021.**

Winter Webinar Series

Wednesday, March 3rd, 5:30 p.m. Pacific
Time By **Howie Dash**

Growing Aril and Arilbred Iris



Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the World of Irises

The American Iris Society launched [*The World of Irises*](#) in March 2011, and for the last 10 years, the blog has published at least one new article a week about all things iris. Our 750 plus posts over the last ten years have garnered over 1,300,000 views!

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the blog we are starting a countdown of the Top Ten Posts of All Time.

The blog continues to attract iris lovers from all over the globe, thanks to the dedication of the many writers past and present who have contributed their knowledge and insight about

Wednesday, March 10th, 5:30 p.m. Pacific
Time By [Bob Hollingworth, Ph. D.](#)

Managing Pests and Weeds in the Iris Patch

Invitations to register will be sent via News & Notes on Fridays before each event. For more information please email us at: AISwebinars@gmail.com or [see the complete flyer](#).



Call for Director Nominations

The American Iris Society has always depended upon and been blessed with volunteers. Many of you have served in various positions in your clubs, regions, sections, and at the national level. **Thank you for your service that makes the AIS possible.**

The AIS Nominating Committee again needs your help. Every year the terms of 4 AIS Directors expire and replacements are elected for a 3-year term. We are seeking candidates for these positions, at least 8 candidates, to present to the Board at the 2021 May teleconference.

If you are interested in serving as a Director, or if you are intrigued and would like to know more, please contact us. You can email Janis Shackelford, Nominating Committee Chair, at jgshackelford@cox.net or call 619-561-6323.

Also, if you know someone who you think would be a good candidate, please let us know as well.

Thank you for considering this and thank you again for being an AIS volunteer!

our favorite flower.

Go to the website and enter your email address in the upper left corner to receive automatic notifications for each new post.

And, if you would like to see the original post from March 9, 2011, see [Think Spring](#).



Rerun in 2021 Median Iris Trek Registration

This is to all those who are interested in attending the MIS Convention in Oklahoma City in April 2021. After careful assessment of the impact the COVID-19 virus could have on people's health and listening to many suggestions we have decided to still have it but make some changes. We will call this a trek instead of a convention and strongly encourage people to drive their own automobiles to Oklahoma City and to the gardens or plan on renting transportation or riding with someone else. I know this limits the number of iris lovers who can attend but we feel that buses inherently are too confining and could invite COVID spread.

You can use the previous 2021 form sent out or the [new one that calls this a "trek"](#). Prices are the same because even though we will no longer have the expense of the buses we will now have the expense of the banquet and auction rooms at the hotel. Previously the hotel was not charging for these rooms because we had to guarantee a minimum food expenditure and number of over-night room registrations. The hotel has allowed us to forego those guarantees but we now must pay for the

meeting rooms.

There will be no buses, but we will still have the five gardens. We hope to have all the gardens open from 8-5 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This will give you added flexibility of spending as much time in the garden that you want or attending your favorite gardens more than once. Box lunches will be provided on Friday and Saturday. There will be two scheduled times for in garden judges training sessions: one on Friday and the other on Saturday.

There will be a Silent Auction that will consist of donated items. If you could bring items for the silent auction, we would truly appreciate it. We will have a live auction consisting of convention iris rhizomes and donated rhizome certificates from hybridizers, to be shipped in the fall.

There will be a Thursday welcome dinner and a Saturday evening banquet, tables arranged to minimize COVID spread.

We know it is a bit late to announce these changes, but we came close to canceling altogether. If we get normal weather from now into April, we are set up for very good bloom. Please join us!

For any questions. Please email Randy Moore at rmoore6@hotmail.com



2021 Valentine's Day Is History!

Well, I hope you had a lovely Valentine's Day! I live where it looked more like we wanted Christmas to look like. We had 8 inches of snow and it was -1. At Christmas we had 82-degree weather! Oh well, nothing has been right since last February. If you are staying home a lot this winter, it is good opportunity to write for the 2021 Ackerman Youth Essay Contest. There are only 28 days left until the



AIS 2022 Calendar Early Order Discount

There is presently an opportunity to order your AIS 2022 Iris Calendar at an Early Order Special Discount. The Early Order Special **Discount will end May 1, 2021**. Calendars are available now. Please place your order through the AIS Storefront [Early Order Special Discount \(cutoff May 1, 2021\)](#): USA Individual copy \$7.00, Packet of 10 \$40.00; Canada Individual copy \$9.00, Packet of 10

deadline! **The deadline is March 22, 2021.**

The 2021 theme is a fun one. You get to use your vivid imagination to plan a big, wonderful party. You get to pick the food, music, games, decoration, prizes...or anything else you would like to use to celebrate the iris flower with your friends, neighbors, and the whole town.

“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?”

Our health officials are rolling out as many COVID vaccinations as they can. Maybe your party could someday be a real party. Or maybe you are just going to pretend the big bash, but as you write use your creative side, and make the best iris party you can and write an essay about it.

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. We will be thankful for your essays and maybe writing for us will make you feel a little happiness.

Be sure to read the final issue of AIS Centennial Publication 100 Years Bold! It comes inside your next issue of *IRISES*. There is a surprise for the Ackerman Youth Essay Contest.

You can find out more about the rules for the essay contest by following this [link](#). Don't forget the prizes are great for the winners of each age group. If you have any questions, please email me at debbie@loveirises.com.

\$50.00; International Individual copy \$12.00, Packet of 10 \$60.00. Prices include S&H.

Standard Prices: USA Individual copy \$8.00, Packet of 10 \$50.00; Canada Individual copy \$10.00, Packet of 10 \$55.00; International Individual copy \$14.00, Packet of 10 \$65.00. Prices include S&H.



Attention Hybridizers

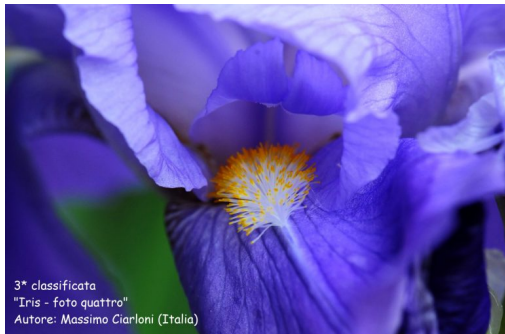


Iris Shows - Traditional and Virtual

A Survey for Hybridizers that focused on the iris registration process was sent last week to all hybridizers with an email address in our records.

If you haven't received the email survey, please let us know so we can email you a copy of the survey and add your to our mailing list. Contact Wayne Messer wrmesser@gmail.com

Thank you.



Reminder - The 2nd Photographic Contest of "The Iris World"

The deadline to enter the this contest is **March 28, 2021**. Compete details can be found [here](#) (English PDF).

Traditional: Even if you are uncertain whether or not you will be able to have a show, send the schedule in for approval. "Recycled" shows from last year need approved as well. Don't forget to update the name and contact information for the new AIS Membership Secretary, Pam Messer.

You can see a list of the shows scheduled for this year [arranged by date](#).

Virtual: The Mt. Diablo Iris Society is again having a Virtual show. The [form with details for entering](#) is available now. **Entries are accepted from February 1 to July 1, 2021**. Results of their 2020 show with pictures can be found in the *Iris Bulletin* Fall 2020, pages 20-21.

This page is for listing all [2021 virtual iris shows](#). Please let us know about yours or add it to the page.



February Board Teleconference Invitation

The American Iris Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. All are encouraged to attend and participate. The agenda, draft minutes from previous teleconferences, and reports can be found [here](#).

Topic: AIS Regular Board meeting
Time: Feb 24, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific
Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88398073860>

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Find your local number:

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Iris reticulata

From **The Frustrated Gardener** comes some eye candy. While this "[February Flowers](#)" article does not focus on *I. reticulata*, it does have a couple of them blooming. You can see [all his blogs posts tagged I. reticulata](#) for more.

Learn more about [I. reticulata](#) on the Iris Encyclopedia.



Previous AIS Webinars Are Available on YouTube

The [American Iris Society YouTube channel](#) has many of our previous webinars for you to enjoy. The latest additions are from Prof. Carol Wilson's February webinars.

See "[The Philosophy and Methods of Discovering and Naming New Species: an Example From the Irises of China.](#)" by Prof. Carol Wilson, Ph. D. Read the [work](#) this is based on.

Also watch "[Our desire for order: historical taxonomic understanding of Iris and current hypotheses of evolutionary relationships \(phylogenies\).](#)" by Prof. Carol Wilson, Ph. D.



Iris Jigsaw Puzzles

The [Daily Iris Puzzle](#) continues with the help of many irisarians. Two more helpers are providing photos. Thank you to Karen Johnson and Ken Anderson for your interest and photos.

Thank you everyone for all the photos! If you have photos or suggestions, please let me know - Wayne Messer wrmesser@gmail.com



Photo Identification

- March Webinars - 'Chihuahua Night'
- Call for Director Nominations - 'Destiny's Call'
- Rerun in 2021 - 'Oklahoma Bandit'
- 2021 Valentine's Day - 'My Valentine'
- Attention Hybridizers - 'Center Of Attention'
- Iris Shows - 'Break Tradition'
- Teleconference - 'Invitation'
- YouTube - 'Watch Out'
- Iris Puzzles - This Japanese Irises Garden photo has been a very popular puzzle. [Standard](#), [Harder](#), [Super Hard](#) versions of this puzzle are available.

The previous photo I used for Kevin Vaughn's upcoming book was incorrect and incorrectly identified. It should have been 'Real Jazzy'. Thank you Kevin for catching my error and for a replacement photo shown above.