



The American Iris Society

News & Notes May 23 2021



Additional JT Video on the AIS YouTube Channel

Siberian Iris JT by **Patrick Spence** has been added to the earlier JT videos on the AIS YouTube Channel.

Judges Training and AIS Webinar #14: (05-05-2021) "Two Worlds – One Iris. A look at the Past, Present and Future of the Siberian Iris"

<https://youtu.be/2-cMz7XUKQE>

Access to this and previous JT videos are only available via the links provided, otherwise they are not listed on the videos available to the public.

Previous JT Videos



AIS 2021 Photo Contest is Underway

The annual AIS Photo Contest is now open for entries. The **deadline for submissions is August 1st.**

Entries will be selected and judged in six (6) categories:

1. Irises in a landscape or garden. (Show the iris in the garden.)
2. Irises in a field. (Show the field of irises)
3. A person or people at iris events or tours with irises.
4. Close up of an iris or irises. (Whole flower is showing.)
5. Iris photos – macro (close up of

**Judges Training and AIS Webinar #3
(08-05-2020) Bonnie Nichols on
"Novelty Irises: Broken Color and
Flatties."**

<https://youtu.be/EFIWOLYNhT4>

**Judges Training and AIS Webinar #4
(08-12-2020) Bonnie Nichols on
"Novelty Irises: Space Agers."**

https://youtu.be/OgFR_6fVU4



**HIPS Rhizome Sale 2021:
New & Improved!**

This year, HIPS is excited to announce that we will be offering our Rhizome Sale in a new format. The two major changes are **donors ship directly to buyers** and the offerings are **collections of 6 irises** assembled by the donors.

Donors: email hpsirissale@gmail.com prior to June 20th with your chosen name of the collection and the six varieties that you intend to bundle.

Buyers: Sales during the first three days will be for HIPS members only.

Very much a work in progress, [complete current details can be found here.](#)

bloom segments.)

6. Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with the irises.

Complete details can be found in this [entry form](#). Questions and entries contact Susan Driver susandriver801@gmail.com .



**Please join us for two
webinars in June 2021**

Spring Webinar Series

Wednesday, June 9th 5:30 p.m. Pacific Time By **Jill Bonino Tall Bearded Iris Today and Tomorrow (This Program is also a JT.)**

Wednesday, June 16th 5:30 p.m. Pacific Time By **Howie Dash and Scarlett Ayres Preview of the 2022 National Convention at Las Cruces, NM**

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.](#)



Once Again Better Late Than Never!

By Debbie Strauss, AIS Foundation
Ackerman Youth Essay Chair

This year is the 101st Anniversary of The American Iris Society. Once again, we were all effected by the awful COVID. But once again, we were mostly at home to take good care of our gardens and see all the magnificent bloom of our iris.

I wrongly thought that our AIS youth would have more time to write, and we would have many many entries for the Ackerman Youth Essay Contest. This was not the case. I extended the deadline and still did not receive very many entries. Some of our schools were not in the classroom and the teachers in the CIP program could not do the gardening in person and the writing programs as they usually do.

This 2021 theme was a fun one. It was all about what the writer would like to arrange for a big party. They got to pick the food, music, games, decoration, prizes...or anything else they wanted to do to celebrate the iris flower with everyone in their hometown.

“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?”

There are three age groups for the *Youth Ackerman Essay Contest*: 9 and Under, 10 to 12, and 13 and Over. We award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes to each age group, resulting in three 1st,



2021 Ballot Voting

The AIS Ballots for 2021 are at the printer and are expected to be in the mail to the judges by Friday May 21st.

In addition to the standard annual updates, the ballot process was modified to support voting for two special medals.

three 2nd, and three 3rd place prizes overall. Winners in all three age groups will receive: \$100 for 1st Place, \$50 for 2nd Place, and \$25 for 3rd Place (courtesy of The American Iris Society Foundation). All winners will also receive a new 2021 iris from awesome hybridizer Paul Black. Everyone that enters will receive a lovely participation certificate. Click [here to get a color flyer](#) to pass out to announce the winners.

And The Winners Are:

9 & Under

1st Place Ekaterina Anshakov Region 9
2nd Place Dietrich Brase Region 21
3rd Place Ethan Brase Region 21

10-12

1st Place Jackson Long Region 14

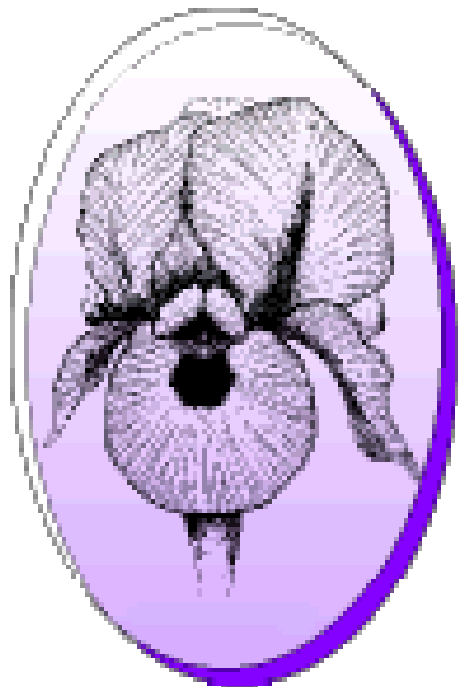
13 & Over Age Group

1st Place Ellie Ferren Region 22
2nd Place Darby Redman Region 4
3rd Place Mason Patacsil Region 6

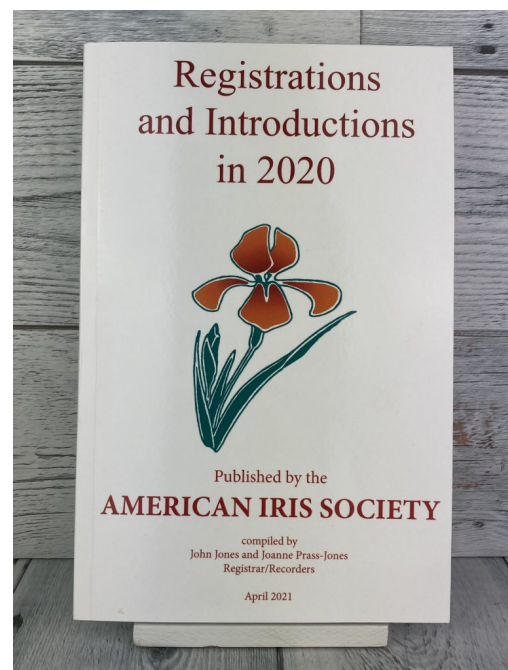
Congratulations to all our winners, they will receive a check in the mail, a pretty certificate, and a shipment from Paul Black in the fall. I would like to thank the youth who wrote essays.

Be on the lookout for next year's theme in the next issue of "IRISES".

Get vaccinated, be well, stay safe, do good things, and stay in touch!



Aril Society International



2020 Registrations &

Plant Sale

The [Aril Society International](#) will tentatively hold it's [annual rhizome sale on July 17](#). The Aril Society has the largest selection of arils and arilbreds available. The Aril Society sales is open to members only. Membership is available at <http://www.arilsociety.org/index.pl?Membership>. If you join for three years, you will receive a \$12 coupon good for the plant sale



E-Account Heads Up

Soon AIS members with E-accounts will be asked to change their username and password. This is because we are upgrading to an automatic activation system. All new accounts will have immediate access on payment through PayPal. All the account holders will be able to update their usernames and passwords whenever they want to.

E-account holders will be receiving a notice with more detail prior to the change.

Introductions now in AIS Storefront

The 2020 R&I is now available. Find it and previous years in the [AIS Storefront](#).



May Board Teleconference is Tuesday, May 25

You are invited to attend and participate in this month's AIS Board teleconference. Please note that its date has been **moved to Tuesday, May 25th**. [Complete details](#) are available online.

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

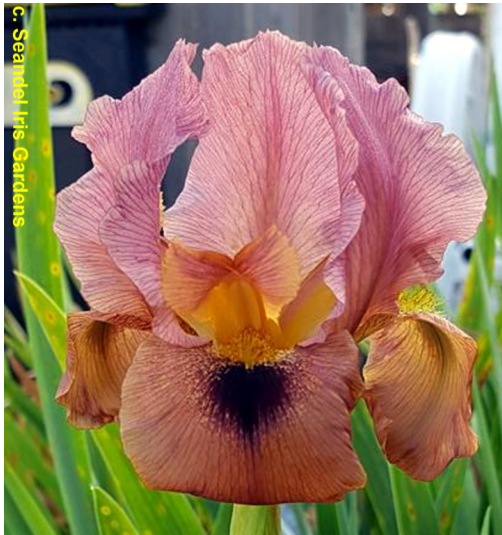
Topic: AIS regular monthly meeting
Time: **May 25, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369157508>

Meeting ID: 823 6915 7508
One tap mobile
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+12532158782,,82369157508# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location
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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Hope to see you there.



Puzzles in the Iris Encyclopedia

The **Daily Iris Puzzle** includes a link to the individual iris(es) Iris Encyclopedia page(s). Looking at these pages frequently finds me checking other pages to discover more. And I know that many of you follow similar paths.

Sometimes these additional paths are included in the list of puzzles. Awards, classes of irises, and properties such as historic and reblooming are some of the things I've shared.

More recently I've begun checking the online Iris Register for some of the same irises. This may show additional information to add to the Iris Encyclopedia. Early (before about 2000) awards that are not yet shown in the wiki. Introductions that have recently been recognized in the Iris Register. Even the 2020 registrations details for irises which currently say "Awaiting registration information".

And it can lead to identifying cultivars which do not have an entry in the Iris Encyclopedia! This can be done by noting that there is a different number of entries when searching a word in the Iris Register than when searching the same word in the Iris Encyclopedia. If there are more entries in the Iris Register, you may be able to identify which ones are missing from the wiki



Photo Identification

- AIS Photo Contest - "Developing Story" 2020 First Place - Close up of an Iris by Kathy Oldham
- HIPS Rhizome Sale - 'Mme Chéreau'
- Ackerman Essay - 'Party's Over'
- 2021 Ballot Voting - 'Devoted'
- Heads Up - 'Head Start'
- Teleconference - 'Pleasures Of May'
- Puzzles - 'New Discovery'
- Photo Identification - 'Slightly Daft'

Three of these cases are mentioned in the May 6th, May 7th, and May 16th entries in the [Daily Iris Puzzles list](#). They are the title terms "[Ginger](#)", "[Silence](#)", and "[Victoria](#)". Thank you to Barbara Mann for her explanation of a couple of these. You can see her reasoning in the "[Ginger](#)" entry.

What puzzles, and hopefully solutions, have you found using the Iris Encyclopedia? I'd love to hear them, Wayne Messer - wrmesser@gmail.com What else would you like to find?