



The American Iris Society

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2022 Las Cruces, NM Silent Auction Request

By Eva Barry AIS Silent Auction Chair

After a long wait, it is nearly that time again to finally attend another AIS National Convention and the excitement is building! We need your contributions for a wonderful silent auction at the 2022 AIS Convention in Las Cruces,



Judge's Handbook News

The revised *Handbook for Judges - Version 8.0* - is now available in the [AIS Storefront](#).

You can also download it in whole or in parts as PDFs. Start [here](#) for all the options.

The new *Handbook for Judges* has an unique pagination system: every chapter begins with page 1. We chose this system so that chapters within the *Handbook* could be replaced without requiring that each page in the

NM. Everyone, please go through your closets, your garage, your stored boxes, your basements or declutter, and consider donating your clean treasures of any kind for the Silent Auction! There are people who love iris, people who love iris books, people who love iris dishes, people who love iris clothing, people who love old iris catalogs, people who love gardening items, people who love IRIS ANYTHING! Many come to the AIS Convention Silent Auction to find those special treasures they have been looking for and can take them home to enjoy.

Hybridizers, please consider donating your newest beautiful iris introductions. We would love to have your iris donations available for our iris lovers! We love you all and thank you in advance for your generosity. Please help our visitors by getting your newest introductions into their hands. What iris lover wouldn't want a chance to get one of your cherished newer introductions?

Hey, AIS Regions! We are hoping you all are working on putting together your affiliate contribution and donation for "What's In Your Basket" items. The Regional baskets are a real treat for the attendees at the AIS Convention. We really appreciate the hard work and dedication it takes as an RVP and Region officers to get this basket all together for the silent auction. They are all so unique and everyone enjoys perusing the contents and learning about your Region and part of our great country. Bring the baskets ready to display or mail them to the address below. Please be sure to put a note inside the mailing box and send Eva an email that you are sending them. We also need notice for those baskets that will be brought to the convention to add to the Silent Auction items to help us allocate space for them.

Shipping information for auction items:

Send **UPS and USPS shipments** to
AIS Silent Auction, c/o Debbie Frazier
3812 Yellowstone Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88011.

Auction donations can be sent/received any time but please... the sooner, the better! It would be helpful if you email a list of items being donated to Eva (eva13barry@gmail.com with a copy to Deb at cpacando@cnsnp.net).

Handbook be renumbered. However, starting each chapter with page one can make it a challenge to find anything. We suggest using tab dividers, one for each chapter. Avery makes a set of 31 tabs that fit well with the *Handbook*. "Avery 11846 1-31 tab" is the official title. Sets are available from online shopping websites or directly from Avery.com with a cost of approximately \$10.

You can help make the Handbook even better! There is now a mechanism for submitting suggestions which the Judges Handbook Revision Committee will be considering each year. Use this online form:

<https://forms.gle/YPLTokiyDH6QFpJcA>

Thank you to everyone who has helped and will help make this a better Handbook!

If you have any questions please call or email Eva Barry, (505) 350-0382, eva13barry@gmail.com.



Iris Registrar/Recorder Changes

Hello all,

It is time for us (John and Joanne) to retire as the AIS International Registrar/Recorders for Non-Bulbous Iris.

Our AIS President, Jody Nolin, with the concurrence of the AIS Board of Directors, has appointed Janis Shackelford as the new Registrar/Recorder effective 1 Sep 2021.

John will continue for some time to be the Assistant Registrar/Recorder to help Janis through the transition.

Janis can be reached at:
P.O. Box 21827
El Cajon, CA 92021
(619)561-6323
Janis Shackelford
janis.aisreg@gmail.com

I want to thank all the hybridizers and friends I have made and worked with over the 10 years we were Registrar/Recorders. It was fun, challenging, entertaining, and sometimes frustrating with the wide and varied issues that came up over the course of events. I am sure there are some glad to see me go for my propensity to refuse names, but hopefully they will continue to register new iris creations.



AIS Webinars

AIS Webinars is taking a break and will be back with a series of new presentations in the Winter of 2022.

In the meantime, please check our AIS YouTube Channel for 21 exciting recordings.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheAmericanIrisSociety/videos>

Joanne says: I want you to know that it was a pleasure working with all of you. I feel that over these past 10 years I have learned a great deal from all of you about the different ways of describing the many different iris features and the complicated parentages that can arise and will miss the interactions and email we enjoyed.

Thank you again for all your help and forbearance.

John and Joanne



2024 Louisiana & Spuria Joint Mini-Convention Guest Iris

There is a new date for the Spuria and Louisiana Iris mini-convention to be held in the Dallas area. It will be **April 25–27, 2024**. We would very much like to get guest plants for this event. Please send your rhizomes this fall to Hooker T. Nichols, guest iris chairman.

Hooker T. Nichols
3365 Northaven Road
Dallas, TX 75229
214-676-9892

Hybridizers may send up to 3 rhizomes of each variety. Plants should be received no later than October 15th.

We really appreciate your help and support.



WRITE A LETTER!

Ackerman Youth Essay Contest 2022!

The American Iris Society [2022 National Iris Convention](#) is going to be in my neck of the desert! It is going to be in **Las Cruces New Mexico on April 11-16**. This is where you will be recognized, receive your money, and a certificate for a 2023 iris introduction if you win in the essay contest! The **deadline will be March 21, 2022**. I am giving you as much time as I can. It is as easy as writing a letter. So please write for our contest, we need more of you to enter. Make it a sincere letter, elaborate on everything. 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. Here is the official theme:

Write a letter to a friend, family member, or teacher and explain to them why you love irises, describe some of your favorite irises, and tell them what you think they would like most about growing irises of their own.

Remember to get someone to check your grammar and spelling. Check out the other rules below and send it to me, Debbie Strauss at debbie@loveirises.com or mail it to me at **2213 Hereford Blvd, Midland TX 79707** by the deadline of **March 21, 2022**.

There are three age group competition categories, thus awarding three 1st, three 2nd, and three 3rd place prizes: one in each age group! The age groups are 9 and Under, 10-12, and 13 and Over. All three age groups will receive a \$100 Reward for First Place, \$50 Reward for Second Place, and \$25 Reward for Third Place (courtesy of The American Iris Society Foundation). Winners will also receive a new 2023 iris from one of our wonderful hybridizers. And of course, there are just a couple of other easy rules:

Essays should be written in 500 words or less. The deadline for getting the essay finished and submitted to me is March 21, 2022.

If you write this letter for the contest, on April 16 you might be up front at the final convention banquet in Las Cruces accepting your certificate, money, and 2023 iris certificate! So, get started NOW, and don't wait, get it finished and sent in. I can't wait to read your letters.



Louisiana Guest Irises Reminder

The [Society for Louisiana Irises 2022 Convention](#) is accepting guest irises **between August 15 and October 15**. Recent introductions and seedlings under consideration for registration would be appreciated. Complete details can be found [here](#).

Please email Ron Betzer



British Iris Society Virtual Iris Show

The [British Iris Society's](#) 2021 Iris Show went virtual. And the results and entries are now available for your viewing pleasure.

The [Summer Show results are listed here](#). Then select any of the Section circles to see all entries for that Section. As far as I can tell, the winners are not

r_betzer@yahoo.com or call with any questions. Cell 337 315-0583.



What's New in the Iris Encyclopedia?

The [Iris Encyclopedia](#) continues to add new irises, new hybridizers, and additional information. These are some of the recent additions.

You've probably already seen these photo galleries: the [2021 AIS Medal Winners](#) along with irises winning Awards of Merit and Honorary Mention. The galleries have photos for almost all irises and runner-ups.

The 2020 Iris Registrations and 2020 Introductions have been added. There were over 1100 registrations and over 500 introductions in 2020. All have been included.

The [revised Judges Handbook](#) is there along with the [2007 Judges Handbook](#). Learn more about judging and about the changes in judging from these. Both are part of the [AIS Hager-DuBose Memorial Iris Library](#).

One thing all these additions have in common: they make it easier for you to see and learn more. Links are added to everything! Check it out and consider helping make it better.

tagged in the Sections. You need to look at the number in the results and then find the corresponding numbered picture in the Section.



Dwarf Iris Society Seed Sale

The [Dwarf Iris Society](#) seed sale begins in October, with over 60 offerings of seed, including hand-pollinated MDB crosses and *Iris pumila* seeds. Most offerings are for DIS members, but nonmembers may join along with their orders or order from the surplus seed list. For more information and updates, see

<https://dwarfirissociety.org/seedsale.htm>

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Affiliate's Officers Address Changes Reminder

As your club finishes selecting new officers, please send an update to the AIS Membership Secretary. Email aismemsec@irises.org or mail:

Pam Messer
PO Box 6
Huxley, IA 50124

Thank you for your help.



Board Teleconference Invitation

The American Iris Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. As always, you are invited and encouraged to attend. Details can be found [here](#).

Topic: AIS Board Meeting Sept 22
Time: **Sep 22, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time**
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89604140867>

Meeting ID: 896 0414 0867
One tap mobile
+16699009128,,89604140867# US (San Jose)
+13462487799,,89604140867# US (Houston)

Dial by your location
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 896 0414 0867
Find your local number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcOh8CKe8d>

Awards Puzzles

Recently the [Daily Iris Puzzles](#) have been featuring AIS Medal Winners. Both the 2021 winners and earlier winners have been used.

One thing I've learned from exploring these cultivars: **I need photos from more people!**

If you have photos on the Iris Encyclopedia you are willing for me to use as puzzles, please let me know.
Wayne Messer - wmesser@gmail.com

Thank you all for your help.



Photo Identification

- Silent Auction - 'Silent Wish'
- Judge's Handbook - 'Revision'
- Registrar - 'Changing Seasons'
- AIS Webinars - 'Breaking News'
- Spuria and LA - 'Ibex Ibis' by Brad Kasperek, a 2021 Nies Medal winner
- Ackerman Essay - 'Fan Letter'
- LA Guest Irises - 'When Pigs Fly' by Patrick O'Connor, a 2021 Mary Swords DeBaillion Medal winner
- BIS Virtual Show Chairman's Award - iris paradoxa x I. acutiloba ssp lineolata
- Iris Encyclopedia - 'What's New Pussycat'
- DIS Seed Sale - 'Elf Esteem' by Paul Black, a 2021 Caparne-Welch Medal winner
- Affiliates - 'Return Address'
- Board Teleconference - 'Highest Hopes'
- Puzzle - 'Santa's Helper'
- Photo Id - 'Confused'