

FALL MEETING 2014

HOSTED BY: **ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB**

The HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Schedule

- 8:00am Registration
- 8:30am Board Meeting
- 9:30am General Meeting
- 10:30am Speaker
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00pm Judges Training (Rebloomers)
- 2:30pm Raffle
- 3:00pm - Until closing at 4:30, enjoy the Huntington Grounds and Museums

September 27, 2014 8:00am to 4:30pm

Speaker: Riley Probst, AIS Emeritus Judge and Shirley Trio-Probst, Master Judge of Fleur de Lis Iris Gardens, Modesto, CA

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AIS Region 15 RVP Message

by Winona Stevenson ~, Region 15 R.VP

I hope your bloom this year was an abundant one. Mine was early as was the National Convention so I missed some of mine. Next year will mean a lot more pictures will need to be taken.



Now's the time we're all digging to donate our extras to clubs for sales. Be sure to label them properly, It's so disappointing to buy something you want and it's not that when it blooms. I hope all of your sales will be profitable; and, this is one of the ways we can keep our clubs afloat and at the same time, interest more people in growing the flower we all love.

After serving on your Region 15 Board for six years, I will be cycled out as RVP at the end of Sept. This past year has been one of changes for me--the biggest change is in closing my garden. After 20 years, I've decided I really don't want to work so hard.

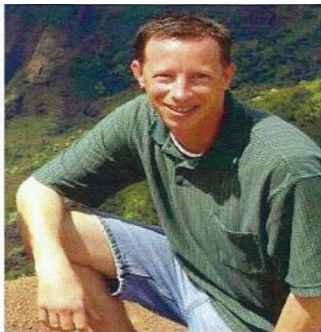
You will soon have a new Board of Directors incoming for the next three years. Please welcome them and step out of your comfort zone and volunteer to help in a position that needs to be filled. One major position is that of Newsletter editor.

Presidents and Committee chairmen - If your report did not make it to this interim newsletter, please be sure to bring it with you to the fall meeting.

It's been a pleasure serving the Region and I look forward the next three years.

Membership Update

By:Patrick Orr, Arizona



Our membership stands at 290 as of March 2013. Since then we have lost several members and an affiliate: Verde Valley has voted to disband due to low membership. Sadly, our Region 15 Historian and immediate past president of Verde Valley passed away earlier this year. VAIS depended on her for many things.

There have been several deaths in our Region and our condolences go to the families of these members. Our membership is aging and the youngsters are so involved in the electronic gadget age that they are just not much interested in "growing flowers." Nevertheless, we need to keep up our efforts to draw new members into our iris world.

Any ideas?

Judges Training

by Debbie James, Asst. R.VP & Judges Training Chair



Hello Region 15, I hope you all had a beautiful Iris Bloom Season and that you had the opportunity to visit many gardens this past spring. Wait didn't I say that last year? Maybe that's because I hope you all really did have a great iris bloom season and that you had the opportunity to view several iris gardens in bloom. We have a few more students in the JT program, but we also lost a few judges this past year. With that said Region 15 still needs more Judges. If you have been thinking of becoming a Judge, now is the time.

To become an AIS Judge all you have to do is complete the JT application and attend the Judges Training (JT) held at your local club or another club close by. Please email me at dbabski1962@yahoo.com to request an application. You can even email the completed form to me to save postage.

I also want to thank all the current Region 15 judges for completing and returning in a very timely manner the Judges Activity Report I send out in mid-June. I am thankful you have all made my job so easy I don't really consider it work. Computers really do make life easier, quicker and simple. I email the JT activity reports to several judges this year and I received many of them back via email.

Happy Gardening

REGION 15 YOUTH REPORT

By: Cheryl Deaton

We seem to be stuck on the number 4 for our youth members, but I am hopeful that we will have 2 or even 3 CIPs starting in the fall. Logan and Makayla are enjoying their short summer vacation. School starts for them in mid-August. Makayla will be starting 'middle school' and Logan will be in the 6th grade. An iris in Makayla's garden, Glitter Gulch, was putting on a spectacular display during the Region 15 Spring Trek. I haven't heard anything from our other 2 youth members, Kelsey and Victoria, but I know they will be busy in their garden in the next few weeks because the Iris Society of Dallas will be sending free irises from the Convention gardens to all the youth members in AIS.

SoCal Iris Society is sponsoring a school beautification program that we hope will become a CIP in the fall when the kids go back to school. Prescott Area Iris Society is hoping to sign up a Boy Scout Troop and a Girl Scout Troop very soon. Now that there is an AIS Youth Patch program, the opportunity to recruit youth groups is there. Let's get more youth involved in irises!

**REGION 15 TREASURER'S SYNOPSIS
SUMMER 2014**

by Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer

BEGINNING CHECKBOOK BALANCE as of July 1, 2014	\$23,170.18
(includes \$8207.22 of the RVP travel account)	
INCOME	\$ 236.50
EXPENSES	\$ 3,416.10
ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$19,990.58
EDWARD JONES ACCOUNT	\$12,763.32
TOTAL REGION 15 ASSETS	\$32,753.90

Editors Note

By: Debbie James



Most of you know might not know that there is currently no Editor for the Region, so I have decided to fill in for one issue. I'm not an Editor and it is a job I really don't have the time for. Besides between being a Club President, the incoming RVP for Region 15, the current RVP and Judges Training Chair for Region 15, Treasurer for the Spuria Iris Society and working a full time job while trying to start a new Landscaping business I really don't have any spare time.

So this is what I am proposing we all do. What if each club within the Region sign up to produce an issue. There are only two issues a year and if each club took turns we would all have a turn at it.

Another idea would be for each club President to solicit to their club for a new Region 15 Editor

I have had fun picking out the pictures I have received from Janis Shackelford, Claire Schneider and Jill Bonino to be put into the newsletter. I also didn't get responses from a few clubs so they have been omitted and photos inserted in their place.

The AIS has recently announced the 2014 Dykes Medal winner, congratulations to Mr. Charles Brunnell on his MTB "DIVIDING LINE".

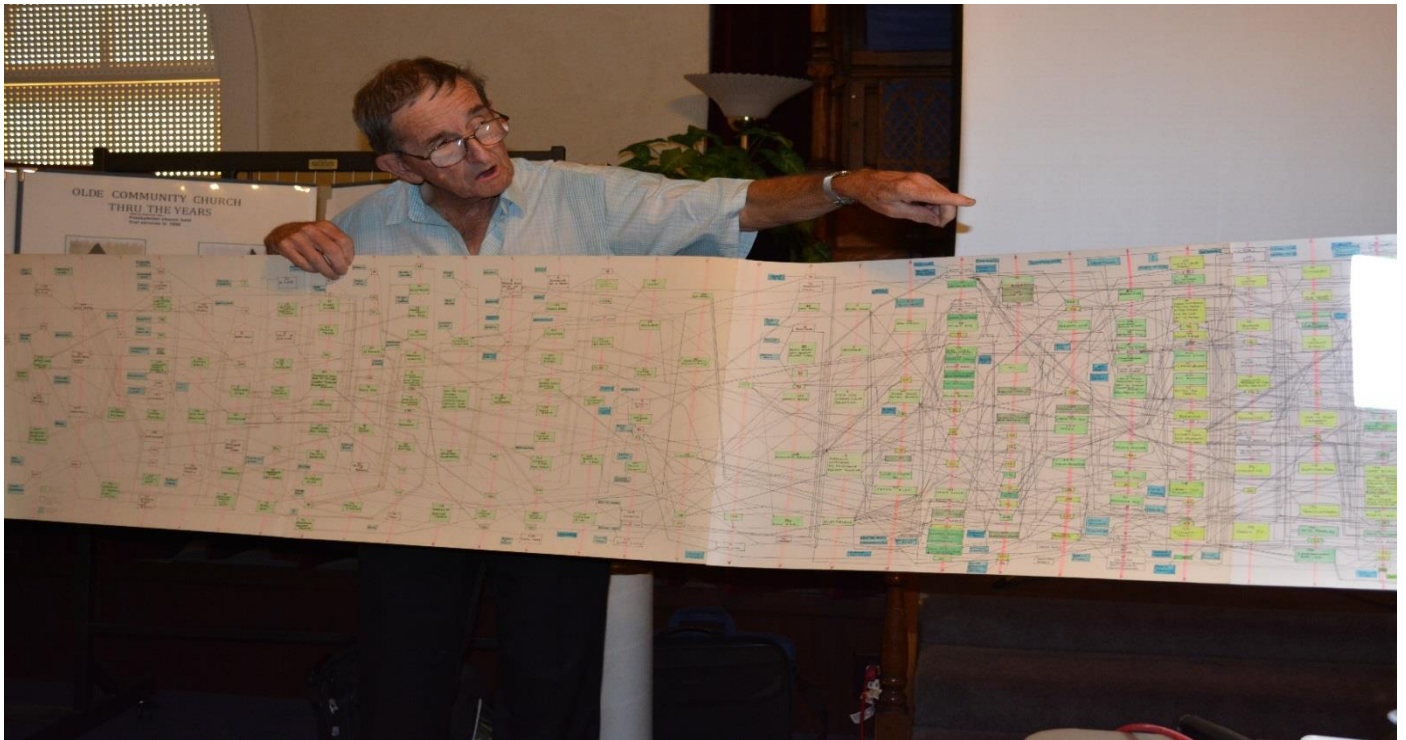
The Perfect Pink Amoena

By Claire Schneider

On May 18, at a special meeting of the San Diego Iris Society, Barry Blyth began his presentation with the title slide, "Oh to be 25 again." By the end of his presentation, I was thinking that a better title might have been, "In search of the perfect pink amoena and beyond."



Barry has been hybridizing iris for more than fifty years. His latest challenge has been to create the perfect pink amoena. When asked, "What is a pink amoena?" he replied, "The perfect pink amoena (his emphasis being on 'perfect') has pure white, solid white, completely white standards with very wide and ruffled pink falls." His pursuit of the perfect pink amoena began decades ago with Sunset Snows and Adoree and over the years Barry has made thousands of this and that pod-pollen crosses. He has kept careful records of all the resulting hybrids and to prove the point, he unrolled a ten foot long pedigree chart that showed the progression of his breeding program towards that perfect pink amoena. Amazing!



Barry and his team of workers plant between ten and fifteen thousand seedlings every year. When asked what he looks for in the year-old seedlings, Barry recited a list of characteristics that will keep a seedling in the field and send those with deficiencies into the trash heap. On the flower he likes “the standards to be akimbo” and the falls to be large and overlapping with lots of ruffles. Also, it is important that the bloom stalk not fall over into the mud. He said it takes three to five years to decide if a particular seedling is worthy of being registered. What else does he look for besides pink amoena? Colorful veins in the falls or an infusion of color into the standards. Then, with a wry grin, he added, “Of course, if I grew what I liked, I wouldn’t be here, right? I have to grow and hybridize what people will buy.” No doubt his philosophy has worked. Open his catalog of iris and you’ll see that page after page of his iris are gorgeous beyond words. By the way, Barry mentioned this exact problem; many of the iris in his catalog have been, “too difficult to describe in one brief sentence.” Oh, to have the problem of creating iris too stunning to describe!



Ancient Secrets

ANCIENT SECRETS



FRILL OF IT ALL

While being dazzled by the colorful collection of his recent iris hybrids, we wondered about Barry's pink amoena, that perfect pink amoena that has consumed so much time and effort. There was a pause in the program when we were looking at a photo of his latest generation of the perfect pink amoena. Then, almost wistfully, Barry mentioned that he might need to be thinking about a new challenge. A hint perhaps, that his decades-long effort is nearly over and that he must be very close to releasing for sale that perfect pink amoena. (WOWZA, can't wait!!) And the new goal? The pink amoena with an electric blue beard! It sounded like Barry is already making pod-pollen crosses for this trait. But it takes two to three years per generation to see the characteristics in the new hybrids. Multiply that by many generations to achieve the perfect hybrid. Then Barry said, "Oh to be 25 years old and just starting out," as if time might be running out. Well, I don't know about that. We heard Barry describe his routine of sitting in the barn, at sunrise, drinking hot tea and waiting impatiently for enough daylight so as to begin the daily check of flowers. It sounded like this legend has lost none of his passion for iris. Barry said he made his first pod-pollen crosses when he was eight years old and that today, at age 72, he's still working on it. Can you imagine having a passion like that for so many years? What a wonderful life it must be.



Thank you, Barry Blyth, for all your beautiful flowers and especially for the perfect pink amoena.

p.s. Are you interested in receiving one of Barry's colorful catalogs? It's easy. Write your name and address on a piece of paper and wrap it around a ten dollar bill. Mail it to Barry Blyth at Tempo Two Garden, P.O. Box 1109, Pearcedale, Victoria, Australia 3912 Or you can download the catalog from the Internet. However, the catalog pdf file is massive and takes a long time to download, not to mention that the picture quality isn't as good as it is in the paper catalog.

Visit www.tempotwo.com.au and click on "catalog."

High Desert Iris & Daylily Society:

By Dan Dourney, President

President - Dan Dourney, Vice President - Pam Montelono, Secretary- Nancy Walker, Treasure - Ellen O'Toole

Meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month from 1-3 P.M. at Antelope Valley College- Agriculture Building TE- at 3041 West Avenue K in Lancaster, Ca.

July: We held our "Salad and dessert Spectacular". Patty & Ren'ee Caro from Abundant Earth Farms Lancaster Ca.

August: We will have our give away.

September: We will have our "Rhizome Ruble Auction". Rhizome Rubles are earned by club members doing volunteer work at the club garden potting iris, at the Home Show that held at AV Fair Grounds in March, at our clubs Show and Sales and other fundraiser.

October: Dan Dourney will try and present a Judges training on Ethics

November: We elect new officers for 2015.

December: We install our new officers for 2015 and have Christmas dinner and exchange gifts .Jill Bonino will share pictures from the Tall Bearded Iris Society meeting held in Oregon ,May 2014

You are All invited
To the
Prescott, AZ 2015 Fall Trek
"Wild West Iris"
Save the Date:

Who: Region 15 Iris Trekees

What: Region 15 Fall Trek in Historic Prescott, AZ

When: Oct. 10 & 11, 2015

Where: The Historic Hassayampa Inn.

Why: Kelly Norris will be the keynote speaker.

How: More details to follow.

Inland Region Iris Society

By: Claudia Dean, Co-President

Welcome to August!

As a new co-president, I am looking forward to an exciting year. Claudia and I are working up a schedule to revitalize and return our rhizome table for purchasing each month by having members sign up to share some of their goodies. This helps us to thin our beds and to provide the club with a few extra dollars and the members with some "new" rhizomes.

Dee Dee is working on some wonderful programs--the first of which will be our popular members-only-auction. Prizes this year will be the grossly expensive new 2014 introductions!! I can't wait to see what there is!!

We are really excited to be having our annual auction and potluck. The purpose of the iris auction is first, and foremost, to have some fun. The auction is not to make money for our club but rather to give club members a chance to purchase some newer rhizomes at less cost than it would be to order them from catalogs. It is just one of the perks of being a member of our wonderful club. We have tried to order rhizomes that everyone can afford to bid on with some opening bids starting at \$25.00 for newer introductions and others for the small opening bids of \$5.00. Remember – you must be a paid member to participate in the auction.

Before August 5 you will be receiving a list of the rhizomes that will be auctioned off so that you can get a head start on making your choices.

Even if you don't want or need any new iris please come and enjoy the potluck and watch the fun. Also, you won't want to miss out on the chance to win one of the door prizes of Tom Burseen's new 2014 iris introductions.

I hope to see you at this next meeting. Stay cool,

Lompoc Iris Society

By: Ben Schleuning, President



Orange County Iris and Daylily Club

By President Lois Farr

"The Orange County Iris and Day Lily Club is enjoying one another's company more than ever. Our monthly meetings are highlighted with great speakers, new info, and plenty of member exchange. A favorite meeting highlighted our very own members - Day Lily 101 by Bobbie Hogancamp and Iris 101 by Derry Gerald. The member audience benefited from our dedicated and knowledgeable speakers.

In August, The Iris Auction, will be a major highlight of the year. Our regional shipment is on its way, even as I write. Without a doubt, the anticipation is growing, and growing, and GROWING.... It's Christmas in August.

In September we host the 2014 Fall Gathering at the Huntington Library. Of course we are a bundle of excitement looking forward to this event. Our special guest Riley Probst, new President of the Reblooming Iris Society, Hybridizer of Fleur de Lis Gardens in Modesto, CA and Emeritus Judge. He is mentioned several times in the most recent Irises - The Bulletin of the American Iris Society. will speak on the topic of Iris Rebloomers.

In December, our Christmas Potluck/Gift Exchange will close the year, refocusing our thoughts toward spring and our precious new iris blossoms.

San Diego Iris Society

By: Claire Schneider, President

Last May we had our AIS sanctioned Spring Iris Show and sale of potted iris in Balboa Park. There was no question about which iris would win Queen of the Show. Large, gorgeous and well proportioned, it was Conjunction (Byers 1988) grown by Monica Rodman. And with it well staged by the entrance to the showroom, we could have sold one hundred and one pots of Conjunction that day.

The highlight of our spring schedule was a special presentation by Barry Blyth on May 18th. In front of a packed audience, Barry shared with us his life-long pursuit of culturing the perfect pink amoena. It's a tossup whether we were more fascinated by the photos of his colorful iris or by his meticulous record keeping. Both were pretty amazing.

At the June 8 meeting the 2014-2015 officers were elected: Claire Schneider as President, Katharina Notarianni as Vice President, Vicki Creamer as Secretary and Janis Shackelford as Treasurer.

After a summer respite (no meetings in July and August), we'll have our Fall Rhizome sale in Balboa Park on September 14 & 21. And a members-only auction of the Region 15 Guest Garden iris at our October 12th meeting. The plan is to have a guest speaker at the November 9 meeting and our annual Holiday Party Dec 14.

Prescott Area Iris Society

By President Dennis Luebkin

2014 has been an eventful, exciting and busy year for PAIS. Our society has remained very active in our five public service projects along with our events and fund raising activities which not only support the society but also support our community outreach programs in the Prescott Quad City Area. Our programs in the Prescott area strengthen our ties and partnership with other organizations and the community which allows PAIS to provide information on Iris horticulture and help in the beautification of our community. These programs consist of the following:

1. **Yavapai College Sculpture Garden:** In the summer of 2014 we began renovating the gardens to remove non productive irises along with the addition of additional irises to the Dykes Medal Iris Garden Area.
2. **Sharlot Hall Museum Historic Iris Gardens:** Our plantings in 2014 have expanded the historic iris preservation gardens. We have now completed planting portions of the west end of the Museum Campuses early settlement period exhibit and hope to be able to begin planting some of the Victorian Era houses late in the Summer of 2014 or spring of 2015.
3. **Citizens Cemetery Restoration and Iris Reclamation Project:** Our participation in this restoration project has continued this year with cleanup, thinning and replanting of iris at the grave sites, continuation of the iris identification, transplanting iris to the Sharlot Hall Museum, along with digging iris for sale to support the Cemeteries restoration work and our education program.
4. **Growing Irisarians Youth Education Program:** Our PAIS youth membership has now risen to 4 youth members. During the months of August to November 2014 PAIS will continue its iris education programs in the Prescott areas schools. The program was popular last year. We were asked to help plant a memorial iris garden at one of the schools which we had lectured in. We have also been asked by both a Boy Scout and Girl Scout troop in Prescott to sponsor a program to involve both groups in our public outreach programs.
5. **Guest Lecture Series:** We have presented a three part lecture series at Yavapai College for the OLLI continuing education group in May. We have also presented lectures to garden clubs and will be doing additional lecture presentations later this year.
6. **Garden Tour:** We held a “Gaze and Graze” garden tour and progressive dinner for our members. Four gardens were featured on the tour. It was a great success with peak bloom and great food.
7. **Kaleidoscope of Color:** Our Kaleidoscope of Color Festival of Iris went very well. We had over 165 entries and our sale of potted iris was very successful. We had 450 people come through the exhibit and many went to see the peak bloom at the Sculpture Garden.
8. **Our schedule of events also included:**
Marking Party was held on July 19.
Sharlot Hall Rhizome Sale was July 26 and 27
Yarnell Rhizome sale was August 2
Ice Cream Social, Silent Auction and Photo Contest September 20.
Several planting and cleanup days were held at the Sculpture Garden, Sharlot Hall Museum, and the Citizens Cemetery.

Our Committee for the 2015 Fall Trek continues it’s planning for a very informative, fun and exciting Western Fall Trek in historic Prescott. See additional information in this publication for the Prescott 2015 Fall Trek event. Our current membership now stands 67 as of July 15, 2014. In November all positions on the PAIS Governing Board are up for election. All except two current members have served on the Board for two years which is the maximum time allowed and therefore all positions are opened. Although I will relinquish the President’s position next year I will remain on the PAIS Board filling our Past Presidents position as an advisor for 2015. I would like to thank the Region 15 Board for it support of our effort during my tenure as President of PAIS.

Best Regards to All

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TREK WHEEL

2014 Fall Trek	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club	Huntington Library
2015 Spring Trek	No Spring Trek due to AIS National in Oregon	
2015 Fall Trek	Prescott Area Iris Society	Prescott, AZ
2016 Spring Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Burbank, CA
2016 Fall Trek	Lompoc Valley Iris Society	
2017 Spring Trek	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society	
2017 Fall Trek	Southern California Iris Society	
2018 Spring Trek	Sun Country Iris Society	
2018 Fall Trek	San Diego Iris Society	





San Fernando Valley Iris Society

By: Debbie James, President

In May the meeting consisted of everyone who had spurias in bloom were to bring them to the meeting and enter them in a mock show. Then we had a Judges Training given by Peggy Carpenter and Andi Rivarola on judging Spuria Irises on the show bench. In June we had the Show Awards Potluck and Election of Officer to serve the July 2014/2015 term. I stayed on as President and Loren Zeldin remained the V.P. and Program Chair. Our Secretary Christine Griego –Anderson became the Treasurer and our longtime member Peggy Bailey stepped in as Secretary.

In July we had Andrea Polk who gave a program on the History of Agriculture in the San Fernando Valley. She was very interesting and informative. August will feature club member Jill Bonino who will give a digital program of irises from the Regional Trek and Oregon gardens.

September will be the Club Auction and October is our Annual Games Night. Members win bags of rhizomes in a “Bingo” type fashion and we always seem to have a great time. I think at least everyone attending get a bag or two. November will feature Lily Singer who will give a program on Native Landscaping and water consecrating gardening.

December is our Annual Holiday Potluck with entertainment. This year we are having the “Other Reindeer Singers”. It’s a group of four dressed in Dickens Style Clothing and sing excellent carols. They have even written a song about Irises to a well-known Christmas song, I can’t wait to hear it.

January starts off the new year with Cheryl Deaton giving her program on “Sex in the Garden” followed by Bob Anderson who will give a detail lecture about how to grow Tomato’s successfully.

February will be an Iris Hybridizer (don’t know who yet, but it will be one) who will give us a program. In March we have our annual show arrangement demonstration and lecture. Our Spring Show will be on April 11th and our Club Trek will follow that on April 18th, 2015.

Until next issue, Happy Gardening



2014 Dykes Medal Winner



The **2014 AIS Dykes Medal winner**, the Miniature Tall Bearded iris **Dividing Line** hybridized by Charles Bunnell and introduced by Miller's Manor. **Dividing Line** (Charles Bunnell, Introduced 2005) R. 2004, description; MTB, height 22" (56 cm), mid bloom season. Standards pale blue violet fading to blue white; style arms pale purple; falls pale purple, bisected by pale purple midline, violet spot and white haft markings; beards yellow. Previous AIS Awards: Honorable Mention 2007; Ben Hager Cup 2007; Award of Merit 2009; Ben Hager Cup 2009; Williamson-White Medal 2011. (photo by Anita Moran)

American Iris Society (AIS) Membership Rates: (applicable to USA, Canada and Mexico)		
Annual	Triennial	Lifetime*
\$25.00, Single, annual	\$60.00, Single, triennial	\$1000.00, Single, lifetime
\$30.00, Dual, annual	\$75.00, Dual, triennial	\$1500.00, Dual, lifetime
Membership - \$15.00 Annual, no printed Bulletin, online Bulletin viewing, access to the online Iris register database of registrations and introductions		
*Senior Life (age 65+): 15% discount. (For Dual Senior Life, both members must be 65 or older.) 15% Senior Discount applies only to Life Membership.		
Youth Rates (under Age 19) (see details provided below)		
Youth without Bulletin \$5.00		
Youth with Bulletin \$9.00		

Sun Country Iris Society

By Ardi Kary, President

Rhizomes, rhizomes and more rhizomes. It's that time of year when we are talking about rhizomes. We're expecting a shipment from Region for our Region 15 Rhizome Auction that we have planned for August 5th. We have ordered Rebloomers and Tall Bearded Club Iris from four commercial gardens for our Club Iris Auction on September 2nd. We are giving new rhizomes to our active members and they should arrive in August. We are also giving rhizome to the winners of our Spring Events and they should arrive in August. Our Fall Rhizome Sales will start in August in Payson, Arizona. Payson is north of Phoenix and they need to get their irises planted sooner than we do here in the valley. We'll continue having rhizome sales for the public in September and October. We'll also have our Members Only Sales at our September, October and November meetings. After the sale at the November meeting, any unsold rhizomes will be taken home by our Pot Watchers. The rhizomes will be potted and cared for until we sell them at our Spring Events.

Sharing was the theme for our June and July meetings. In June we had an Open Discussion when members shared their ideas for iris gardening and watering with an emphasis on summer watering here in Phoenix. July we shared digital pictures and snapshots of iris and iris gardens.

Sun Country Iris Society agreed to host the 2018 Spring Region Trek. All the gardens that will be on tour have never been on tour before so this is a new experience for the garden owners. It is also a great chance for visitors who attend the Trek to see gardens they have never seen before. Our members are looking forward to this event.

The election of 2015 Officers will be in November. The newly elected members will start their terms at the January meeting. One of the 2015 goals will be to recruit new members to help with the 2018 Spring Trek.



Jill Bonino and Trekkers enjoying the Iris at the Bonino home.

MINUTES OF THE AIS REGION 15 SPRING BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2014

HOLIDAY INN BURBANK MEDIA CENTER,

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

Call to Order at 5:00 PM by RVP Winona Stevenson.

Attendees: Janis Shackelford, SDIS; Debbie James, SFVIS/JT Chair; Dan Dourney, HDIDS; Lois Farr, OCIDC; Mary Escarcega, HDIDS; Al Escarcega, HDIDS; Norma Jamison, HDIDS; Richard Jamison HDIDS; Jane Troutman, SFIS; Ann Wren, HDIDS; Michelle Snyder, PAIS; Gerald Snyder, PAIS; Jill Bonino, SFVIS/SCIS; Kathy Chilton, TAIS/SCIS; Judy Book, PAIS; Carol Morgan, IRIS; Winona Stevenson, HDIDS; Marie Jacobsen, LVIS; Florence Schleuning, LVIS; Ben Schleuning, LVIS; Cheryl Deaton, HDIDS/SCIS/SFVIS; Nancy Walker, HDIDS; Pamela Montelongo, HDIDS; Mike Monninger, SCIS/OCIDC/IRIS; Claire Schneider, SDIS.

Welcome and Introductions

Committee Reports:

Minutes of the Winter Board meeting held February 1, 2014 were published in the Region 15 Spring Report. Are there any corrections? None. A motion to approve the minutes was made by B. Schleuning, second by C. Deaton. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's report by C. Deaton. For the period from January 1, 2014 to April 18, 2014 total deposits \$570.00, total withdrawals \$412.55, ending checkbook balance \$23,170.18. Total Region 15 Assets \$35,933.24. Motion to file the budget report for audit was made by C. Morgan, second by B. Schleuning. The motion was approved.

Judges: D. James reported we have 4 new student judges and one apprentice close to completion. The Region has lost more judges in the last four years than we have gained.

D. James will present a certificate to new judges. C. Morgan asked if a knowledgeable person could provide information on the requirements and obligations for becoming a judge.

She was referred to the Judge's Handbook, Chapter 1.

Membership: Winona Stevenson for Patrick Orr. We have 282 AIS members.

Awards: J. Troutman provided an inventory of the awards we have available. We have enough to get us through the next few years, not including this year.

Youth report: C. Deaton: We have 4 youth members. Both Prescott and S. Cal are trying to get after-school programs started. She has lots of activities available for youth members.

Historian: position still open.

Editor: not present. Excellent Spring 2014 Semi-annual Report!

Affiliate Reports: (Anything new)

HDIDS: Dan Dourney- same as is in the Report.

Inland: Carol Morgan: Members enjoyed their English Box program, has increased interest among their members. Joyce Dean from Redlands will give a Floral Design program. They made \$1500 last weekend, home garden tour planned for this month. Their nominating committee is working hard to find new board members.

Lompoc: Ben Schleuning- Status quo. Pretty much same as appears in the Report.

Orange County: Lois Farr for Derry Gerald- Their attendance is around 20 per meeting and is growing. Had a master gardener program on gardening and soil pH. Sales at Green Scene were down from last year, less attendance.

Prescott: Stan and Judy Book for Dennis Leubkin. He is ill and they read his report. Will be working with a third grade class, planting iris in a small memorial garden. Dennis will be speaking at an adult class series. Making a succulent wreath as a program. Will be the Fall Trek hosts. Have had weather problems, freezing while iris are trying to bloom,

San Diego: Janis Shackelford- Members enjoyed Van Liere's program, liked sharing speaker with other clubs. She invited everyone to a special meeting of the SDIS on May 18th to hear a presentation by Barry Blythe.

SFVIS: D. James for Andi Rivarola- Described various programs they have planned.

Southern Cal: Mike Monninger- Had an X-mas party at Old Spaghetti Factory with gift stealing. Trek planning, Jill Bonino did Judge's training on Color Patterns, had a very good show this year and a four day sale next week.

Sun Country and Tucson: Kathy Chilton- same as in the Report, Tucson had a non-sanctioned exhibition.

Unfinished Business - Harassment Policy is available.

New Business:

Trek Wheel

Fall 2015- Orange, Spring 2015- none, Fall 2015-Prescott(Kelly Norris will be the speaker)

Spring 2016-San Fernando, Fall 2016-Lompoc, Spring 2017-Hi Desert, Fall 2017- S. Cal, Spring 2018- Sun Country, Fall 2018- San Diego.

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Nominating Committee: Claire Schneider- All Board positions are up for replacement, three year terms. Slate will be presented at the Fall meeting, please let her know if you would volunteer.

2015 Portland Convention web site is up. A new affiliate is being chartered- Novelty Section: Looking for Charter members to join to start it up.

W. Stevenson reported the Dallas Convention lost money. The Dallas Club is offering convention rhizomes in exchange for contributions. It is not known what the ratio of dollars sent to rhizomes received might be. Bonnie Nickols is the contact person for questions. Each club may purchase their own as well. J. Shackelford proposed for the Region to send a check. The rhizomes received could be auctioned with the Spring Trek rhizomes and would make up for the loss of revenue next year.

Region 15 Board Meeting 4/18/14 Continued

Michelle Snyder thanked the Region's Board for agreeing to support an AIS meeting in Sedona.

M. Monninger made a motion for the Region to spend \$1000 for Dallas Convention TB rhizomes. J. Shackelford seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Rhizomes received will be combined with the spring trek rhizomes for auction.

Jill Bonino detailed the schedule for the Spring Trek, when and where the bus loads, no port-a-potties at gardens, facility available on the bus. Will have a creature contest-count the number of creature garden art for prizes.

D. James made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by D. Dourney. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by, Janis Shackelford, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE AIS REGION 15 SPRING GENERAL MEETING

April 18, 2014

HOLIDAY INN BURBANK MEDIA CENTER, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

Regional Vice President Winona Stevenson called the General Meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Welcome & Introductions

Affiliate role call: High Desert (12), Inland Region (11), Lompoc Valley (3), Orange County (7), Prescott Area (2), San Diego (2), Southern California (15), San Fernando Valley (8), Sun Country (2), Tucson (1).

Historian is needed- please volunteer. Position involves recordkeeping, no travel. Everything to date has been scanned by D. James.

Nominating committee: Claire Schneider will be contacting you, all four positions Board positions will be open.

Shall we expend \$1000 to purchase rhizomes from the 2014 National Convention, to benefit the Region? An offer has been made by the Dallas Iris Society. The Region would purchase the rhizomes to be auctioned with the Spring Trek rhizomes, proceeds to be returned to the Region. A motion was made by M. Monninger to spend \$1000 for the 2014 Convention rhizomes. Ben Schleuning seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

A new AIS Section is being chartered- Novelty Iris: flaties, broken color, space agers. Individuals can join to be charter members. Flyer is available.

Barry Blyth will be visiting the region, will be speaking to High Desert on 5/17, San Diego 5/18, and S. Cal 5/19.

Katharina Notarianni is resigning as newsletter editor. If you know of anyone who is interested in being editor, let Winona know ASAP.

The General meeting was adjourned at 7: 53 PM.

Submitted by, Janis Shackelford, Secretary

Region 15 Spring Trek 2014

Awards Recap

By: Jane Troutman

The audience believed that “I’m so confused” was my problem but they soon discovered I was introducing the grand winner of the Herb Hold Award went to “I’M SO CONFUSED by Cheryl Deaton. It swept the field as the Best in Region Introduction.

The Claire Barr Award for the Best Out of Region Introduction was awarded to Brad Kasperek for “MINK PINK”.

“WALKING WILD” and “GLITTER GULCH” came in second and third.

The Best Seedling Award for in Region 15 went to Jerry Moorhead’s seedling #08-49. Second place went to Stanton’s Seedling #ST07-324.

The Best Out of Region Seedling was awarded to Jim Hedgecock of Comanche Acres Iris Gardens for seedling #V133A.

“HUSH MONEY” by Mary Dunn won the Best Louisiana Iris. Everyone voted for David Cadd’s Spuria “DANDELION SMILE” which just goes to show that a smile always wins.



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Request for Pete DeSantis Iris

Christie Branch is the Granddaughter of Pete DeSantis, who recently passed away. Christie wants to plant a garden at her home in honor of her Grandfather. Since Peter's home is gone and the yard since dug up, (unknown to Christie when it was happening) most of Pete's Irises were lost. .

She is asking the group if anyone has any of his irises in their personal yard or if they know where they can be purchased at a Commercial Grower. The following is a list of the irises she is looking for: If you have any you wish to donate, please contact me at djamskis@gmail.com.

(SPU) `Hocka Hoona` 2000, DeSantis` (Peter DeSantis, R. 1999). Seedling 82 6C. SPU, height 49` (124 cm), Early to Mid bloom. Standards blue golden yellow veining; style arms off-white tinged blue, light blue tip; falls wide blue rim shading to brown, golden yellow signal and veining. *I. ochroleuca* X 'Imperial Ruby'. Shepard 2000.

(TB) `Whippersnapper` 2004, by DeSantis `Whippersnapper` (Virginia Del Judge by Peter DeSantis, registered 1997) Seedling 79 1R. TB, height 40` (102 cm), early... Standards wistaria blue, dark violet centerline; style arms wistaria blue; falls white ground, velvety plum purple markings, brown at haft; beards yellow, tipped purple; slight fragrance. 'Skylab' X 'Going My Way'. Lakeside Gardens 2004.

Reseda Sunset` 2002, DeSantis `Reseda Sunset` (Peter DeSantis, R. 2002). Sdlg. 83 11B. TB, 36` (91 cm), M. S. light burgundy grape; style arms dark burgundy. F. velvety dark burgundy grape, white and brown haft marking, white blaze around mustard beard; slight fragrance. 'John's Joy' X 'Dainty Light'.

An Infatuation with Yellow Irises,

by Debbie James

I didn't really notice it at first since it happened slowly over a period of several years. When I began my Iris garden back around 1990's it consisted of Irises based on their name. For instance, I am a YES fan so I grew the Iris to match the name of the Rock Group. I also collect Elephants, so of course I grew "ELEPHANT FOOTPRINTS, WHITE ELEPHANT and ELEPHANT TUSKS.

Now as I look forward to the spring bloom and remembering last year's bloom season, I see a lot of yellow irises. Now if I can help you to understand one thing, I do not like yellow houses, yellow cars or yellow clothing, but when it comes to the Iris flower, I am drawn to the yellow ones like a moth to the light.



As I was taking inventory of and re-mapping the

iris beds, adding in the new additions I obtained from my local iris club auctions this past September and the few others purchased, I am going to see a sea of yellow in spring. I didn't just buy yellow iris like LAND DOWN UNDER, 2013 Johnson which has Maroon standards, but the falls are yellow. I also have HONEYKIST, 2012 Stout, which is a creamy white with yellow shoulders.



I then realized the yellow goes beyond the tall bearded irises.

I have yellow spurias such as GOLDEN DUCAT, KISS OF CARMEL and LEMON TOWER. Yellow PCN's and I just recently acquired LEMON SORBET a pale yellow Louisiana. But don't worry when spring finally arrives, there may be a sea of yellow, but I have added in some pinks such as INSPIRED, 2009 Black and DELTA LADY, 2009 Lauer, a beautiful violet. To end the iris bed I have MEN LIKE ME, JANE TROUTMAN, CAMERA READY and MELODY OF SPRING all of which seem to be in the yellow category again.

I will end this note with I really do like all irises and all of the different colors of irises, I just seem to have this infatuation with the yellow



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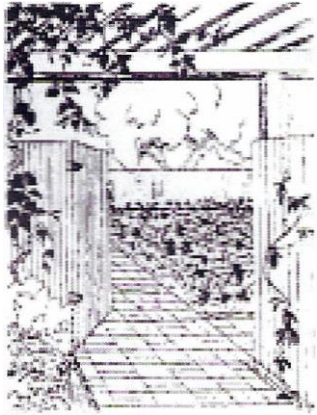
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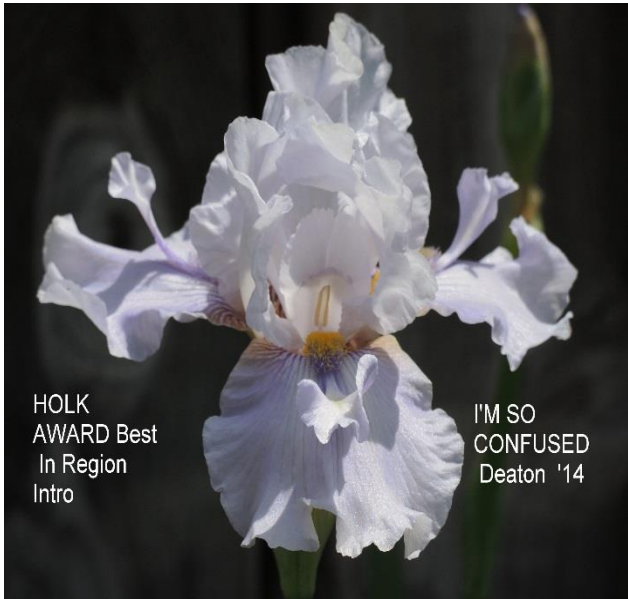
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2014 INTRODUCTION



By Cheryl Deaton

"I'M SO CONFUSED" TB/SA 42"; M to L. S; pale lavender ageing towards white, midribs slightly darker; F; slightly darker lavender getting lighter towards the edge, iridescent pink haft markings; beards yellow in throat, middle dark lavender, ending in deep lavender flounces/horns, sometimes different appendages on same flower or each flower on stalk has different appendages. Slight fragrance. (Seedling #BTMM 221). Won Best Seedling award in 2013 and Best Introduced iris in 2014 Region 15. Available through Lakeside Gardens, 8280 Entrada Blvd., Lake Isabella, CA 93240 for \$45.



BEST LOUISIANA HUSY MONEY BY: MARY DUNN

