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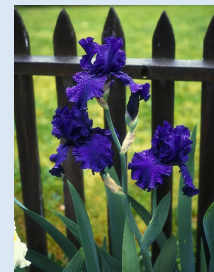


Photo: Reflecting On Monet by D. Hughes

Welcome to the second 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 either [Bob Pries](#) or [Wayne Messer](#) with your comments or interest.

Vote for Your Favorite Tall Bearded Irises

Each year the [American Iris Society](#) members vote for the **100 Most Popular Tall Bearded Irises**. This year's voting is now underway with 600 Tall Bearded irises on the ballot for you to choose your favorite 25 (or fewer). These irises were selected from the following:



The 100 top varieties in last year's Symposium

The tall bearded irises eligible for 2013 Dykes Medal

The tall bearded irises eligible for 2013 Wister Medal

The tall bearded irises eligible for 2013 Awards of Merit

The tall bearded irises that won 2012 Awards of Merit

The tall bearded irises that won 2012 Honorable Mentions

Ballots and instructions are available [on this page](#). **Your selections need to be to your RVP by September 1st,**

The [American Iris Society website](#) has information on irises, Iris Societies and Affiliates, iris awards, and almost anything about irises and the people who love them. Sometimes it has so much it can be difficult to find what you are looking for. Well, now the website has a way to search it! On the [front page](#), right hand side, is a **Search AIS Website** link. It takes you [here](#) where you can enter your search term(s) in the box. Also check the search tips on the same page. To see more about searching, check [this page](#) in the Iris Encyclopedia.

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2014 AIS Calendars Are Available

The annual **Iris Calendar** from the **American Iris Society** is now available. And you can order it online through the [American Iris Society Storefront](#). Learn more about the Storefront and what it offers on the [AIS website](#). You can click on **Our Products** in the left menu to see all the products or go directly to the [individual 2014 Calendar page](#) or the [2014 AIS Calendar Package of 10 page](#) (both are for US locations). Note that the prices shown in the Catalog include shipping, which is different for US, Canada, and Overseas. So for Canada and Overseas go down the list to the Canada entries and then the Overseas entries. While in the catalog, check out the other items available!



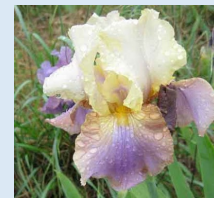
Do You Have Videos of the National Convention?

In your trip to the **AIS Spring National Convention**, did you take videos of any of the gardens or other events? We would like to prepare short videos showing the beauty of irises. If you have any or any parts of videos you would be willing to share, please contact [Wayne Messer](#). We would also be interested in videos from other Iris Conventions, Meetings, Shows, Gardens, or anything featuring irises! Thank you for your help!



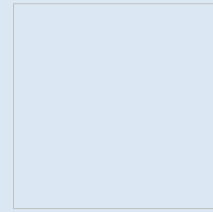
Reblooming Iris

It's that time of year for many of us. If we want to see irises, rebloomers are what to look for. Betty Wilkerson shares some of her rebloomer breeding approaches in [Breeding Reblooming Irises: An Eye to the Future-1](#) in the AIS blog [World of Irises](#). This is an opportunity to learn more about how a hybridizer thinks about reblooming and to see pictures of some of her seedlings! For those of you who would like to explore more about rebloomers, the [Reblooming Iris Society](#) is a Section of the **American Iris Society**.



Have You Seen AIS on Facebook?

The **American Iris Society** uses a variety of ways to communicate with its members and others who may be interested in irises. Publications include **Irises - The Bulletin of the American Iris Society** (which is also available electronically to [Emembers](#)). There is also the [AIS website](#), the [World of Irises blog](#), and the [Iris Encyclopedia](#). And you can also follow **AIS on Facebook!** This is another way to find out what is happening and to see great pictures of irises! And to see it you do not have to be a Facebook member; just go [here](#). Of course, if you are a Facebook member, you can also share your lovely iris pictures.



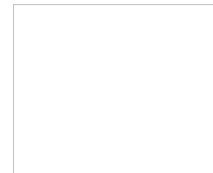
Iris Scorch - "New" Research

Iris scorch has long been a problem whose origin was unknown. In a 1971 publication that was not well known, [Scorch Disease of Rhizomatous Iris](#) by J. C. Bald implicated the Pseudomonas bacterium which causes scale tip rot of lilies. More recent work did not support the earlier conclusion: [Pathogenicity of Pseudomonas gladioli pv. gladioli on Rhizomatous Iris and Its Possible Role in Iris Scorch](#) by A. I. Wrobel, J. E. Watkins, and D. H. Steinegger, 1992. What do you think?



AIS Voucher Program - With Added Notes

(We mentioned the AIS Voucher Program previously; but, were remiss in not telling you who the participating iris nurseries were. We've added that link at the end.) There is a \$25 voucher for irises for members who upgrade their membership and for new members. **Hint:** Use this to help obtain new members for the Membership Contest described in the previous **News & Notes!** Full voucher program details can be found [here](#). And the list of participating iris nurseries - with links to their websites - is [here](#).



Become an Emember

Have you considered becoming an **American Iris Society** emember? 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, 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 above.