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## A Letter to Our Readers

**Welcome** to the third 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.

## Reminder - Vote for Your Favorite Tall Bearded Irises Deadline September 1st

**LAST CHANCE REMINDER** - You can still vote the TB symposium ballot by e-mailing the numbers to your RVP before September 1st. The symposium is your chance to recommend good Irises to the general public. You can send a ballot with only one recommendation, but please send it. The more input, the better the results. If most members responded we could possibly detect trends of irises that grow better in certain regions and less in others. And remember your Affiliate gets a vote also. **VOTE TODAY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1st.**



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



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The [AIS Public Relations Committee](#) brings you **News & Notes**. Our committee is very interested in the ideas and opinions of the AIS members. You may not realize how special you are; but, all of you have noteworthy life experiences that can help make a better Iris Society and attract new members. Most of the changes in AIS in the last 8 years have originated from feedback we have received from members like yourself.

Indeed our younger members have said you would like to be in touch with AIS on a regular basis and this created News & Notes. You have seen that News & Notes can announce the awards as soon as they are released while the Bulletin will not have them for another 2-3 months.

But News & Notes is not just us telling you; but, you telling us. In the future we will have surveys and polls. And in a less structured way, we would also like to enlist you as reporters and critics. You can make a difference in the health and vitality of AIS. If you would like an example, check this [link](#). Remember this is only an example and you may have many other types of ideas we would like to hear. We will try to respond to each email and would be delighted to hear hundreds of ideas!

## Quick Links

[AIS Website](#)

[AIS Facebook](#)

[AIS Blog](#)

information for the RVPs can be found [here](#).

## More on the AIS 2013 Medal Awards

Hopefully you already learned about the **2013 AIS Medal Winners** in our Special Edition of **News & Notes**. If not, you can find all the winners listed [here](#). And the list includes links to the iris's description and pictures on the **Iris Encyclopedia**. The list includes the 2013 Honorable Mentions and Awards of Merit.



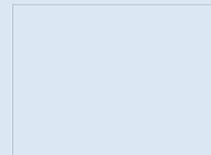
Did you know you can also see the previous winners of these awards in the **Iris Encyclopedia**? It contains articles which describe the history of each medal, lists the winners, and has pictures of most of the winners. The complete list of these medal articles can be found [here](#).

A continuing series in the AIS blog [World of Irises](#) features each of the winning irises. So far you can see:

- ["THAT'S ALL FOLKS," the 2013 DYKES MEDALIST](#)
- ["Bundle Of Love" 2013 Knowlton Medal winner!](#)
- [Wister Winners: Three Beauties Top the Tall Bearded in 2013](#)
- [2013 Williamson-White Medal Winner "Peebee and Jay"](#)
- [2013 Cook-Douglas Medal Winner "Wish Upon a Star"](#)
- [2013 Caparne-Welch Medal Winner "Trim med Velvet"](#)
- [2013 Clarence G. White Medal Winner "Refiner's Fire"](#)
- ['Egyptian Queen' takes the 2013 William Mohr Medal](#)

## Regional Fall Meetings Are Great Opportunities To Learn

Every year, each of the [AIS Regions](#) has a **Fall Meeting** filled with talks by well-known irisarians (many of the talks are called **Judges Training**; but, we know they are more entertaining and educational than that), opportunities to see old friends and meet new ones, and a chance to acquire more irises (which we all need!) While some of the Regions have already held their Fall Meetings, there is still time to sign up for others. To help you locate meetings in your Region or nearby ones, [here](#) is a list of those still to come and links to their webpages.



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## Dykes Iris Monograph To Be For Sale

In 2013 we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the most important written work in the history of iris, William Rickatson Dykes' *The Genus Iris*. In 2012 an original edition of this work was auctioned by the Aril Society International at the American Iris Society Convention. Now we understand that another original edition will be offered on [EBay](#) in early September. To let you know when it is available, we will put the link as soon as we have it on the [Dykes Iris Monograph page](#) in the **Iris Encyclopedia**.



## Irises - The Bulletin of the American Iris Society Available Soon

While we strive to provide timely information, sometimes the **News & Notes** schedule and other schedules don't quite sync up. One of the items we intend to include are notices of when **Irises** and other publications are available. This should help our members watching for delivery in the mail and our Emembers watching for it to be available online. What we can say right now - **the next issue of Irises is at the printers**. This time the AIS [Facebook page](#) and the AIS [blog World of Irises](#) will have notices when it has been mailed and when it is available online.



## Help Us Celebrate Your Display Garden

Many Affiliates across the country maintain public iris displays at a botanic garden, library, or other public venue. Examples include the [Sass Memorial Iris Garden](#) and the [Alice Hahn Goodman Iris Garden](#). We would like to create an illustrated directory of these sites across the country and around the world. Vacationing irisarians could then check to see what is happening in the region they will be visiting. Contact AIS Gardens chair [Bob Pries](#) and/or add them to this Iris Encyclopedia [page](#). (To add to the Iris Encyclopedia page, you need to register or login if you have previously registered.)



## Beardless Guest Iris Deadline for 2016 National Convention Sept. 15

Planning ahead for the 2016 AIS National Convention requires planting the **BEARDLESS** guest plants soon.

[AIS](#) and [Presby Memorial Iris Gardens](#) will be hosting it in Newark, NJ. And they are accepting beardless guest plants from **September 1 to 15, 2013**.

We understand the contacts are: Linda Sercus: [linda.presby@comcast.net](mailto:linda.presby@comcast.net) and George Boyce: [glenara@aol.com](mailto:glenara@aol.com). For possible updates on details, check [Presby's home page](#). We have also created a page where we will add links to updated details (if any) which can be found [here](#).



## See Irises in Australia

At this time of year, to see irises you may need to travel. And to encourage you to do that, the [Iris Society of Australia](#) has their **National Iris Convention 2013** from October 26th through 30th. Based at the [The Waldorf Leura Garden Resort](#), it will

have a number of tours and events. The complete itinerary is [here](#).



## AIS Minutes from Spring 2013 Online

Each year the **AIS Board of Directors** meets at the Spring Convention and in a Fall Meeting. The minutes from their most recent meeting, the Spring 2013 Meeting in Dallas, are now on the AIS website [here](#). Earlier minutes, back to 2005, are also available from this [page](#). Did you know the AIS encourages members to attend and participate in these board meetings? The next one is in New Orleans November 1st and 2nd.

## 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**.

