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2013 Photo Contest Winners Chosen



Welcome to the sixth 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.

Iris Blogs to See

One of the things I like about editing **News & Notes** is it gives me an excuse for looking at all the iris websites (as if I needed an excuse). Many of these are parts of the AIS family, AIS, Regional, and local AIS Clubs websites. Additionally, there are also personal websites about irises or gardens that you should include in your Internet travels. Like these:



I had found (and saved; but, forgotten I saved) **Neil Houghton's [Diamond Rise Gardener blog](#)** some time before becoming part of News & Notes. I found it, and him, again while admiring the **G.R.I.S. (Greater Rochester Iris Society) [website](#)**, which he created, in Region 2. One notable aspect of his blog is it includes videos such as this [short tour](#) of his garden. There are lots of great iris pictures and be sure to note the slideshow of pictures on the right sidebar in both his and the G.R.I.S. website.

You've already seen **Susanne Holland Spicker** as one of the contributors to the AIS blog [World of Irises](#) where her

Every year the American Iris Society sponsors a photo contest. Concentrating generally on irises, the people who grow and hybridize them, and their use in garden or natural settings, the contest is open to anyone who submits a picture. The specific categories vary from year to year, and are open to adults and youth alike with separate awards for youth submissions. The 2013 winners have just been chosen and you can see them as a slideshow [here](#). Earlier winners, from 2008 on, are also online as slideshows from the links on this [page](#), which also tells how to enter the contest so you can prepare for 2014.

Quick Links

[AIS Website](#)

[AIS Facebook](#)

[AIS Blog](#)

[Iris Encyclopedia](#)

[News & Notes Archive](#)

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most recent posting was [Tall Bearded Iris and Companion Plants](#). Did you know she also has a personal blog - [Sowing the Seeds](#)? It highlights her passion for gardening and irises. Included are lots of collages of tall bearded irises such as [these](#).

All of these are great examples of how you can use a **Free** service (Blogger with a Blogspot address is a free service from Google) to create a website. If you are considering creating a website for yourself, or your Club, [here](#) is some help getting started with Blogger.

Ad Changes in the Irises Bulletin

As we mentioned in the previous **News & Notes**, the **Irises Bulletin** has a new editor. There have also been changes in advertising rates and submission practices as described below. (And as an aside, did you know the AIS Commercial Directory Listing [page](#) is commercial concerns that are current AIS Bulletin advertisers?)



Effective with the Jan/Feb issue of 2014, the following changes in advertising rates for *IRISES* have been approved by the board.

2 issues within same year discount

Place a display advertisement of any size and in any location in an issue of *IRISES* for the normal price as listed and place that *same size* advertisement in any issue *within the same year* for one-half the price of the original advertisement. The second advertisement within the same year is 1/2 price - it does not have to be the same advertisement.

Color Back Cover Rates

1/2 page outside back cover - 8.5" w x 5.5" h (centered) -- \$300.00

3/4 page outside back cover - 8.5" w x 9" h -- \$600 (cannot be full page due to postal franking)

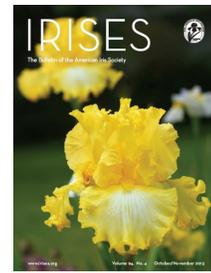
The new editor/layout person is Kathleen Sonntag (aiseditor@irises.org). LOCATION of advertisement is first come first served. You may reserve a specific location in advance by payment in advance with location and size specified.

Advertisements in the proper format should be submitted to the advertising editor as per instructions found on the Advertising Rates page of "Irises" (page 60 of Jul/Aug 2013 issue) (Payment and correctly formatted advertisement sent to me at address below). This includes changes you are making to your "Shopping Section" ads.

Thank you, Ron Killingsworth, Advertising Editor "Irises", retmiagt@gmail.com (318) 996-9969 10329 Caddo Lake Rd, Mooringsport, LA 71060

Latest Bulletin Available

For all you Emembers, the October-November issue **Irises the Bulletin of the American Iris Society** is now available. And those of you who receive it through the mail should also have it in your hands. As usual, the **World of Irises** had a [preview](#) of what it includes.



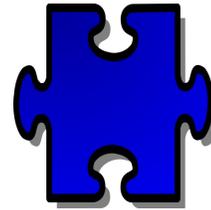
Looking Toward Dallas 2014

In the latest **Irises Bulletin** (Oct/Nov, p 18), Bonnie Nichols talks about some of the gardens you will have an opportunity to see at the **2014 National Convention**. Read her descriptions and then follow the links she mentions which we have gathered here for your convenience. One of the gardens on the tour is the **Clark Gardens** with their website [here](#). Check out their video tour on the front page. The [Iris Society of Dallas](#) is hosting the Convention and has a 2014 AIS Convention page [here](#).



Iris Fun and Games

And of course, what everyone is looking for, this month's jigsaw iris puzzle. See and enjoy it [here](#). Also, in researching the photo contest results, I found at the bottom of the results page are some more puzzles! See them at the bottom of this [page](#).



Become an Emember

If you are already a member, you might consider adding an **American Iris Society** Emembership. 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 of it and the **AIS Bulletin**, 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 in earlier issues.

