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Where to See Iris Shows



We've mentioned before some ways to see irises. The **Iris Encyclopedia (Iris Wiki)** has a [section on gardens](#), such as display gardens and national collections. In addition to gardens, the AIS

Welcome to the tenth 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.

MIS Raffles at Dallas

The **Median Iris Society** has a number of fundraisers underway. Two of them are raffles that you can enter now where the winners will be drawn after their meeting at the Dallas Convention. The first is 2014 and 2013 introductions where you can donate \$4 for each ticket and choose which iris you would like to win. Here with pictures are the [choices](#). The second is chances to win either of two Aitken collections of 2014 introductions for a \$8 ticket. Again with pictures and you choose which collection you would like to win; see the form [here](#).



Another fundraiser that is underway is the sale of four 2014 median introductions and one 2013 introduction (donated by three hybridizers) for \$45 (a \$100 value!). There are only 13 sets of these available so use this [form](#) soon. Update - there are now only 7 of these sets left!

The MIS fundraising page [here](#) has links to all the forms as

approves iris shows for Affiliates, Regions, and Sections or Cooperating Societies.

Now you can see a list of the approved shows. This way if you are traveling, you can find out what shows may be occurring near where you will be. And if you are planning a trip, you can find out when there will be shows in that area.

The [Iris Shows page](#) has links to these lists. There is a page arranged [alphabetically by State and City](#) for the 2014 shows. Or you can look at the same shows in a list [arranged by date](#).

As you are enjoying these iris shows, we hope you will take lots of photos and videos. It would be great if you would share them on the Iris Wiki - we'll be glad to help you with that. They would also be useful to promote irises. And, of course, there is the AIS Photo Contest (see elsewhere in this issue).

Please let us know if these pages are useful to you. And how they could be more useful! Send your comments to wrmesser@gmail.com or robertpries@embarqmail.com

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AIS Photo Contest Begins Now

The **2014 AIS Photo Contest** has begun. You have until **midnight June 30, 2014** to enter this year's contest. You can see details about the Photo Contest at this AIS website [page](#). There will also be a link from that page to the 2014 entry form as it is updated. Right now it links to the 2013 entry form which you can see [here](#).



You can see the earlier Photo Contest winners from 2008 to 2013 as slideshows by following the links on this [page](#).

Share Your Dallas Memories

For those of you attending the **AIS 2014 Convention in Dallas**, please take all the pictures and videos you can. We would love to see them and add them to the **Iris Encyclopedia** and other AIS websites and literature. They would be great for promoting AIS to potential members and for promoting irises in general.

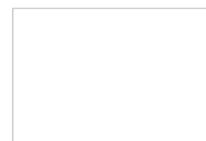


Earlier we shared some examples of this: the 2007 to 2012 Conventions photos as slideshows in movie format which you can see from this [page](#) from the **Greater Kansas City Iris Society** website.

We'll be glad to help you incorporate them in the Iris Wiki and share them in other ways. Also, with the **2014 AIS Photo Contest** underway, they could make good subjects for your entries in it!

More Conventions

After the 2014 National Convention and the Louisiana Irises Convention, there are two more scheduled for 2014. **May 22-23 is the Tall Bearded Iris Society Spring Meeting in Salem, Oregon.** And **July 4-5 is the 2014 Society for Japanese Irises National Convention in Victoria, British Columbia.**



More information about the TB Meeting is [here](#). This PDF has the registration information and [form](#) to mail in. Deadlines you need to know: **room reservations need to be made by April 30** to receive the special rate and the early registration discount requires your registration to be **postmarked by April 10**.

Learn more about the Japanese Irises National Convention [here](#). There is a link to the registration form there or you can go directly to the [form](#). The **early registration discount is available till April 30**.

Note that you need to fill out the form and then print and mail it.

Quick Survey - Better Homes & Gardens

An opportunity that AIS is considering as a member of the **American Public Gardens Association** is offering a complimentary subscription to **Better Homes & Gardens** for our members. This would be a membership benefit, which currently would be offered to those who join or renew after **October 24, 2013 and before September 30, 2014**. Although it is possible that the program will be renewed by BH&G again. And, if you already have a subscription, this would be an extension of it.



To judge your interest, we have a quick survey. One question, whether you would be interested or not. And a second question, only if you may be interested, for your contact information. Please help us consider this, and learn more about how to use surveys, by taking this survey [here](#).

Thank you for your help. Please send any suggestions or comments to wrmesser@gmail.com or robertpries@embarqmail.com.

MIS Seed Exchange Underway

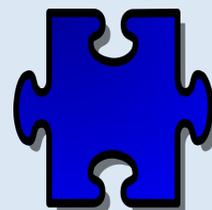
Another Seed Exchange for your enjoyment. This one for bearded iris. The [Median Iris Society](#) Seed Exchange is underway. You can learn more about purchasing seeds [here](#). The current list, which is regularly updated, is directly available [here](#). The seed sale continues until supplies are exhausted.



Two notes: You do not need to be a MIS member to order seeds. However, you definitely should consider a membership - learn more about membership [here](#). Also, they recommend emailing your selections to see if they are still available and reserving them before sending your check.

Iris Jigsaw Puzzle

I always learn a number of interesting iris facts from your suggestions and references. Last month's seminoid - which I believe is ['Dauntless'](#) - was no exception. One irisarian was also trying to identify a similar noid in their garden and wondered if this was a pbf (purple base foliage) iris. I checked the Iris



Encyclopedia and it did not mention pbf for this iris. However, this [Roots article](#) on pbf of historic iris did have it on their list. Also, I learned that '[Germaine Perthuis](#)', another iris along these lines, has a strong root beer fragrance. Both properties are things to check when identifying noids.

And another noid for your jigsaw puzzle. Not my best picture; I didn't know when taking pictures that I would be sharing this way. This one might be on my list; but, I don't recognize it. Looks to be a TB. You can see the puzzle [here](#). Please send your suggestions to wrmesser@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

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.

