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Iris Gardens in the Iris Encyclopedia



The newest section of the **Iris Encyclopedia** is the **Gardens Web**. Here you will find places to see irises in bloom, in North America

Welcome to the ninth 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.

Convention Deadlines

March 15th is the next date you need to know!

For the **AIS National Convention in Dallas April 5-10**, that is when registration rates increase and when special room registration rates can no longer be guaranteed. See details and any last minute changes [here](#). Read more about it in the Jan/Feb Irises beginning on p 22. Note you should RSVP for the **15th Annual Geek Dinner by April 2nd** to Joanne Prass-Jones at joanne@usjoneses.com.

And for the **Society for Louisiana Irises Annual Convention in New Orleans April 3-5**, March 15th is when they should receive this [registration form](#). Details about the Convention start [here](#).

SIGNA Seed Exchange Reminder

and around the World! It brings together **Display Gardens, National Collections, Test Gardens, and Wild Habitats.**

This is part of the **AIS National Collections, Display & Test Gardens Committee's** work. You can read more about it in the Jan/Feb issue of *Irises* (p 31) and in the *Iris Encyclopedia* beginning [here](#).

It includes information on how to become an AIS Display Garden, some Public Display Gardens, and National Collections. The [National Iris Collections in Great Britain](#) entries show what is possible.

As with all of the **Iris Encyclopedia (Iris Wiki)**, it needs your help! This is a great place to include the iris display gardens your group has created. And it can include the personal display gardens you are creating.

Also be sure to add the natural iris habitats, protected or not, that you are aware of. Adding pictures of any gardens would be great!

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The **SIGNA Seed Exchange** is still underway! It runs through mid-March, so the deadline is about the same as the next one for the Conventions. You can read about it [here](#) and place your order online from this [list](#) (which they keep updated).



This is a great way to try some new irises. Including ones never seen before!

Virtual Iris Show Updates

The first **AIS Virtual International Iris Show** is underway. And after hearing from iris lovers in the coldest climates, the **entry deadline has been extended to July 31st**. Learn all about this virtual iris show on the **Iris Encyclopedia** beginning [here](#).



Entries for the show have begun to arrive. You can see them as they are included in the various classes. Right now you can go to the [Reticulatas Table](#) and the [Other Iridaceae Table](#) to see entries.

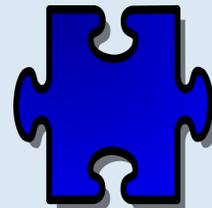
New Orleans Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

AIS President **Jim Morris** described many of the actions taken at the **November New Orleans Board of Directors Meeting** in his President's Patch (p 6 Jan/Feb *Irises*). Did you know the complete minutes are available on the AIS website? You can see the New Orleans minutes [here](#). And past minutes are also available with links from this [page](#).



Iris Jigsaw Puzzle of the Month

I'm beginning to suspect that all I need to do to identify my noids is get a good picture and make a jigsaw puzzle from it. I again received some great suggestions for last month's puzzle (if you missed it, you can play [here](#)). The best, from looking at the *Iris Encyclopedia* pictures, appears to be **'Triple Whammy'**. Interestingly, although it probably shouldn't have surprised me, another likely suggestion was a 'Triple Whammy' descendant, **'Blue-Eyed Susan'**.



This month's puzzle is a seminoid; I think I know what it is from checking against a list of what I had before moving. But, since some of them began as noids, that's not definitive and I'd appreciate your suggestions to wrmesser@gmail.com. This month's puzzle is [here](#). And I believe it is a TB.

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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.

