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## Tall Bearded Iris Symposium Underway

**Welcome** to the twentyfifth regular 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.

## Guest Irises Reminders

It is the season for guest irises for future iris meetings. While you can see this year's requests in the Spring *Irises Bulletin*, pages 44-48, here is a quick summary of them. You can also see the same table with the event, type of irises, dates to receive the irises, and email for contacts where available on [this page](#).



'House Guest'

Event	Guest Irises	Dates to Receive	Email Contacts
2017 AIS Convention	Bearded	July 27 - August 17, 2015	<a href="mailto:wrmesser@gmail.com">wrmesser@gmail.com</a>
2017 Median Mini-Convention	Medians including arilbred medians	July 15 - August 15, 2015	<a href="mailto:whozher@intel.net">whozher@intel.net</a>
2017		Until	



'Dusky Challenger' -  
2014 Winner

It's that time of year - another chance to vote for your favorite irises. In this case tall bearded. The **2015 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium** is underway. And it is the 75th annual edition!

This is your chance - all AIS members - to select up to 25 irises from the list of eligible tall bearded. Your votes determine the top 100 TBs which will be reported in the **Iris Bulletin**, early next year.

All the details can be found [here](#). Among them is the link to this [PDF ballot](#) listing all the eligible irises. Note that this list is only available online. Also you will find links to results from 2007 to 2014.

The deadline for your vote to be received is September 1st (overseas members is September 30th).

## Quick Links

[AIS Website](#)

[AIS Facebook](#)

[AIS Blog](#)

[Iris Encyclopedia](#)

[News & Notes Archive](#)

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Region 15	Bearded	November
Trek		30, 2015
2018	Louisiana	
AIS/SLI	and inter-	September
Conventions	species	1 - October
	involving	15, 2015
	Louisianas	
		August 15
2017 SLI	Louisiana	-
Convention		September
		30, 2015

## Membership Rates Increase Coming

At the Portland Convention, the Board approved increasing the print memberships starting October 1, 2015 as follows:



'Join In'

Annual Single	\$30
Annual Dual	\$35
Triennial Single	\$70
Triennial Dual	\$85
Overseas Annual Single	\$35
Overseas Annual Dual	\$40
Overseas Triennial Single	\$75
Overseas Triennial Dual	\$90
Youth W/o Bulletin	\$8
Youth with Bulletin	\$12

The current rates will still be in effect until then and you can learn about the [membership options here](#). You can renew or upgrade your membership online from [this page](#).

## Voting for Irises Deadline August 1st

The iris awards are coming soon! After seeing all the irises, the judges will be voting. Judges, the **deadline for voting online or mailing your ballot is August 1st**. And if mailed, postmarked by August 1st (to get credit for voting) and received by August 10th to be included in the official totals. Voting online? Just go to this [link](#) and follow your directions. Questions or problems - email [AISVotes@VoteIrises.org](mailto:AISVotes@VoteIrises.org) for answers.



'Judge Mac'

One more note for judges, it is also activity report season. Send them to your Regional Judges Training Chair. Due dates may vary by Region.

Everyone, you can see the draft ballot (PDF) [here](#) (judges have the official ballot with the same choices). If you would like to see previous winners, [this page](#) has lists for 1999-2014.

Interested in becoming a judge? Contact your Regional Judges Training Chair to learn how.

## Marketing Handbook

## Types of Irises

[Aril Society International](#)

[Dwarf Iris Society](#)

[Median Iris Society](#)

[Tall Bearded Iris Society](#)

[Society for Japanese Irises](#)

[Society for Louisiana Irises](#)

[Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris](#)

[Society for Siberian Irises](#)

[Species Iris Group of North America](#)

[Spuria Iris Society](#)

## Interests

[Historic Iris Preservation Society](#)

[Reblooming Iris Society](#)

[Novelty Iris Society](#)

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A recent request for the **Marketing Handbook** reminded me to mention it again. This is a guide to help your Club, Region, or Section prepared by the PR and Marketing Committee. You can find it on the AIS website [here](#) (PDF).



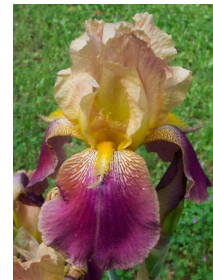
'Free Sample'

This is the 2012 version, an eternity ago in Internet time. So we will be updating it! New things that we will be adding include our [Voucher Program](#) for new members, the [posters](#) Andi Rivarola has been creating, success stories and tips from some of the clubs, and [News & Notes](#).

There is a [page](#) on the Iris Encyclopedia pointing to all of these as well. Please add your suggestions for other items to include there or email them to [aismprcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:aismprcommittee@gmail.com) or let any members of the committee know. Has your club tried something you would like to share? Please let us know. Thank you for your help.

## Novelty Iris Society Becomes Newest Section

One of the happenings at the Portland Convention was the **approval of the Novelty Iris Society as an AIS Section**. Congratulations to Bonnie Nichols and everyone who has been working to make this happen for the last year and more! You can learn more in [their announcement](#) (PDF). Including details on how you can become a member.



'Horned Ruby falls'

You can learn more about novelty irises from **Bonnie Nichols' presentation Novelty Bearded Irises and Space Age Irises** judges training from the link on [this page](#). (Note that the presentation is 18 MB.) The **Iris Encyclopedia** also has a number of types of novelty irises. Whether it is various foliage, shapes, sizes, horns, creped, or other unusual features, learn and see more beginning [here](#).

## How A Jigsaw Puzzle Solved An Iris Puzzle

Creating this jigsaw puzzle helped me identify an iris. The iris came from an iris show a couple of years ago with a name that we could not quite read. It was 'Capricious' something, our guesses at the time were Wandies, Dandies. I had put Capricious on the label and had forgotten there was more to the name. So, in comparing this puzzle photo to ['Capricious'](#) in the Iris Encyclopedia, the description and images did not quite match my photo. Searching for any titles containing capricious found ['Capricious Candles'](#) (duh) which does match. I should have known the Iris Wiki would come through!



You can see the photo that solved it for me in the jigsaw. Here are the [standard version jigsaw](#) and the [harder version](#)

[jigsaw](#) for your enjoyment.

## 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.



The Emembers Login link can now be found in the Quick Links in the left column. You will need your username and password which comes from the AIS Membership Secretary ([aismemsec@irises.org](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)).