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AIS Awards Follow-up



'Gypsy Lord' - 2015 Dykes Medal Winner

Welcome to the twenty-seventh 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.

Call for Guest Irises Reminders

Some of the requests for guest irises are still active. Here they are:



'Destiny's Call'

Siberian and Species guest irises for the **2018 Siberian/Species Convention** being hosted by the Francis Scott Key Iris Society May 25-26, 2018. The guest irises should be shipped from **August 24th to September 15th, 2015** to Carol Warner, 16815 Falls Road, Upperco, MD 21155-9445. You can reach Carol by email at draycott@qis.net with questions. Complete details can be found [here](#) by going to the bottom of the page.

2017 Region 15 Trek: Guest bearded will be accepted **until November 30**. See page 46 of Spring Irises Bulletin.

2017 SLI Convention: Guest Louisiana irises should be received **August 15 - September 30**. See page 48 of Spring Irises Bulletin.

The Special Edition of News & Notes with links to the winning irises is the most popular issue each year. And this year continued the tradition. We pointed you to the [list of winners with photos](#). However, if you were looking for the printable list, we let you down; the link we gave you did not work. You may have found the correct link in the winners with photos list. If not, [here is the text only list - 2-column PDF](#) which you can print. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Two opportunities for you to think about: Become a judge so you are able to help determine the Medal Winners and remember to participate in the popularity polls. You can see the results of past popularity polls in the Iris Encyclopedia [here](#).

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2018 AIS/SLI Conventions: Guest Louisiana and inter-species irises involving Louisianas should be received **September 1 - October 15**. Details [here](#) (PDF).

Board of Director's Meeting Invitation

The AIS Board of Directors meets at the National Convention in the Spring and a second time in the Fall. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings. This Fall the meeting is in **Omaha, Nebraska on November 6th and 7th**. Members and directors can find the Registration Form [here](#).



'Invitation'

Hope to see many of you there!

Regional Fall Meetings Reminder

While the first of the Regional Fall Meetings have already occurred, there are still many remaining for you to attend. See all the details we could find in the [2015 Fall Meetings table](#). They're a great chance to see old friends, meet new ones, learn more about irises, and hopefully pick up a few more irises. What a great combination!



'Fall Festival'

Judges Handbook Revision - Your Comments Needed

The **AIS Judges Handbook** is the reference used by Judges for both garden and show judging. The Judges Handbook Revision Committee is headed by Betty Roberts and is a committee composed of AIS members from across all AIS sections to capture all possible feedback on the subject. AIS Judges and others should send their comments to the President and VP of the appropriate section - TB comments to TBIS, Siberian comments to the Siberian Iris Society, etc. General comments, suggestions, issues, and questions should be directed to Betty Roberts at florabetty39@aol.com. **Comments to the Sections should be received by October 1st.**



'Judgement Call'

You can find the Sections with their Presidents [here](#) and the Cooperating Societies listed [here](#). Contact information for all committees, including the Judges Handbook Revision Committee, can be found [here](#).

And if you would like to order your copy of the **Handbook for Judges and Show Officials** (the actual name), see the [AIS Storefront here](#).

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Updated Quick Links

One feature of News & Notes is the **Quick Links** in the left-hand column which hopefully make it easier for you to reach popular topics. As website addresses change or other changes occur, we try to keep them updated.



'Linkage'

One link that we have updated this month is the **Novelty Iris Society** link. It now goes to their announcement that **AIS approved them as a Section** at the Portland Convention. You can learn more about this and how to become a member by clicking [here](#) (PDF) or on their Quick Link.

A Reblooming Jigsaw

Not the normal time of year when I would have a fresh iris photo for the jigsaw. However, '[Oxmoor Hills](#)' by James Ennenga bloomed September 2nd here in central Iowa. Just planted last Fall, it is listed as a rebloomer and noted on the [hybridizer page](#) that it may bloom 3 or 4 times a year.



Do you note when irises bloom in the Fall? Or other times they rebloom? You can share your observations on the Iris Encyclopedia the same way you share the Spring bloom times and locations. The [Bloom Time 2015 page](#) would be an appropriate place to add your reblooming notes (that is where the Spring bloom times are) or they can be added to individual cultivar's entries. You can also join the [Reblooming Iris Society](#) to learn more about rebloomers and recommendations. Here is their [membership page](#).

And before I forget it, here is the [standard difficulty jigsaw](#) and this is the [harder difficulty jigsaw](#).

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).

