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News from the Board of Directors Meeting

Welcome to the twenty-ninth 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.

2016 Iris Calendar

News from the Board of Directors meeting: The **AIS 2016 Iris Calendar** now has a sale price. Starting at \$6 in the US (including shipping) and 10 for \$36, you can see the details in the newer items section of the [AIS Storefront](#) (use those prices rather than the old ones listed later.) Also see the Storefront for other iris items.



The calendar already has the 2016 AIS Convention and the Fall Board of Directors meeting. And the Irises Bulletin, the World of Irises, the Iris Encyclopedia, and News & Notes will all help you find other events to add to your calendar.

2016 Silent Auction Update

An update for all of you sending donations for the 2016 Silent



'Presidential'

The election results everyone has been waiting for: **Gary White** was elected to a 3 year term as President. Serving with him are **Jody Nolin** as 1st Vice-President and **Andi Rivaroli** as 2nd Vice-President. **Gerry Snyder** becomes a Director serving the remainder of Andi's term. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your continued service.

Thank you also to **Jim Morris** who now becomes Immediate Past President.

You can see photos of the festivities [here](#). For those of you who have not attended a Board meeting, I would recommend it. It's a great way to learn more about what is happening and what will be happening in AIS. It is also a chance to meet and get to know many more members who serve us. Stay tuned for more news from the Board of Directors meeting.

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Auction. Whether it is your iris and garden related items, Region's "**Raisin' Region Baskets**", or rhizomes from hybridizers, please send them by UPS or FedEx. Please do not send them by USPS. The address is:

Presby Memorial Iris Gardens
% Nancy Skjei-Lawes
474 Upper Mountain Avenue
Montclair NJ 07043

You can find the details [here \(PDF\)](#).

And remember you can see the [2016 AIS Convention website](#) for details on the Convention. The [registration form](#) has been updated; you now can use credit cards as well as checks.



'Weekend Update'

Centennial Logo Contest Winner

The winner of the **AIS Centennial Logo Contest** has just been announced. You can see the logo and meet the winner in a **World of Irises** posting [here](#). Thank you to everyone for participating and congratulations to Lori Galletti.



This is the first step in preparing for the 100th anniversary of the founding of AIS. Stay tuned for upcoming events. And if you would like to join us as a volunteer or as a contributor of ideas, or ..., our email is ais2020centennial@gmail.com. Thank you.

HIPS ROOTS Fall Issue

The latest issue of **ROOTS** from **Historic Iris Preservation Society** recently was received. Another super issue with lots of great photos of historic irises, including watercolors - see the article about Bliss irises. Among the photos were historic irises from this year's Portland Convention.



'Copper Lustre' -
Dykes 1938

Other topics included their [new website](#) and some of its features. The [Photo Gallery](#) is back. In it be sure to check out their search and all the filters you can apply to help identify an historic iris. Thank you to Laetitia Munro the webmaster.

Both **ROOTS** and the website feature **Guardian Gardens**, their new preservation effort underway. Learn more about it [here](#). There have already been over 1000 rare irises identified and now being grown in Guardian Gardens. You can download a [list of these \(PDF\)](#). If you would like to participate, contact Doug Paschall, the Guardian Gardens Chair, at gg@historiciris.org.

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](#)

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Interests

[Historic Iris Preservation Society](#)

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[Novelty Iris Society](#)

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Answering Questions With The Iris Encyclopedia

The Internet is a great source for answering questions. And so is the **Iris Encyclopedia** (also known as the Iris Wiki); you don't even have to Google. You can use the [search function](#) on the Wiki, just select Title or Text and click the All public webs box as well and then enter your search term(s).



Feathered Friend

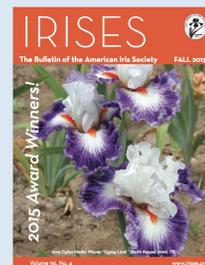
A recent question on the AIS Facebook page illustrates the power. Indian Creek Iris was looking for lacerated petal irises for possibly breeding with their seedling which has such petals. Searching on **lacerat** (you can use parts of words), finds '[Feathered Friend](#)', which they knew of, and '[Marie Kalfayan](#)', new to them. You can see their seedling, the question, and the comments [here](#).

I'm not sure if lacerated petals qualify as a type of novelty iris. The [novelty irises page](#) on the wiki does not yet have them. Another source to learn more about novelty irises is the [Novelty Iris Society](#), the newest AIS Section.

Have you used the Iris Encyclopedia to answer your or others' questions? I'd be interested in hearing of both successes and difficulties in using it. You can reach me at wrmesser@gmail.com. Maybe we can include these in future items. And we might have suggestions for your difficulties.

Fall Irises Bulletin Available

The Fall 2015 Irises Bulletin issue is now available. Your print subscription is in the mail and may already have arrived. Emembers can see the digital version now. Login [here](#) to see it or all the earlier issues.



You can learn about some of this issue's highlights in this [World of Irises posting](#) by Andi Rivarola. This issue covers both the Portland Convention and the 2015 Awards - lots of great photos included!

Even In Alaska

You can find irises! From the News-Miner in Alaska come the story of a hybridizer/collector of Iris setosa interior. The story "**An eye for irises: Grower pulls a rainbow of varieties from his field of flowers**" can be found [here](#). While I had never heard of I. setosa interior, not an unusual observation, the Iris Encyclopedia does have a [page](#) describing it and [SIGNA has a photo](#).



'Alaska' IB

Thank you to Mike Unser for pointing us to this. And if you

would like to learn more about this and other species, [SIGNA](#), the Species Iris Group of North America, is a great place to start. You can learn about membership and join [here](#). One of the benefits of membership is their [Seed Exchange](#) which will be underway soon.

An Intrepid Iris Jigsaw

A reblooming iris that has lasted and lasted. You saw the first bloom - September 2nd - in an earlier News & Notes. And now we have some of the last blooms; they were open November 20th when snow hit. This is '[Oxmoor Hills](#)' on the next day as a [standard jigsaw](#) and as a [harder jigsaw](#).



Bonus: J. Paul Hill left a [comment](#) on the AIS Facebook page about iris jigsaw puzzles. (That link goes to all visitor posts on the AIS page; right now it is the top one. Your mileage may vary.) Clicking on the photo in the posting of his intro '[Beverly Morningstar](#)' takes you to the [jigsaw of it he has created](#). You can see all his iris jigsaw puzzles in [this album](#). I should warn you, the 300 on an image means the puzzle has 300 pieces! He likes to create hard puzzles. Thank you Paul.

It also reminded me: You can see the News & Notes puzzles back through October 2014 [beginning here](#). Right now they consists of 2 pages so be sure to check both if you are looking for a particular puzzle.

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).