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Where to Find the American Iris Society



'Finders Keepers'

Welcome to the 31st regular issue of the **AIS News & Notes**, our electronic newsletter. 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 Convention Early Registration Deadline

There may be snow on the ground; but, spring and the **2016 AIS National Iris Convention** will be here soon. And the deadline for discounted early registration will be here even sooner. You need to **register before February 1st for the discount!**



'Early On'

The [Convention website](#) has all the details on the convention and registration options. Here is the [registration form \(PDF\)](#) you need. A reminder, they are now able to accept credit cards.

Also remember the Silent Auction for the Convention is still accepting donations. Here are [all the details](#). Thank you.

With a title like this I would normally show you where to find AIS on the Internet: the [AIS website](#), the [Iris Encyclopedia](#), the [World of Irises blog](#), the [AIS Facebook page](#), the [AIS Twitter feed](#), and all the [Sections](#), [Regions](#), and Affiliates Internet presence. Not this time.

This time it is a real map! Of course the map is on the Internet.

As you probably know, we have over 160 Clubs in the United States and Canada. Now you can see them all on [one map](#). This is a map using Google Maps showing the locations for them as listed in the Regional listings. You can click on any of the markers, zoom in, and move the map around the same as other Google Maps.

The map was created from a spreadsheet. Below the map you can see the info used. A similar spreadsheet can be used to show your Region's Clubs. Here is [Region 21 as an example](#).

If you would like help creating maps for your Region or have other ideas, please let me know. Email wrmesser@gmail.com.

Do you see spaces where there should be Clubs created? Let us know as well!

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Iris Exhibitions 2016

Approval

Remember to send your show schedules for approval to Lois Rose at least two months prior to your show date. Lois prefers to receive schedules via e-mail at lowy222@aol.com as it speeds up the process and saves everyone a little in postage. If you submit your show schedule via e-mail, please include a cover note with your "snail mail" address as Lois must send the official approval and show certificates back to you via U.S. Postal Service.



Lois will be traveling Feb. 3-10, so no show schedules will be processed during that time. Also, on Jan. 13 she is having finger surgery which will affect her typing and therefore the speed with which she can process show approvals until at least late March. With that in mind, you might want to try to get your draft schedules submitted a little early to give Lois a bit of extra time to process them.

Supplies

To avoid having to pay a "Rush Order" fee of \$25, make sure to get your show supplies order to Susan Boyce no less than two weeks prior to show date. The fee is optional, but Susan generally only ships once a week, and will not drop everything to get out a rush order unless the fee is paid. Susan cannot accept supplies orders electronically as she is not set up to accept electronic payment.

Show Reports

NOTE: Starting in 2016, final Show Reports should be sent to Susan Boyce at 5123 South 3500 West, Roy, UT 84067 Please use the electronic show report form (sent to you via e-mail by Lois Rose at the time your show is approved) if at all possible. If you have to fill out the report by hand, **please print**.

It is extremely important that the information is correct and readable.

Remember that a copy of your final show schedule must accompany the show report.

If a show is canceled, please notify Susan Boyce via e-mail at irisgal@hotmail.com so she will not keep watching for your show report.

Where to See Shows List

As the lists of approved shows is available, we will post it and update it on the Iris Encyclopedia. You will be able to see it [here](#) when it is available. It will probably be there before the next News & Notes.

Clark Cosgrove Nominations Due

Nominations for the **Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement** are due by **January 31, 2016**. Any AIS member may nominate any AIS youth member.



'Clarke Cosgrove'

The details can be found in the Irises Bulletin Fall 2015 issue on page 11 and you can also see the guidelines for nomination and award details [here](#). Email or mail them to Cheryl Deaton to be

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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received by January 31st:

Cheryl Deaton, AIS Youth Chair
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Canyon Country, CA 91351-3314

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This is a great opportunity to honor our younger members. You can learn more about all the exciting AIS Youth Programs by starting with the AIS Youth website [home page](#). The website shows projects and programs that may be available to youth members in your area - or that you can help create - and there are various resources to help you get started.

Pacific Coast Native Iris Seed Sale

The **Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris** (SPCNI) seed exchange is underway. The **deadline for orders is January 31, 2016**. Learn more about the seed exchange [here](#) and this is [the list to order from](#), with pictures of many. You can learn more about these irises on the [SPCNI website](#) and on the [SPCNI Facebook page](#).



'Star of Wonder' 2011
Mitchell Medal

While the seed sale is open only to SPCNI members, they have made it convenient for you to join as you order. You can purchase or renew your membership at the end of the seed list before you place your order. A great reason to join!

Club Projects - White County Iris Society

I'm always on the lookout for interesting happenings in the Clubs. If you know of some; please let me know. This one came up in an iris society alert I use. I like its unusual twist.



The **White County Iris Society** in Arkansas is participating in establishing a **First Ladies Garden** 'Garden Club Delight' **at Harding University** to honor the first ladies of Harding. The Club's contribution includes **registering 10 new irises which are named for each first lady and president**. Learn more about [the garden here](#).

While searching to learn more about the Club, I found their [iris sales](#) project. This raises money for **Women for Harding scholarships**. The irises are from their Dykes bed at the Harding's History House. An interesting partnership all the way around.

Start the Year Right with World of Irises

The **World of Irises blog** always has great articles. And the beginning of 2016 is no exception.



First up was **Vanessa Spady**, a new addition to the contributing authors. She has [Begin at the beginning...if you can remember when it began](#). This is the first installment chronicling the creation of a neighborhood iris garden. With plenty of iris photos.

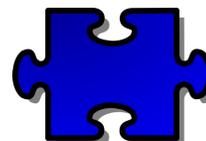
'Start Of Something Big'

Then **Susanne Holland Spicker** has [TALL BEARDED IRISES -- Merging Ourselves in the Garden Makes for a Meaningful Life](#). See her suggestions for enjoying your gardening experience more. And see the great iris photos combined with inspiring quotes she uses.

You can use the search box in the upper left hand corner to find all sorts of topics from World of Irises. That is how I found an earlier article by Susanne with more examples (searched iris quotes) titled [ENJOY YOUR TALL BEARDED IRISES ALL YEAR LONG! Creative ways to preserve your iris photos](#).

Remembering Summer with a Jigsaw Puzzle

No irises in bloom here now. Or if any are outside, all they can see is the snow. Is there anywhere to see irises in bloom this time of year?



So, we return to last summer to find an iris for the jigsaw. This is ['Sign Me Up'](#), a SDB by Niswonger.

You can choose your difficulty: both [standard difficulty](#) and [harder difficulty](#) jigsaw puzzles are available.

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).