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2016 Convention

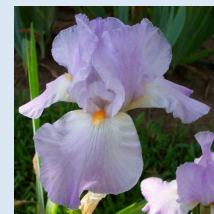


The Winter 2016 issue of the Irises Bulletin has

Welcome to the 33rd 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.

2017 Iris Calendar Questions

Each year AIS creates an iris calendar for your enjoyment and use. Normally, the calendar is not ready until the fall, but this year we could we make it available to you earlier, possibly in late March or April. This could be an opportunity for your club to sell it at your iris show or other events this Spring and Summer.



'Calendar Girl'

Your Opinion is Important to Us: Would you or your Club like to order calendars at this time? We have created a [short survey](#) - 2 questions and the opportunity to leave your email address. Please take the quick survey so we can know your answers.

Please feel free to contact us with any other comments or suggestions.

more information about the upcoming convention. See pages 37 through 43 for registration details and activities and see **Presby Defies Time** for some of Presby's history and how it is still involved in preserving and showing irises. Also learn about **Glenara Gardens**, another of the host gardens.

Also included is the call for **Silent Auction** items and for donations for **Raisin' Region's Baskets**. You can see the [details of these requests online](#) as well. Learn all about the 2016 AIS Convention on the [convention website](#).

One "secret" about Presby not covered in the above article is the original recipe developed for iris beds at Presby. The **Illinois Irisarian** Spring 2016 issue has a 2007 article about the rediscovery of this recipe and its effect at Presby. See **What's In A 'Recipe'?** on page 9-11 of [this PDF](#).

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Youth - Ackerman Essay Contest Deadline

The **Ackerman Essay Contest** is an annual contest for AIS Youth Members. This year's topic is "**My most interesting or exciting iris experience**". **The deadline is April 1st, 2016** with the winners announced at the AIS National Convention.



'Peak Experience'

All the details are on page 10 of the Winter 2016 Irises Bulletin or you can see them [here](#). Entries can be emailed as attachments to draycott@qis.net or mailed to the address shown.

Learn more about the AIS Youth Members programs and activities on the [AIS Youth website](#).

SIGNA Seed Sale Closes April 1st

The annual **SIGNA Seed Sale** is underway. You can see the list of seeds, with frequent updates as they sell out, on their website [here](#). Membership in SIGNA is required to purchase seeds and you can join online while purchasing your seeds. Learn more about the [seed sale](#), [germination tips](#), and [seeds from previous years](#) that are still available. That last page also has PDFs showing what was originally available in previous years.



Iris tridentata

One of the parts of the SIGNA website I recently discovered is the [Iris Of The Month page](#) (IOTM in the upper right menu). So far there are 13 irises or irids with 2-3 paragraph descriptions, including what you may need to know about growing them, and a photo showing why you should grow them. A number of them may be available in the seed sale, such as the I. tridentata shown which currently has two sources available.

IOTM came to light for me by joining the [iris-species electronic round robin](#). This is a public discussion group on Yahoo which anyone may join, although membership in SIGNA is encouraged.

Where to See Iris Shows

This year we have 79 approved AIS shows and counting. That's how many have been approved (as of a couple of days ago) by Lois Rose. You can see them sorted by date in [this table](#). That page will also point you to [this map](#) so you can see where shows are. Right now the first ones are April 9th and the last June 19th.



'Show Me'

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.

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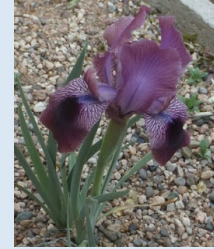
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Happy 5th Anniversary World of Iris

The American Iris Society blog **World of Iris** turns five this month. On March 9, 2011 Andi Rivarola published its first topic [Think Spring](#). After over 400 more postings it is still going strong!



Tetraploid Aril -
'Tadzhiki Eclipse'

[World of Iris](#) has all types of iris topics. The most recent as I'm writing this (they add new ones frequently) is [Tetraploid Arils, Anyone?](#) by Tom Waters.

Congratulations to Andi and all the contributors for their continuing great work!

Clickable Photos

Most of the photos illustrating the individual topics in **News & Notes** can now be clicked on and will take you to the iris shown in the [Iris Encyclopedia](#). This is a follow-up to adding captions to the photos so you can learn more about ones that catch your eye. Note that you cannot click on the caption, only on the image itself.



'Click Here'

Thank you for this and other suggestions. Please let us know what other changes you would like to see.

A Winning Jigsaw Puzzle

This month's iris jigsaw puzzle features the Wister Medal winner ['Daughter Of Stars'](#) by Donald Spoon. Covered with blooms last summer. You can choose the [standard difficulty puzzle](#) or the [harder difficulty](#) (twice as many pieces) or both.



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 **Iris**, 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).