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## 2018 AIS/SLI New Orleans Convention Update

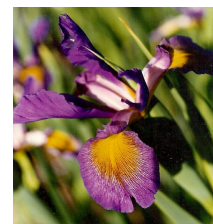


The 2018 Convention Committee has made a decision on the look of the registration form. We have also gathered estimates for the hotel menus, bus company, garden tour lunches and other items. We are currently working on the convention budget and will soon have the registration form available. Watch for

**Welcome** to the 50th 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.

## 2019 Guest Bearded Iris Request

The AIS 2019 Convention is just 2 years away. Which means it is time to plant the guest bearded irises. They are now **accepting bearded irises until September 15th**. And **will again be accepting beardless later this year**.



'Guest Artist'

Ship guest plants to:

Riley Probst, Guest Iris Chairman  
2701 Fine Ave  
Modesto, CA 95355

All the details for guest irises can be found in the Summer 2017 *Irises Bulletin*, p 36 or [online here](#).

2019 is a special Convention because **seedlings there will be competing to be named Centennial Irises by the Convention**

the information on the 2018 Convention website:  
<http://www.2018irisconvention.org/>

The 2018 Convention website currently contains lots of important information. For example, hotel reservation information has already been provided. Also if you will need a roommate at the hotel, you will find who to contact for assistance.  
**Join us at the beautiful and historic city of New Orleans, Louisiana in 2018.** Hope to see you there.

Paul W. Gossett  
2018 AIS/SLI Co-Chair  
Joe Musacchia  
2018 AIS/SLI Co-Chair

Editors Notes: The above photo is from the [Baton Rouge Botanic Garden](#), another of the tour gardens. You can see a larger version of the the photo [here](#). Click on that photo to see an even larger version.

Learn more about Louisiana irises with these World of Irises posts:

- [Iris Bloom Season in NW Louisiana on Historic Caddo Lake](#)
- [Recent Louisiana Iris Hybrids](#)
- [My Top Three Louisiana Irises](#)
- [Louisiana Irises](#)

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**attendees!** Learn all of the [details here](#) or in the Spring 2017 *Irises Bulletin*, pp 32-33.

## Symposium Voting Underway - Deadline September 1st

This month is when you can make your opinions on tall bearded irises known. The [2017 Tall Bearded Symposium](#) is underway. The ballot was included with the Spring issue of the *Irises Bulletin* and is also available [online. \(PDF\)](#).

Choose no more than 25 from the 472 TBs listed.



'Devoted'

Remember the **deadline for your votes reaching your RVP is September 1st!**

You can also see the list of yearly winners (top 100) from 2007 to the present [here](#) as PDFs.

## Fall Happenings

There are many exciting events coming up shortly. Many [Regions have Fall Meetings you can find on this list](#). Meet old and new friends and learn about new irises while frequently earning judges training credit. [Region 4 also includes a Fall \(meaning reblooming\) Iris Show in its offerings!](#)

Does your group also have a Fall Iris Show?



'Revival Meeting'

The AIS Board of Directors meets monthly in a teleconference - next one is August 30th. Details can be found in [AISDiscuss](#) and/or on the [AIS News page](#). The Summer 2017 *Irises Bulletin* has access instruction on page 9. Then **November 3rd and 4th in Dallas, Texas is the Fall AIS Board Meeting**. The [registration form can be found here](#).

All AIS members are invited to the teleconferences and the Dallas meeting and encouraged to participate!

## 2017 Convention Follow-up

After everyone goes home from a Convention, there is still much post-convention activity. You can see some of it on the [2017 Convention website](#).



We [dug and shipped the bearded guest auction irises and the bearded guest irises](#). Similar digging and shipping of the beardless irises will occur shortly. **Thank you again to all the**

[Society for Japanese Irises](#)

[Society for Louisiana Irises](#)

[Society for Pacific Coast Native  
Iris](#)

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hybridizers for the great guest irises!

The Summer 2017 *Irises Bulletin* was filled with Convention News. **Thank you to the editor and all the contributors for the great articles!**

Ken Fuchs has put together another of his videos filled with photos from the Convention. We have a [link on the Convention website](#) so you can watch or download the 26 minute video. There also are pointers to some of his earlier Convention videos. **Thank you Ken!**

The [Iowa Arboretum](#), one of the two public gardens on the Convention tours, was very pleased by the response from the public to their guest irises. They are considering what type of iris collection they might create to continue this interest.

And if you have more Convention memories you would like to share, please let us know. We will be glad to help you spread your iris enthusiasm. Contact information is on the website or email [wrmesser@gmail.com](mailto:wrmesser@gmail.com) with your thoughts and questions. Thank you.

## A Different Puzzle: Finding 'Allyssa's Pretty Petticoat'

We know irisarians are outstanding at finding irises. So here is a puzzle for you. Do you know of a source for the MTB

['Allyssa's Pretty Petticoat'](#)?

It was named by [Opal Wulf](#)

for her granddaughter.

Allyssa is about to be

married and her father

would really like to present her with this iris.

However, the ones found so far do not match the

description.

Do you have/know where to find this iris? You

can contact Gary White [in2iris@yahoo.com](mailto:in2iris@yahoo.com) with

your suggestions. And one more note - the

wedding is in September. **Thank you for your help!**

There is also a page on the **Iris Encyclopedia** to

help you find difficult to locate irises. You can see

it [here](#) and add your requests.

**Iris Award Winners Update**

The 2017 AIS Awards were

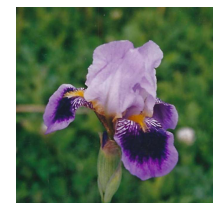
in our Special Edition of

News & Notes earlier this

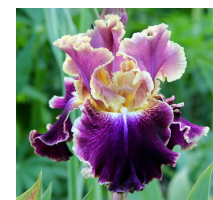
month. We pointed you to

the [list with photos](#) and the

[printable list](#).



'Allyssa's Pretty Petticoat'



The [World of Irises blog](#) has started a series of posts about the winners. Currently you can see:

- [THE HANS AND JACOB SASS MEDAL 2017, Intermediate Bearded Irises](#)
- [THE 2017 KNOWLTON MEDALIST for Border bearded irises](#)
- [THE JOHN C. WISTER MEDAL 2017](#)
- ["MONTMARTRE," the 2017 Dykes Medalist](#)

Go to the [World of Irises blog](#) to see subsequent additions or go to this [list of recent blog postings](#) (automagically updated) to find new ones.

## A Reblooming Jigsaw Puzzle

We had several guest irises at the 2017 AIS Convention which rebloomed last Fall. You can find [all the Convention posts on reblooming here](#).



This is one of the rebloomers, 'Double Dare' BB (Lockatell, 2014) in **bloom September 24, 2016**. Here are the [standard difficulty](#) and the [harder difficulty](#) jigsaw puzzles of it. We hope to see it bloom again this Fall. For more information about rebloomers, visit the [Reblooming Iris Society](#) website.

Do you have Convention or other iris photos for jigsaws? Contact Wayne Messer ([wrmesser@gmail.com](mailto:wrmesser@gmail.com)) if you would like to share them, maybe in News & Notes, or to learn more about creating a 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](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)).

