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Start Making Your Plans for New Orleans 2018



As we are just 6 months out from the start of the 2018 AIS/SLI Conventions in New Orleans it is time to start thinking about making your hotel reservations with the Hilton New Orleans Airport. It is also time to start thinking

Welcome to the 52nd 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 Irises Request Reminder

Both **bearded and beardless guest irises** are still being **accepted for the 2019 AIS Convention**. They will accept them, and list them in the Convention booklet, **until November 1st**.



If you wish to send guests after November 1st, please contact Riley Probst before sending.

Ship guest plants to:

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

Other details (not the dates) can be found [here](#). Including that seedlings at the 2019 Convention are eligible to compete to be named Centennial Irises!

Thank you to Jan Blaedel for the photo of Riley planting the first guest iris in Dry Creek Garden, their master planting.

about registering for the convention. You will find all of the information on the 2018 convention website www.2018irisconvention.org.

2018 will be a big year for New Orleans, as they will be celebrating their 300th Anniversary as a city. Click on the New Orleans tab on the 2018 website www.2018irisconvention.org for information on New Orleans and also New Orleans 300th Anniversary.

See you in New Orleans in 2018

2018 Convention Committee

Thank you to M. J. Urist for the picture of Robert Treadway checking out the Louisiana irises at an Ag Center garden.

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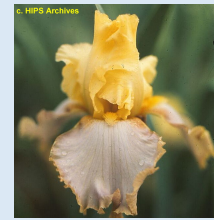
[Society for Japanese Irises](#)

[Society for Louisiana Irises](#)

[Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris](#)

Preview the Fall Board Meeting

The 2017 Fall AIS Board Meeting is November 3rd and 4th. You can get a jump on enjoying it now! Many of the reports are already available on the AIS website. See the [reports for this meeting](#) (PDFs).



'Late Report'

Did you know that reports from earlier Board meetings are also available? Actual reports began being available in 2006. Before that you can find minutes back to 1988. All of these entertaining and education reports can be found [starting here](#).

Solving Iris Mysteries

From the **Presby Fall 2017 Newsletter**, comes tales of identifying misidentified irises. You, hopefully, can [read it here](#). Just go down to "A Tale of White Iris".



'I Do'

Because I have had some difficulty with the above link, here are some of the details and some added links to the suspects.

Mike Lockatell helped them solve the first mystery. Their '[Sunny Shoulders](#)' is really '[I Do](#)' by Zurbrigg.

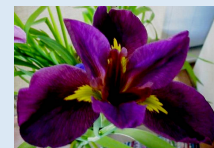
The second mystery was another well-known white iris, '[Immortality](#)', with a taller white blooming with it. Using the Iris Encyclopedia, they identified the taller iris as '[Brother Carl](#)' again by Zurbrigg. The clue came from the **Moonshine Gardens Catalog** description that is part of the 'Brother Carl' entry in the Encyclopedia.

See these irises in Presby's Bed 20 when you are at the 2020 Convention!

How have you used the Iris Encyclopedia to solve iris mysteries? Please share your adventures with our News & Notes readers.

Learning Louisiana Irises

With the [2018 AIS Convention](#) coming up in New Orleans, it is the perfect time to learn more about Louisiana Irises. And AIS and SLI have some great sources to get you started.



'Duke Of Orleans'

First stop, the [Society for Louisiana Irises](#). For those eager to get growing, use the [Growing tab](#) on the top. It contains articles and comments. One that appealed to me is "[Growing Louisiana Irises in Pots](#)" by Tom W. Dillard. This website also contains an [Index to help you find all their articles](#).

Be sure to include the [World of Irises](#) in your itinerary.

[Society for Siberian Irises](#)

[Species Iris Group of North America](#)

[Spuria Iris Society](#)

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[Reblooming Iris Society](#)

[Novelty Iris Society](#)

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There are posts about all types of irises. Here are some of the recent Louisiana Iris posts:

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

And those are just the ones so far this year! The last one in the list, [Louisiana Irises by Hooker T. Nichols](#), includes some recommended older varieties for beginners.

The Iris Encyclopedia also has the Louisianas irises covered. [Start here to see and learn more.](#)

Contest Reminder

Email is fast; so there is still time to get your contest entry to me!

Enter through October 31st by email to wrmesser@gmail.com or call 515-597-4240 and leave a message.



'Create'

Create or describe a single PowerPoint slide on **one benefit of being an AIS member**. Yes, you can tell us one of the benefits of being an AIS member and we can convert that to a PowerPoint. **What are some of the benefits you experience as a member?**

Entries will not be judged! The winner will be chosen by a random drawing. All entries become available to everyone to incorporate in their presentations, publications, and general knowledge. [Details here.](#)

Enter often! No limit on the number of times you may enter.

Getting Started with Arilbreds

The **American Iris Society** blog, [World of Irises](#), covers so many iris topics so well that I could fill each issue by pointing them out. This month has continued that tradition.



'Aril Arrow'

For everyone interested in getting into arilbreds, **Tom Waters** has a great introduction. His post [An Arilbred Iris Sampler](#) describes cultivars that are readily available so you can determine what types will grow well for you. Tom has many excellent posts on the World of Irises, both on arils and on other topics. You can see all his [posts beginning on this page](#). Be sure to click on **Older Posts** when you reach the bottom of the page to see more of his work.

The **Iris Encyclopedia** includes a [Beginner's Corner](#) where you can find this and other recommendations for irises to start with. **Do you know other iris**

recommendations that we should include? You can add them; it is the Iris Wiki. Or we can if you let us know what they are.

From Jigsaw to Jigsaw - Popular in News & Notes

Note - not this issue's puzzle; see the next item for that.

When thinking about what you find interesting; I use the jigsaw standard. Every time there is a great interest in our jigsaw puzzle. Who knew? So I look at what is as popular, well, usually almost as popular, as the jigsaw. Since we have two jigsaws, a standard difficulty and a harder difficulty, I consider that the most popular range. Anything having at least the same clicks as the harder jigsaw is popular.



'Jigsaw'

You can see what links in the last three issues were [popular on this page](#). There is even one that is more popular than that month's jigsaw: [recognizing the new hybridizers!](#)

Would you like to know more about what has been popular? Let [me](#) know and I can update the [News & Notes Recently Popular page](#). FYI - this has also been included in the [Public Relations and Marketing report](#) for the Fall Board Meeting.

A Convention Jigsaw Puzzle

A bonus from the [2017 AIS Convention](#) was many, many photos that are suitable for jigsaws. This is one of my identified ones.



I'm sure you will recognize it. The 2015 Randolph-Perry Medal winner is ['Do The Math'](#) by Jill Copeland. This species cross was part of a nice clump open at the **Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden**.

Enjoy the [standard difficulty puzzle](#) and 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).