



## President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the few sunny days and has had a chance to get out in the garden. There is always the question — where do I start

Spring cleanup? What needs to be done first? For me, it starts where I did not get finished last Fall. I also have a major undertaking of trying to rescue/recover the iris plants that the elk stomped into the ground last month. Looks like they had a dance party in my iris garden.

This year GPIS is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary. Looking back, our Club has always been active in both Region and National activities. Our Chartered members would be very proud to see what the members have accomplished in the past 50 years and where we are today. Who knows what the future will bring our way.

Speaking of the future, Paul Black is our guest speaker for our March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Paul's topic "New Directions in Iris Breeding" will enlighten us on new ideas and adventures in the iris world. He has a habit of working and trying new things where other hybridizers say it will not work or happen., Friday and Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is the HPSO Hortlandia 2022: Back to Our Roots plant sale at the Westside Commons Expo Hall (formerly known as the Washington County Fairgrounds) in Hillsboro. Setup will be Friday afternoon. Sale will be Friday evening 5:00 – 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. In addition to a daily parking fee (\$8.00), there is also an entrance fee



## Directions to the Ainsworth House & Gardens 19130 Lot Whitcomb Drive, Oregon City, OR 97045

### FROM I-205 NORTH OR SOUTH

Take I-205 to exit 10 and go south on Hwy 213 for about 4 miles. After you cross Beavercreek Rd. you will pass the Clackamas Community College (on your left) turn at the next RIGHT at the traffic Lights for MEYER ROAD (by the Carl's Jr. ). Go to the SECOND stop sign, about 1 mile.

At the Second stop sign continue forward onto Leland Road (which also goes to the left). After about 100 yards, take the first LEFT into Lot Whitcomb Drive and the Ainsworth Estates. (Do not be fooled by the houses).

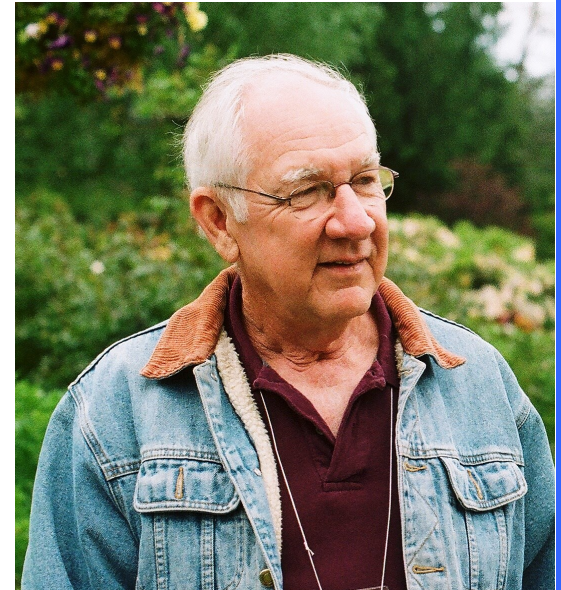
The house is one and a half blocks on your left.. Continue on the road in front of the house and it will take you to the parking lot on your left, at the rear of the property, next to the Garden Room. Meetings will be held there.

### FROM MILWAUKIE AND 99E, DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY

From 99E turn LEFT at the lights for 10<sup>th</sup> Street (If coming from Canby this would be a RIGHT turn). Follow 10<sup>th</sup> Street up the hill, and it will deliver you onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn RIGHT at the first lights (Washington Street) and go 2 blocks to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and turn LEFT on 5<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> Street after about a mile becomes Linn Ave, and Linn Ave after another mile becomes Leland Avenue when it crosses the lights at the Warner Milne/Warner Parrot junction (Plaid Pantry and two other stores on the corner). Take the third RIGHT from Leland into Lot Whitcomb Drive and the Ainsworth Estates. The house is one and a half blocks in on your left. Follow the road, which passes in front of the house, to enter the parking lot which is in the rear next to the reception area.



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## GPIS Meeting March 1st with Paul Black on New Directions in Iris Breeding

Greater Portland Iris Society



# 2022 Coming Events

## 1 March, Tuesday Meeting Paul Black “New Directions in Iris Breeding”

1-2 April, Fri-Sat Hortlandia Plant Sale  
Hillsboro, OR

5 April, Tuesday Meeting Bud Bowen  
“Seasons of Kew”

11-16 April, AIS National Las Cruces, NM

1 May, Sunday Early Show  
Canby Fair Grounds

21 May, Saturday Mid-Show  
Oaks Park

27-29 May, Sib/Spec Convention/Region 13  
Meeting Seattle WA

18 June, Saturday Late Show  
Japanese Garden

6 August, Potluck/Auction  
Timber Park Estacada

27-28 August, Sat-Sun Plant Sale  
Bearded Portland Nursery

6 September, Tuesday Meeting Terry Aitken  
“Surprise Topic”

17-18 September, Sat-Sun Plant Sale  
Beardless Portland Nursery

1 October, Region 13 Fall Meeting  
Tacoma, WA

4 October, Tuesday Meeting Thomas  
Johnson “Hybridizing Program”

1 November, Tuesday Meeting Robin  
Shadlow “Reblooming Iris”

10 December, Holiday Potluck  
Sandy Grange Hall

Please remember that facemasks  
are required in many locations and  
you will need to be prepared..

to the sale’s area. More information will be available at the March meeting.

GPIS Member Handbook update:

Will Plotner – new email address:

[molallagardens@outlook.com](mailto:molallagardens@outlook.com)

Susan Schouten – new garden name: Misty

River Iris & Perennials

Meeting refreshments will be provided by GPIS –  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

*John*

## Spring Patrol Time

I think that Spring is already here as I am seeing the slugs coming out in the garden already. Deal with them with a product containing ‘Meta’. Deadline and Cory’s are two well known names.

If you aren’t comfortable putting bait out, there is still a way to get rid of these critters by making a 50% X 50% mixture of household ammonia and water, put it into a spray bottle and spray them. In the Spring it works very well on the small hatchlings. If you take a more gruesome approach you can lay out pieces of cardboard in your garden and go out early in the morning with a sharp stick and do shish--ka-bob. You just don’t want them to get big like this guy.

*Will*



**Bluebird Of Happiness –Paul Black’12**  
**John C. Wister medal Winner 2021**



**c. Paul Black**

**Portland Pink**  
**P.Black’15**  
**Cook-Douglas**  
**Medal Winner**  
**2021**



**Elf Esteem**  
**P. Black’15**  
**Caparne-Welch**  
**Medal Winner 2021**