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AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

September 2018

Fall Rhizome Sale

SCHEDULE

- Dig, clean & prepare rhizomes for the sale. If you'd like to help, please contact Janis at 619-561-6323 or Claire at 760-331-8694
- Saturday, Sept 8, set up sales event in room 101 of the Casa del Prado, Balboa Park beginning at 8:30AM. Sale from 10AM until 4PM. Lock the door at 4:15 and walk away.
- Sunday, Sept 10, arrive at 9AM to organize rhizomes and start the coffee maker. Sale from 10AM until 4PM. Clean up from 4 to 5PM. We'll need to bag up all the left-over rhizomes.
- Saturday, Sept 15, set up sales event room 101 at Casa del Prado, Balboa Park beginning at 8:30AM. Sale from 10AM until 4PM. Lock the door at 4:15PM and walk away.
- Sunday, Sept 16, arrive at 9AM for cup of coffee and organize the iris. Sale from 10AM until 4PM. Clean up at 4 PM. It will take about an hour to pot up the leftover rhizomes for the Spring Sales event. We could use lots of help!



PREPARE YOUR RHIZOMES

Do you have clumps of iris that need to be divided? If so we invite you to dig yours and donate some of your rhizomes to the Fall Rhizome Sale.

How to prepare the rhizomes? Dig up your clump and break off the rhizome pieces. Discard the rhizomes that have bloomed. Replant a few in your garden for next year. For those rhizomes you plan to donate, trim the roots to about four inches in length and the fan of leaves to about six inches in length. Wash off all the dirt and remove any brown vegetation.

There are two ways to label each rhizome with its variety name. You can write the name of the variety directly on a leaf using an indelible marker. Or staple a paper tag to one of the inner leaves. If you staple, please use two staples to securely affix the label. Please mark rebloomers with a large red dot.

By the way, we can take your unnamed rhizomes, too. At the sales counter during check out, Janis usually tosses a couple of extra unnamed rhizomes into each sales bag.

If you have questions, phone either Janis or Claire.

And in case we forget to say it, thank you for all your donated rhizomes!!!

President's Message

Hi Everyone!! Welcome back to another season of the San Diego Iris Society!! We are planning to continue with the regular fun activities such as the potluck luncheons at the Lakeside Historic Building, the Treasure Table of iris door prizes, the club birthday party at the Best Western/Seven Seas hotel and the December holiday party. We'll work hard at the iris sales knowing that the reward is a boost to the financial stability of the club. And then there's the wonderful opportunity to learn more about iris and gardening through our guest speakers and round table discussions. It's going to be a great year. Welcome back, everyone!!

Last year I ordered too many new varieties of iris, nearly 80, and had a pickle of a time trying to find spaces for all of them in my gardens. This year I ordered only about 30 but because they're beardless iris, as of the time of publication, they haven't arrived yet. Have yours arrived? You say you didn't order any iris???? Well, you're in luck!!! The annual Fall Rhizome Sale will be in Balboa Park over four days, September 8 & 9 and 15 & 16. If you are looking for some healthy rhizomes at great prices, we'll see you in room 101 on one of those days. There will be lots of tall bearded iris rhizomes, of course. This year we'll have some Louisianas, a few miniature tall bearded (MTB), a few standard dwarf bearded (SDB) and maybe a few spuria (SPU). Janis has a doo-hickey she plugs into her phone to take credit card purchases, so bring your list and credit card and we'll see you there. More information about the rhizome sale is on the website.

What is needed at the Fall Rhizome Sale is help with setting up in the morning and cleaning up at the close of the sale. When you come to purchase rhizomes, please schedule an hour or two to help. Come early and have first pick of the rhizomes. Come late on the last day during the sell-off sale. Come anytime to help answer questions for the customers. Bring a snack to share for the buffet in the kitchen. This is a club effort and everyone can help, even if it's for a couple of hours!

October 13 (Saturday) is the date of the Fall Meeting for Region 15. You've heard Janis, Bill, Katharina, and I talk about these region meetings. We've attended them in Phoenix, Prescott, Palmdale, Van Nuys, and even Lompoc. The meeting on October 13 will be in San Diego at the Best Western/Seven Seas hotel, the same place where we celebrate the club's birthday party. Howie Dash, president of the Aril Society, will be speaking about aril and arilbred iris. He'll be giving a judges training, where you can learn more about aril and arilbreds. You don't have to be a judge to attend; judges training sessions are open to all visitors. Parking is free and lunch is provided with your registration. There will be a raffle drawing of about 60 iris, newer tall bearded varieties and even a few arilbreds. The Fall Meetings are always interesting. What's so great about this one is that it's right here in San Diego. The invitation and registration form are in this newsletter. I hope you'll attend.

Last, I want to say thank you to all the members of SDIS. Your support and enthusiasm at the meetings and events make it such a pleasure to be president. I am looking forward to a really great year!

Claire



San Diego Iris Society

Invites you to the

AIS REGION 15 FALL MEETING

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Event headquarters:
Best Western Seven Seas Hotel
 411 Hotel Circle South
 San Diego, CA 92108
 (619) 291-1300

Featured Speaker: Howard (Howie) Dash, Picacho Mountain Iris
 On Aril and Arilbred Iris



“Sand Dancer”

“Yangara”

“Xerxes”

Registration received by September 15, 2018: \$35.00

Registration received between September 16 and by October 4, 2018: \$45.00.

Schedule:

8:00 to 10:00 AM	Registration &OJ, coffee, muffins
8:30 AM	Raffle opens
9:00 to 10:00 AM	Region 15 Board Meeting
10:30 to 11:45 AM	Speaker: Howard (Howie) Dash
12:00 to 1:00 PM	Lunch: grilled salmon and chicken California
1:15 to 2:00 PM	Region 15 General Meeting
2:15 to 3:30 PM	Judges Training: Aril & Arilbred Iris
3:30 PM	Raffle

For more information: www.region15ais.org or www.sandiegoirissociety.org



San Diego Iris Society

Welcomes you to the

AIS REGION 15 FALL MEETING 2018

Saturday, October 13, 2018 9:00 AM to 4:30PM

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Club: _____

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

LUNCH MENU: Chicken California, Grilled Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Hot Rolls, Iced Tea & Lemonade, Chocolate Cake and Carrot Cake

Judge's Training: I plan to attend: Yes ___ No ___ (You don't need to be a judge to attend.)

Registration received by September 15, 2018: \$35.00

Attendees _____ X \$35.00 = _____ TOTAL

Registration received between September 16 and by October 4, 2018: \$45.00.

Attendees _____ X \$45.00 = _____ TOTAL

Please send completed form and your registration check payable to the San Diego Iris Society (SDIS) to:

Janis Shackelford
9716 Red Pony Lane
El Cajon, CA 92021

Contact Janis with questions at <jgshackelford@cox.net> phone: 619-561-6323

Region 15 Fall Meeting Headquarters:**Best Western Seven Seas Hotel**

411 Hotel Circle South

San Diego, CA 92108

(619) 291-1300

Room Rate: \$99 per night plus taxes. To guarantee this room rate, reserve room by September 28, 2018 and mention "Region 15 Iris Society Room Rate" when reserving.

For more information: www.region15ais.org Or www.sandiegoirissociety.org
or contact: Claire Schneider irisinramona@gmail.com

Minutes from SDIS Board meeting, June 11, 2018

The San Diego Iris Society board met on Sunday June 11, 2018. Claire called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Bill Molnar, Janis Shackelford, Claire Schneider. Patti Anderson, Olga Batalov, Mary Hanson, Edith Shade and Katharina Notarianni (by phone) were present.

There were no minutes presented for approval. Janis Shackelford presented treasurer's reports for April and May. The current checking account balance is \$9390.92. The Spring Show expenses were \$1370.00 and the sales income was \$2100.00. Purchasers received quantity discounts when they purchased multiple rhizomes. Near the end of the show, rhizome prices were slashed resulting in a big sale at the end of the show.

The board discussed the possibility of selling rhizomes over a single weekend during the fall sale in September. The ad has already been written for two weekends but not yet published so it may be possible to alter the dates. If dates are reduced, the information on the website will also need to be changed.

The board also discussed the finances of the Region 15 Fall 2018 Meeting, including the cost of the food and speaker. We want as many of our members to attend and as many people as possible, so let's keep the cost of registration as low as possible. We will have lots of iris to raffle at the Fall Meeting and the board will sell iris both weekends in September to subsidize the cost of the Fall Meeting.

Patti Anderson donated magnets with pictures of iris on them. She suggested they be one of the items included in the gift bags for the Fall Meeting. The board decided to save them for the Spring Trek in 2021.

The members-only auction is coming up in October. The board clarified that Claire would be receiving and caring for the iris.

Janis presented the Lakeside Historical Society (LHS) Rental Agreement. The cost to rent the historical society building is \$100.00 per meeting. Claire Schneider made a motion to rent LHS for 6 meetings for a cost of \$600.00. A second to the motion was made by Mary Hanson. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by board. The board will present the motion to the membership to approve the expense.

Committee Chair reports

Janis (membership chair) reported that she will try to get as many as possible to renew today. She stated that everyone who has joined since the Spring Sale is covered for the upcoming year. Katharina will continue to maintain the website. Edith Shade (nominating committee) presented a slate of potential officers to the current board. Claire Schneider -President, Bill Molnar - VP, Janis Shackelford - treasurer, and Olga Batalov for secretary. Janis needs a co-chair for the Spring Show. Jan Benoit helped Tammy in the past, so she will be asked to consider serving as the Spring Show co-chair. Janis reported that we need to educate members on proper completion of Spring Show entry cards. The board decided to develop an instructional exhibit for filling out the show tags. The information will be posted on website and included in future newsletters. Patti Anderson (publicity chair) reported that things are going well. She

asked "Do we want an ad in the magazine?" The ad will cost \$75. The board then discussed, "Who is our iris buying audience?" The board agreed, our buying audience is people with larger yards such as those living in Lakeside, Ramona, Alpine and Julian. Bill Molnar (Table Treasures) reported that he will supply potting soil and we will pot leftover rhizomes in beds of trucks after the Fall Rhizome Sale. Mary Hanson (Facebook) was asked about the effectiveness of Facebook. Mary agreed to look into the effectiveness of Facebook. Claire reported that she enjoys being the newsletter editor. Janis and Don Maurizio attended the SDBGF meeting. They reported the recurring kitchen issue that we have during the Spring Show & Sale. Yes, the kitchen is a shared resource, but every year the group with whom we are supposed to be sharing makes a very discourteous power grab. Every year this issue is discussed, but no resolution happens.

The Board decided to hold a special summer meeting on Sunday June 17th at 1:00 pm to finalize information regarding the Region 15 Fall 2018 Meeting. Agenda items are: the registration form, gift bag contents, and the format and content of the information posted in the Region 15 Newsletter. The finalized registration form will need to be posted on the website. All registration forms will be sent to Janis. Janis reported that the proposed raffle for the Fall Meeting must be registered with Registry of Charitable Trusts to get their permission. There is a fee involved which Janis will clarify.

The board agreed to meet on Sunday August 26th to discuss issues and plan for the 2018-2019 meetings. The meeting will begin 10:00 am at Claire's Schneider's home in Ramona. Other jobs held by SDIS members are: Claire is the recording secretary and a director for AIS. Janis is the assistant RVP for Region 15. She is in charge of judges and trainings. The annual activity report will be sent out to all judges. The board meeting was adjourned 12:59 pm.

General Meeting

Claire welcomed new member Michelle who found out about the San Diego iris Society by searching online while looking for information about Irises.

A brief report was presented about the AIS National Convention that was held in New Orleans. At that convention, Janis was nominated to board of directors and Claire was appointed recording secretary for the American Iris Society (AIS).

Janis presented the SDIS treasurer's report. The Spring Show in May generated \$2100 in sales and the Fiesta Botanica event brought in \$1100. The current balance is \$9390.92. Patti Anderson reminded everyone that it's time to renew SDIS membership. A family membership is \$10.00 for the year.

A motion was made by Leif Fisher and seconded by Pat Wurtele to approve renting the Lakeside Historical Society building for six meetings for the 2018-2019 SDIS season at a cost to the club of \$600.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Edith Shade presented the slate of officers: Claire Schneider -President, Bill Molnar - VP, Janis Shackelford - treasurer and Olga Batalov – secretary. A request was made for nominations from the floor. None were made. Richard Wurtele made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented, Patti Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed. A request was made for others to step up as officers next year. It was noted that the jobs of SDIS officers are not difficult and in fact, previous officers are very willing to advise.

The Region 15 Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday October 13th 2018 at the 7 Seas Best Western. The event will include a buffet lunch with a choice of chicken or salmon. Howie Dash from Las Cruces, N.M. will be the speaker. Mr. Dash will be speaking on Arilbred Iris. There will also be a raffle of recently introduced Iris potted rhizomes. Arilbreds are a type of bearded iris. They are crosses between Arils and bearded iris. Claire will be writing a more detailed article about arilbreds for an upcoming newsletter.

The general meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

The Spring Show Awards ceremony followed the general meeting in the adjoining room.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Hanson, secretary.

Iris care during September-October

According to Leon & Normal Vogel as posted on the [SDIS website](#)

- Dig up, divide and replant your irises.
- Plant all your new irises. Be sure to label them with a weather-proof marker (e.g. pencil).
- Fertilize. In Southern California irises grow all winter long.
- Keep weeds under control.
- Check for aphid and white fly. Spray with insecticidal soap if necessary.
- Pull off and discard all dead leaves.

According to [Schreiner's Monthly Garden Advice](#)

- Remove and destroy garden debris, spent bloom stalks and brown, dry foliage. This will reduce the occurrence of leaf spot and over wintering insects.
- Cut back remaining foliage to about 6" above the rhizome. This is not required, but trimming the foliage does have benefits. The garden appears tidier and the surface area on which leaf spot can develop is reduced.

Other thoughts

- Keep a record of all your blooms so you'll have a better idea which iris varieties to keep and which to discard. Send your record of blooms to the newsletter editor.
- When planting and replanting your iris, amend the soil with compost, unsalted alfalfa pellets and/or time-released fertilizer.
- If your new rhizome looks a little dry, soak in water for a few hours before planting.
- Draw a map of your garden iris so that if your labels become lost or illegible, you'll be able to identify your iris.
- To really control your weeds, remove them BEFORE they set and drop seeds.
- Watch where you step. We live with rattlesnakes.

Lotsa Louisiana!! (iris and countryside)

Janis & Claire attended the AIS Convention in New Orleans, April 7 to 14, 2018

All Aboard!!



Little Gangster (LA) by Nichols



SLI working to save *Iris fulva* and other species from extinction.



Aqua Velva (LA) by Kevin Vaughn



Excursion to Windrush Plantation



The Louisiana iris grow like weeds!



Katrina Rising (LA) by O'Connor



Janis not worried about alligators.



Mardi Gras Mambo (LA) by Musacchio



Is Janis having fun? You bet!!



Visiting the SLI Show for photos and lots of "Ohhhhh" and "Ahhhh!"



It's always entertaining in the French Quarter.



Bad Moon Rising 2017 (LA)
by O'Connor



Bonnie Nichols leads a judges
training on Louisiana iris



Who lives in here?



At the Hammond Research Station we saw a rain
garden, a place to capture and store rain.



When Pigs Fly 2012 (LA)
By O'Connoer



Summer bargains of iris

After they have filled their orders, most of the commercial iris gardens have left-over iris to sell at reduced prices. Check out their websites for ordering deadlines.

Here are a few websites with summer or end of season sales (click on the blue web-link to connect):

SIGNA (Species Iris) has left over seeds for sale at \$0.50 a packet.
[surplus seeds](#)

The Aril Plant Society has their sale in June. Too late now to order plants, but mark your calendar for next year. [aril plant sale](#)
According to their calendar, the Aril Plant Society sell seeds in October. But I don't see their list for 2018. Try their website later. [aril seed exchange](#)

[Schreiners Gardens](#)

They have a wonderful catalog. Their deadline is coming up soon!

A Few More Photos



WHAT'S BLOOMING?

In Olga's Rancho Penasquitos garden: Blowtorch SA, Parvin's Pinot, Mesmerizer SA, Take Five, Superstition and Slovak Prince.

In Bill's garden near SDSU: (in June) Alpine Harmony, Amiable, Anxious, Glacier King, Huckleberry Pie, II Stutter, La Scala, Let's Be Brazen, Living on the Edge, Love Continues, Love Returns, Pagan Goddess, Peggy Sue, Queen Dorothy, Raspberry Frost, and Royal Courtship.
(in August) Autumn Nectar, Momma Caroline, Royal Courtship and Alpine.

In Claire's garden in Ramona:

Beardless iris: (JUNE) Akimatsurai PSEU, French Buttercream PSEU, Sri Lanka AB, Chain Reaction AB, Childsong AB, Suspect AB, Stolon Ginger AB, Signal Butte AB, Hakuna Matata AB, Wild at Heart SPU, Brass Knockers SPU, Chocolate Fudge SPU, It's a Boy LA, James Faith LA, Professor Neil LA.
Median & Dwarf Bearded: (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST) Solar Sparks SDB, Lilac Wings MTB, Concertina, IB, Dark Wonder BB, Dark Crystal SDB, Triplicate SDB, Blue Oasis SDB, Stinger SDB, Baby Blessed SDB, Rust Never Sleeps IB.

Tall Bearded: (JULY & AUG) Matt McNames, Double Wedding, Crimson King, I'm Back, October Sky, Strawberry Shake, Happy New Year, and Renewal. (too many TBs to list for June)
Hakuna Matata AB bloomed in August, too. Amazing!!

Please send your blooming notes and photos for publication in the next SDIS NL to itsaclearday.claire@gmail.com

Help! Patti would like some help identifying this iris.



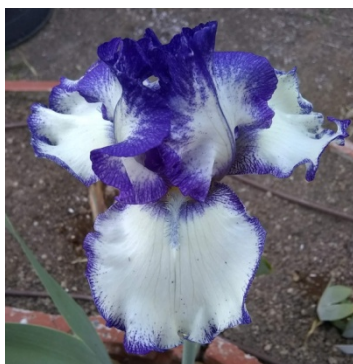
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French Butter Cream PSEU



Photos from Olga



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See more photos and stories on the SDIS Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/769059883165997/>

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your annual membership in the San Diego Iris Society.

Your family membership, which runs from July 1 to June 30, includes:

- 10 issues of the SDIS newsletter.
- an invitation to attend general meetings in Lakeside on the second Sunday of October, November, January, March, April and June where we share a potluck luncheon, hear a program on iris and win an iris door prize or two.
- an invitation to participate in the Spring Show, April garden tour, members-only auction, Fall Rhizome Sale and holiday and club birthday parties.
- the opportunity to meet and mingle with other iris enthusiasts! Woo Hoo!!

All of this for only \$10 per year!!

You can pay Janis for your 2018-2019 membership at the next meeting with a check, cash or credit card. Or mail a check (made out to San Diego Iris Society) to Janis Shackelford, 9716 Red Pony Lane, El Cajon, 92021.

SDIS CONTACTS	UPCOMING EVENTS
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