



PRESCOTT AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Winter 2012

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President's Message

Hello members of PAIS.

I trust you all made it through the holidays with a minimum of calories and a maximum of joy to make it a festive Christmas season.

As I always seem to do at this time of year, I find myself sitting in front of the fireplace looking through seed catalogues and dreaming of spring weather. Why I rush the seasons along, I'm not sure, because I do like looking out the window at the occasional snow and I know my fruit trees need many hours of chill to set fruit for next year. But, the winter months of inactivity are hard to bear, when I have so many plans for the garden. Where do I want to plant that new re-bloomer *Juicy Fruit*, I won at the Fall Trek?

As your president for 2012, I have the task of working with your executive board to create an interesting and innovate year for our society. We have a lot of regular activities, but perhaps something fresh and new is needed to stimulate interest at our general meetings. I personally, want to become more involved in Region 15, and find ways we can be a part of the larger group. Thus, I find myself thinking, not only of our sculpture garden and rhizome sales, but also of the national convention, **Cali-Zona Gold**, to be held in April 2012.

Carolyn worked very hard in the past two years, refining some of our programs, such as the NIIP program, and creating some fun games to play at our general meetings. We want our club to be stimulating, fun and interesting and not just a lot of facts about iris and their care and feeding. Your suggestions and input about meeting topics are always welcome. The executive board can propose, but ultimately it is our members who indicate what they want. As we all know, it is our group as a whole that accomplishes the work at hand.

I mentioned at the November meeting that we are still looking for members to assist the board in chairing some of our events in 2012. Judy Book is retiring as the **Newsletter Editor** after so many years, so we need someone to fill that position. We are looking for chairpersons for the **May Iris Show** and the **July Rhizome Sale**. Without chairpersons to see that everything is on track, it is difficult to create these events we all enjoy. Many hands make work light.

Although we are a small group, we have quite a nice reputation amongst the other eleven Region15 affiliates. At the Re-bloomer Trek last month, several people spoke of the great Fall Trek PAIS sponsored in 2008. They liked our community and the enthusiasm of our members. Kathy Chilton confided that we have one of the most energized and creative affiliates in the entire region. She loves coming to our meetings and sharing her love of iris with us.

So, with this said, let's look forward to a great new year, with all the usual programs we offer and perhaps something new and fresh. Let us hear from you. Your thoughts, opinions and participation are important. After all, this is your club.

Happy New Year, fellow Irisarians!

Roger Osgood

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 18-MEETING

APRIL 16-21

Cali-Zona Gold Ontario, CA

APRIL 28-MEETING

MAY 12—GARDEN TOUR

MAY 19 —SPRING SHOW

**JULY—MARKING PARTY,
RHIZOME SALES**

**AUGUST 11--SILENT AUCTION
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

SEPTEMBER 15--MEETING

NOVEMBER 17--MEETING

MEETING TIME 1:30-3:30 P.M.

1235 E. GURLEY, PRESCOTT

**At the intersection of Gurley
and Sheldon**

Markers for Sale

One of my winter projects is to make labels for new iris I have obtained and to replace any markers the animals may have damaged. I never seem to have enough on hand.

We'll have both 12" and 21" markers available at the February 18th meeting. Bring your check book and plan on buying what you need. Your next opportunity to purchase plant markers will be the April 28th meeting.



A GREAT BIG 'THANK YOU' TO SOME VOLUNTEERS!

As you know, a club like ours operates on the principle of volunteerism. That is to say, you have a skill, a little bit of free time, and you want to be a part of something important.

In response to our plea for help, we had three "irisarians" step forward, who suited-up and said, "you can count on me!"

Thank you, **Carol Thomas** for agreeing to be our HOSPITALITY HOST!

As you enter the general meeting (in February, April, September and November), Carol will be there to hand-over your badge, any forms you may need to see, and she will welcome you to our meeting. Carol will also see that you get coffee or tea and some treat to nibble on, while you wonder "what is this meeting all about!" If you have not met Carol, please introduce yourself. Carol became a member over a year ago, has attended every meeting, and was a wonderful help at the last rhizome sale. Welcome Carol. Could I clone you, please? You might hear from Carol, if you indicated on your application form... "serving refreshment ... I will contribute some "goodies" to the meeting." After all, an army travels on its stomach and we're no different. Carol, welcome to the PAIS family, in a way that counts. We appreciate you.

Steven Ginter, who embraces our iris family, said he would chair the **Marking Party**. We had such a good time last year! It's not all work, it's also a social event! Not to mention the iris you can buy before anybody else sees them! We all get a free rhizome just for working the party. Thank you, Patrick for hosting us in 2011. We had a nice time at your home. In 2012, Diane Clarke, is offering the "garage" of choice. We have set aside July 14th as our designated day "to dip, clip and label" the iris donated to PAIS for the sale. Remember, your rhizome donations earn you points towards next year's membership. Mark this date on your calendar.

Diane Clarke, ever the hard worker, has relieved Sharon Phelps of the **Sculpture Garden** duties. The college garden is one of our jewels in the community. Visitors from everywhere wander the garden enjoying the serenity of the setting, the impressive sculptures, and most definitely our beautiful iris, when they are in bloom. It takes hours of work every year to maintain the iris beds. We have a few regular volunteers who take turns weeding and pulling dead stalks, but it is our overseer who schedules who, what and when. Were you one of the lucky recipients, at the November meeting, who received the bag and cutters as a thank you for giving of your time in the garden? That was so thoughtful, Carolyn.

Carol, Diane and Steven, THANK YOU. Were it not for our members who volunteer, we could not maintain the programs and events we want to offer.

It's your iris society and we encourage you to contribute in a way that keeps our club alive. Why not choose an event or position that is important to you, and let us know how you will give of your time and talent?

Roger Osgood

Help Wanted:

Chairperson for Iris Show

Needed immediately, chairperson for the May 19th Iris Show.

Must have some organizational skills and work well with people.

No compensation is involved, but will receive many kudos for a job well done.

Back-up support available as well as training!

Garden Tour Chairperson

Needed immediately, chairperson for the May 12th Prescott Garden Tour

Determine who will present a garden for viewing.

Get driving directions from gardeners

Provide newsletter editor with list of gardens.

Newsletter Editor

Software and training provided

AIS Wiki Update: A Rebirth!

By Robert Pries, AIS Encyclopedia Coordinator

Early this spring the AIS Iris Encyclopedia hit a wall. Unknown to its creators, it was sitting on a platform that only allowed 32,000 files. By breaking the Encyclopedia up into a set of webs, each web could contain 32,000 files. Unfortunately this process took nine months of boring labor transferring one file at a time into separate webs. We now have a separate web for each class of iris and five webs organized by alphabetic sequence for the multitude of tall bearded irises.

There are only a few ways you will notice the change. First, a positive, the Encyclopedia now runs much faster. If you are looking for a particular iris and do a search from the main page, you will only search the introductory webs. You must do an advanced search to cover all webs. But the best way to find something is to go to the class of iris you are considering and search within that web or better still, if you know the cultivar's name, go to the letters of the alphabet within the class and look through the list. This should get you there quickly. If you are not sure of the classification it is best to check the online Iris Register (www.irisregister.com). For searches like that, the Iris Register is much faster, zeros in better, and can help you get to the proper part of the Encyclopedia if you're seeking pictures.

Presently, the Encyclopedia only contains half the registered irises. It may take another year before it is reasonably complete. But most new irises are there, and most have at least one to several images each. Now that the restructuring is finished, we hope more iris lovers will start adding their photos.

You can help us find photos of older irises. Ask older irisarians if they have slides, photos, etc. We can develop a fabulous historical record with your help. The Encyclopedia will be as good as irisarians choose to make it. It constantly evolves, improves and changes. If you have ideas, it can help you develop them. If you would like to help in this huge project, please email me at robertpries@embarqmail.com. We have over 300 contributors already! Together we can build a great information resource for the gardening world.

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ED Note:

In a recent email, Robert sent the following:

Good News!!

We have hit a new benchmark. The Iris Encyclopedia now has over 40,000 cultivar pages. The Iris Register I am told has 65,000 registered names and with unregistered, and botanical names included there should be no more than 80,000 names total, so we are somewhere between 50% and 60% of complete. It seems likely we will be up to that by this summer.

But we have only approximately 30,000 images. So you history detectives can help us find many images that are missing. It is a delight to see pages with 10 to 15 images. Ultimately we could have over a million images. With now over 300 helpers it is my wish for the New Year that we can top last year. Thanks again to everyone and have a great New Year.

Let's celebrate the birthdays of our iris family.

January

Kathleen Shaffer 1/11
Dan Schroeder 1/17
Linda Nedbalek 1/18
Barbara McCurry 1/19
Cheryle Bigelow 1/22
Sue Sammarco 1/23
Chet Houghton 1/31

February

Candice Peters 2/1
Rodger Bigelow 2/4
Lynda Hoyt 2/9
Valerie Liberti 2/13
Audrey Velonis 2/14
David Nicholson 2/16
Jacki Hardy 2/20

March

Reggie Hill 3/6
Stan Book 3/9
Joella Cheek 3/12
Steven Ginter 3/14
Vera Stewart 3/14
Tom Columbus 3/18
Judy Book 3/27
Elaine Fleming 3/29

Happy Birthday Everyone.

Our blooms may be wilting, but our roots
are sound.



2012 AIS Convention

APRIL 16 - 21, 2012

By Jill Bonino, Co-Chairman

When you read this, we will have all enjoyed the flowers, gardens, and Canadian hospitality at the Victoria Convention. How could we ever top this? Well, Region 15 of the AIS, which covers the southern California and all Arizona affiliates, is stepping up to the plate.

Calizona Gold 2012 will be happening from April 16 thru 21, 2012 in Ontario, California.

Our Convention Hotel is the Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport—no, not in Canada, but in southern California, in the heart of the Inland Empire. It is located at 222 North Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764. You can make reservations by

dialing 800-222-TREE (8733). The hotel's direct line is 909-418-4848. You will be able to make online reservations directly with the hotel at <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/ONTO-DT-AIS-20120414/index.jhtml?WT.mc.id=POG>. The group code word for the Convention is "AIS". The cut-off date for hotel reservations is March 15, 2012.

Our group rate for the Hotel is \$125 plus local tax and will hold for up to four people in a room. In addition, **this room rate will be applicable for 3 nights before and after our Convention dates of April 16 - 21, 2012.**

Many, many amenities come with the DoubleTree Hotel.

The Ontario International Airport is just down the street. All major airlines fly into Ontario and the Hotel has a **free shuttle** to and from *this* airport. You do not need to hassle with the Los Angeles Airport (LAX) and pay for a shuttle bus to the hotel. The hotel lobby also has a monitor with the current flights and gates leaving Ontario airport and you can print your boarding pass for free.

There is a **free shuttle** to Ontario Mills Mall, a huge multi-store, indoor shopping mall near the hotel. It has a large food court, all of the usual large anchor stores, and a movie theatre.

Each room in the hotel has a microwave, small refrigerator, coffee maker and TV at no extra charge. You do not need to rent anything extra.

The hotel has **free** parking should you decide to drive to the convention or rent a car from the airport. The hotel also has a car rental desk if you decide you want to do any spontaneous excursions on your own.

There is **free** internet access in the spacious lobby and lounge area as well as the nearby Business Office.

The hotel is pet-friendly. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will allow your pet in your room, if it is under 25 lbs.

Convention Registration will be \$299 for Full Registration until February 1, 2012. This includes two banquets, three full days of garden tours including **one full day at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens**, one breakfast and three lunches in the gardens, among many other things. Registration forms are online at the convention website, www.region15ais.org. Registrars John and Carol Huffman can be reached at cahuffy@gmail.com.

There will be TWO guest iris master plantings, one at Mystic Lake Gardens and one at Stanton Iris Gardens. The 949 guest irises include tall bearded, intermediate bearded, border bearded, standard dwarf bearded, aril and arilbred iris, and spuria iris. The Huntington Gardens has a guest iris planting of about 450 iris and the Holk Memorial Garden has about 500 guest iris. Several in-garden Judges' Training sessions are planned in more than one garden. In addition, there will be blind iris judging in the Stanton Iris Garden. The Herb & Sara Holk Memorial Garden at Jurupa Cultural Center also has a Louisiana iris area.



Calizona Gold 2012 Valenzuela



Articles with more details on activities during the convention and extra excursions will be in the January issue of *Irises*.

For up to the minute information visit www.region15.ais.org

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2012 Cali-Zona Convention Committee Meeting

Sunday, 8 AM Nov 13, 2011

Jill Bonino and Kathy Chilton: Chairpersons

These are just my highlights of the committee meeting, as full minutes will be provided by the recording Secretary.

Registration: John Huffman reported 9 registrations already for the 2012 event. There were some minor glitches with PayPal, but it is now up and running. (Note: As of December 10th registration had climbed to 30.)

Gardens Update: The four show gardens are planted and doing well. *Mystic Lake* has the guest iris planted and doing well. *Stanton Gardens* has received the Louisiana Iris and they are in ponds. They are experiencing rabbit damage and are attempting to control the rodents. The *Huntington* iris beds are doing very well according to Jill. Carol Morgan said the *Inland Garden (Jurupa)* is looking great!

The convention book will go to print in early March. Full page ads are \$100 and 2 pages will be \$200. Katharina said if we had 24 advertisers, it would cover the printing costs and we would not be out of pocket.

Raffle Table needs a chair: Roger Osgood of PAIS was somehow elected (I'm still pondering how that happened!) He will assemble items for raffle and will promote sales during the event. (Note: Carolyn Alexander, Diane Clarke and Sharon Phelps have contributed items for the raffle on behalf of our club.)

The boutique still needs a chair. It was decided vendors will pay 20% of gross sales for their space. If you are an information table only (like the Mary Kay rep) it will be \$100 for the table. The rental of the cash register includes online credit card machine, so we can take cash, checks and credit cards.

Packets and registration forms were sent out to the affiliates for the April 2012 Convention. There is an article in the October AIS magazine, and it will be promoted again in January. A PowerPoint program has been sent out to each affiliate president.

There is a reserve of about \$7,000 on hand for the convention, but our buses will each cost \$1,200 a day for 3 days ...times 12 buses= \$43,200...so you can see they need to raise a good deal of money.

The Doubletree Hotel in Ontario has given us a convention price which includes use of rooms and facilities, BUT that is contingent on filling 985 room nights as a contract. (If each attendee stays 4 nights of the convention, we need roughly 230 registrations.) If we do not meet that figure, our costs will increase. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE THE REGISTRANTS TO STAY AT THIS HOTEL!

We still need bus captains, two per bus. Phoenix (Sun Country) has offered 100 bus prizes. That is the only affiliate offer so far.

Char Holte will, once again, be the coordinator for roommates. The hotel is allowing 4 people per room.

Ontario Airport is no longer being financially assisted by LAX and their ticket costs have gone upa lot. The committee is looking into shuttle services available from John Wayne, LAX and Burbank to Ontario.

It was determined that we do not want food items donated. It is safer, from a health department perspective, to purchase "safe" items, rather than depend on donations of banana bread, etc.

The next meeting will be February 4th in Ontario.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Memberships are expiring and you will need to renew in January. Per our bylaws (5.1) any member who has not renewed by March 1st will be dropped from our membership roster. Be sure to mark your calendar and get your check in the mail. **PAIS, P. O. Box 11918, Prescott, AZ, 86304**

MY FIRST REGION 15 BOARD MEETINGRoger Osgood

Steven and I had decided it would be fun to do the fall trek entitled THE MIRACLE OF REBLOOM. Because it coincided with the Region 15 board meeting and the convention meeting for April of 2012, I thought I would also attend those and represent our Prescott Area Iris Society. They do encourage the attendance of all the affiliate clubs.

Cheryl Deaton, the outgoing RVP opened the meeting and welcomed 6 of the 12 affiliates to the board meeting. After handling all of the normal items such as minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report they discussed some other topics: **Judge's Training**. It is now a requirement, prior to holding a training session, that Region 15 be contacted, in advance, to assure that the judge is certified.

Membership. Of the some 600 members in Region 15 only 287 are also members of AIS. There are only 2 youth who are AIS members. Reasons for declining membership in our societies was discussed and ways we might encourage members to remain active.

Internet. The San Fernando affiliate does Facebook, Twitter and has a blog to keep members in touch and informed.

Affiliate reports were presented by the six clubs present. Carolyn Alexander, our president, had E-mailed a report earlier in the week for PAIS, and I was able to add a few remarks to the group. They were particularly interested in how we did so well at our rhizome sales. Several members addressed the pricing structure of their events to see what brought back the best return, be it offering only newer iris or selling potted plants at a higher price. The Sonoran affiliate might fold as their president is leaving and there is no one to take the position. The Verde Valley affiliate will host the Fall Trek of 2012 and San Diego will host the Spring Trek in 2013. They are still looking for a host group for fall 2013.

The nominated officers were elected with no new nominations from the floor. The slate of officers now representing all of Region15 for next year will be: RVP- Winona Stevenson; Assistant RVP- Debbie Babuscio; Secretary- Janis Shackelford; Treasurer- Cheryl Deaton.

During the event I spoke with several people who indicated they had a very high regard for PAIS and Kathy Chilton remarked how energized and focused our people were as compared to other groups. It was nice to hear the compliments and know that our board of directors was providing sound direction to the general membership.

I appreciated being able to attend the region meeting and come to understand how our membership can be a part of the whole and not just be a stand-alone group of people who love to grow iris in Prescott.

Raffle Items Needed for 2012 Convention

As some of our members already know, I am chairperson for the raffle portion of **Cali-Zona Gold Convention** to be held in April. Region 15 has given me the responsibility of finding and promoting the raffle of the items donated to raise money for this event. (Diane Clarke has generously offered to help me in this project. Thank you, Diane! You are an angel.) An article in the October AIS Bulletin sent out a call for donation of all kinds of things. Currently we have an iris Lenox teapot, a hand-crafted clock, an iris windsock and embroidered sweat shirts. More items have been promised by members of the other ten affiliates. Carolyn Alexander has donated 3 reproductions of her oil paintings, Sharon Phelps has donated a framed, quilted, iris wall hanging and Diane Clarke has promised donated items.

PAIS has several gifted artists and it occurs to me that someone might have an original item they would like to donate to help us raise money. Or, perhaps, you have a collectable that is just sitting on the shelf and you are tired of dusting it. Raffle items do not need to be "iris themed" to be considered. Paintings, jewelry, porcelains all are great items. Anyone in Sedona, listening?

I have until the end of March to assemble, photograph and present our items, but why wait until then. Check your closets and see if you might have something our affiliate can give. I would very happy if our affiliate (that's us, guys!) comes through with "blazing colors" and helps make some much needed money to off-set the staggering expense of mounting this convention. Believe me when I say, it is not a profit venture. The only other money raising event at the convention will be the boutique. We have a chance to shine. If you can help in any way, please call me at 442-2498, or e-mail rogerosgood2005@yahoo.com. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted.

After the convention/ garden tours are over, and Region 15 starts digging, PAIS will be the recipient of many new iris for our club Silent Auction in August. I promise you there are many newly introduced iris we have never seen at our sales in the past three years. These rhizomes will be a wonderful "transfusion" of new plants into our gardens. I find that really exciting!

PAIS General Meeting Minutes November 19, 2011

Meeting held at Yavapai Title, Gurley Street, Prescott

Meeting was called to order and conducted by President, Carolyn Alexander at 3 p.m.

Carolyn thanked Roger Osgood and Sharon Phelps for providing refreshments today.

Membership: Sharon Phelps passed around a list of the membership whose dues would be due January 2012.

Nominating Committee: Comprised of Roger Osgood, Sharon Phelps and Diane Clarke. The slate of officers presented were: Roger Osgood, president; Daniel Schroeder, Vice President; Sharon Phelps, Treasurer/Membership; Steven Ginter, Secretary. Diane Clarke to serve as Director-at-large and Carolyn Alexander will continue on the board as "Past President".

Nominations were requested from the membership present but none were forthcoming. The slate as presented was elected unanimously.

Carolyn explained that there would be a drawing at the end of the meeting for several gifts, CD of garden photos and several "garden" signs.

Sculpture Gardens: Carolyn informed those present that the board had discussed ways to get the PAIS members to become more involved and feel a part of the iris grown at the Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College. She related that it was determined that we would survey the membership for their recommendations to determine what iris to plant or even replace some of the less attractive iris in the gardens. A list entitled "PAIS tall bearded iris selection for 2012, non Dykes Medal Winners" was given to each member present and they were asked to write the names of iris by color category that they were familiar with and knew that they grew well in Prescott, excluding Dykes Medal winners. The Dykes section of the garden is almost complete following the additional plantings this summer.

Carolyn then announced that the board had voted to reward the Sculpture Garden helpers for 2011 by presenting them with two items, a small fabric bag with handles that could be carried to do small task clean up in the iris gardens (at home or at the Sculpture Gardens) and a pair of small clippers that are handy to carry when working among the iris or other garden tasks. As the chair of the Sculpture Gardens this past year, Sharon read the names of the recipients and explained how they had helped: Stan and Judy Book, Patrick Beatty, Katy Standhart, Roger Osgood, Steve Ginter, Diane Clarke, Dennis Luebkin, David Nicholson, Valerie Phipps, Bob Smith and Sandra Kelleher. Sharon informed the group that Carolyn had been involved in the ordering, collecting, making plant markers for the newly planted iris in the Sculpture Garden and potting the newly planted Dyke's medal winners and thanked her for this support.

Linda Rossman spoke of the need to trim the iris back in the gardens so the new growth in the spring would not be disturbed if trimming were to be done at that time. Linda Rossman and Roger Osgood volunteered to help Sharon do a last major clean up within the next couple of weeks. For this assistance, Linda was also awarded a pair of clippers.

Our speaker, Kathy Chilton, was introduced by Carolyn Alexander. Kathy reiterated the advantages of belonging to AIS including the fact that AIS supplied the insurance coverage for local iris society events, judges' training and a quarterly magazine among other things.

Kathy gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2012 American Iris Society (AIS) National Convention to be held in Ontario, California April 16-21. Region 15, of which Arizona is a member, is to host the convention. Kathy reviewed some of the scheduled events to take place: Wednesday evening would be a welcome, Thursday-Saturday would be all day bus tours and Saturday evening would be a final banquet. The Doubletree Hilton in Ontario is the scene of the dinners and activities, including rooms being held for attendees to reserve. Room rates would be \$125/night for four persons to a room. The hotel will provide free shuttles to Ontario Mills, a large shopping mall. There will be silent auctions, boutiques, judges' training as well as the garden tours. Those going on the tours would get to vote for their favorite iris.

Kathy gave some of the highlights of the four gardens that will be offered for these tours. Those included would be Mystic Lake Gardens, Stanton Iris Garden, Huntington Botanical Gardens and Herb and Sara Holk Memorial Gardens. The iris from the "guest" iris beds that have been planted in these gardens will be given to the different clubs within Region 15.

There will also be preconvention opportunities to visit a garden sponsored by the "San Fernando Valley Garden" and post convention gardens sponsored by Pacific Coast Native Iris at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont.

Kathy finished her presentation by showing pictures of Butchart Gardens in Victoria where the recent National Iris Convention was held in late May.

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Those present winning the drawings: Thomas Columbus, Katy Standhart, Valerie Phipps, Kathleen Shaffer, and Sandra Kelleher received the AIS Quarterly publication.

Roger Osgood, as incoming President, spoke briefly of some possible activities we might engage in 2012 and informed the group that we are in need of a newsletter editor.

Meeting was adjourned promptly at 3 p.m.

Respectfully,

Sharon S. Phelps, Secretary

PAIS Financial Statement- December 31' 2011.

The board has endorsed adding our financial statement to each newsletter. (See page 9.) It is much reduced in information, showing only essential expenditures/ income and our bank balance. Any member who wishes to review the entire profit and loss statement should contact Sharon Phelps, our treasurer.

Keep in mind that \$5,000 is in an interest bearing account and has restrictions regarding access.

Our operating cash reflects what is readily available to handle our business affairs. Although the number looks impressive, we must always have funds in reserve as protection against unforeseen economic downturns. Our only significant source of income is our rhizome sale, but our greatest expenses are the NIIP program and the Iris Show, particularly if it is "juried". We have travel costs for judges and a host of other expenses.

Our affiliate is alive and well because of your support and volunteerism. Thank you PAIS members for all that you do.

Roger Osgood
President 2012

Winter Iris Care

- * Remove the dead leaves which, by this time, are very abundant.
- * It is not too early to watch for and pull weeds.
- * Uncover dirt from the tops of the rhizomes; freeze/thaw causes rhizomes to become buried. The warming rays of the sun on the rhizome encourage leaf and rhizome growth.
- * Feel rhizomes to check for rot. If the rhizome is soft, cut off the rot, sprinkle remaining rhizome with Comet household cleanser and let dry for several days, then replant. Place rotted rhizomes in the trash, not the compost pile.
- * With all the moisture we have been receiving no watering is necessary at this time.
- * Check for missing or knocked over plant markers and replace or adjust their location.
- * Fertilizing should begin in late February or early March.

Crested/Evansia Iris

Instead of beard or hairs, the crested or evansia iris has a cockscomb-like crest along the center of the falls. The flower of the crested iris is similar in form to the Japanese iris, only smaller. Included in this subgenus is the floriferous *I. tectorum*, the roof iris of China. The evansia group is one of the most varied in the genus ranging from a few centimeters high to over 3 feet tall. They fall into two broad categories, the hardy temperate species which are small with deciduous leaves and the taller more tender semitropicals with bamboo like aerial rhizomes up to 2-4 feet tall.



New Officers for 2012

President-	Roger Osgood	rogerosgood2005@yahoo.com
Vice President	Dan Schroeder	Dan@McCoyEtc.com
Secretary	Steven Ginter	steveginter@gmail.com
Treasurer/Membership	Sharon Phelps	ssphelps12@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report for the Month ending December 31, 2011

dated 12/28/2011

	December	YTD
INCOME		
deposited cash from cash box \$104.30		104.30
Iris culture book sales		12.50
Membership Dues-Dec. dep all for 2012 dues-7	98.50	579.00
plant marker sales		64.00
Region 15 proceeds		
Rhizome Event Sales		3,908.00
Storage unit rental fee		
TOTAL INCOME	\$98.50	\$4,563.50
EXPENSES		
AIS affil+dues, board member.not budg't[2yrs pd 2011]	125.00	440.00
Gifts-Sculpture garden workers		199.86
Garden tour expenses		125.51
mail box rental/pym't incl.2 yrs rental	96.00	192.00
meeting/program expenses-food, restarant/speakers	77.17	726.43
newsletter		131.15
Office supplies-budget shows"miscell"		23.00
plant markers-ss for Sculpture Garden/books/		290.59
postage		26.35
Publicity-will be part of various functions		
<i>Region 15 donation</i>		
rhizome purchases NIIPS		1,224.55
rhizome sale expenses (Sharlott Hall)-rent \$350		630.56
Sculpture garden expenses, fertilizer, Dykes, mulch		247.46
Silent Auction-some exp. were chrg to meet.exp		
Spring Iris Show/Exhibit expenses-non judged		384.74
Storage unit rental & Supplies		747.68
Travel expenses for board members	236.66	236.66
web site-prepaid 3yrs '10domain+2yrs '10 hosting		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$534.83	\$5,626.54
CHECKING ACCT. BAL.11/30/2011	\$3,250.86	
income	87.00	
expenses	-534.83	
CHECKING ACCT. BAL. 12/31/2011	\$2,803.03	
PETTY CASH BOX balance 12/31/2011	100.00	
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH 12/31/2011	\$2,903.03	
Money Market Account Bal. 11/30/2011	\$5,002.03	
interest	\$0.21	
Money Market Account Bal. 12/31/2011	\$5,002.24	
TOTAL PAIS BANK ACCT & PETTY CASH 12/31/2011	\$7,905.27	

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon S. Phelps, Treasurer