



PRESCOTT AREA IRIS SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My wife Sharon and I along with several of our PAIS members; Kathleen Shaffer, Vera Stewart, Marge Larson and LaDean and Lee Ashby attended the Spring Trek in San Diego, CA on April 26th and 27th. The San Diego Iris Society did a wonderful job hosting the trek. I and several others attended the Region 15 board meeting where each affiliate president gave a presentation regarding their organization's plans and activities. We talked about our upcoming exhibit sales and our new opportunities. Several affiliates discussed their upcoming iris shows and the Region 15 Fall Trek in Lancaster Ca. Three of the eleven affiliates were not present. Region 15 Committee reports were given and new a harassment policy and marketing plan were presented. New business - the fall meeting and new chairpersons. The 2015 Region 15 Spring Trek is canceled due to a conflict with the national convention in Portland, Oregon.

The spring trek gardens in Ramona, Lakeside and Bonita were beautiful and wonderful. The guest speaker, Steve Schreiner, described how Scheiner's grows their iris and how they produce new iris from seedling to introduction. We had an opportunity to speak to Steve in depth concerning many of the new opportunities that PAIS is involved in regarding the Sharlot Hall Museum, the Citizens Cemetery, the Sculpture Garden, and the education program in the schools. He was very interested and impressed taking many notes on what PAIS is doing in our public outreach programs.

Region 15 has taken a great deal of interest in the new opportunities that PAIS is participating in: the Sharlot Hall Museum Historic Iris Gardens project, the Citizens Cemetery Iris project, the Sculpture Garden Expansion Project and the new iris educational program in the Prescott Schools. PAIS has been asked by Region 15 to do an article on each of the projects we are involved in. We have also been asked by HIPS, the Historical Iris Preservation Society, to write an article for their newsletter concerning the Sharlot Hall Museum Historic Iris Gardens and the Citizens Cemetery Iris Project.

It was wonderful to see the participation by the membership of the San Diego Iris Society in putting together the Spring Trek. Everyone participated from directing, organizing, being a greeter, registration and setup. It was a very well organized program with many members volunteering.

As we are quickly approaching our annual Iris Exhibit and Sale on May 18th consider committing a few hours of your time to volunteer and assist. We need your help. Please contact Carolyn Alexander at 778-1515, artwest@cableone.net to

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

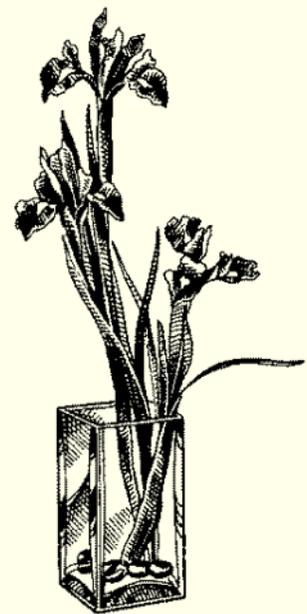
May 11

**Farmers Market
potted iris sale
Yavapai College
7:30 am-noon**

May 18

**Annual Iris Exhibit
Mortimer Nursery
3166 Willow Creek Rd,
Prescott**

**Entries accepted
8:00-9:30 am**



We need your participation. Dennis has sent out fantastic publicity and we want the public to be wowed by your iris.

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help with the Iris Exhibit. No experience is necessary. New members are encourage to come and get involved.

Our Marking Party at the Luebkin's on July 20th, the iris sales on July 27th, 28th at Sharlot Hall Museum, August 2nd at Lavender Tea House, Chino Valley, and August 3rd in Yarnell are approaching soon. We need the commitment from our membership to participate in these activities. Consider committing a few hours of your time on these days to make our events happen. Contact Dan Schroeder at dan@mccoyetc.com for the Iris sales and Dennis Luebkin at dluebkin@q.com for the Marking Party. Help make PAIS and these events successful.
Best Regards to All, Dennis Luebkin,

Exhibitor Instructions

Entries are accepted from 8:00-9:30 am!

Select display tubes. Hold container by tube and base to ensure that tube does not fall out of the base.

Add water to tube, if needed. The tube should be half filled with water.

Place stalk in tube. Be sure stalk is standing straight up and down. Use pieces of iris stalk or wedges to straighten the stalk, but be sure wedges are below the rim of the tube.

Complete both parts of the entry tag. Be sure the number on the container base is written on **both** portions of the entry tag. You do not need to fill in your address.

Ask for assistance if you are not sure in which section to place your iris. Remember the year the iris was introduced to determine if your iris may be entered in the Historic section. If you are unsure of the date, PAIS has reference books to help with this step. Just ask.

Hang the entry tag on the tube with a large, opened paper clip. Make sure the entry tag is placed on the front side of the tube. (The side facing the attendees.)

When your entry is ready to be displayed, place it on the table at the entrance. Your entry will be placed on the exhibit table in alphabetical order by an exhibit committee member.

The exhibit opens at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for participating!!

Kaleidoscope of Color 2012

Last year we had 143 entries and 13 floral designs from 21 members. We are having a late exhibit again this year and are encouraging you to bring your iris blooms. Awards this year are gift certificates from hybridizer Bob Van Liere for iris he has recently introduced.



The Grandma's Garden display is available for iris which are unnamed, but which you would like to share. Sometimes the iris are even identified by members or visitors.



Sharing is one of those solutions where you get multiple benefits. It brings people together

Neal Gorenflo

Iris Exhibit May 18, 2013

Show Volunteers & Schedule

Friday 2 PM Set Up Patrick Beatty, Dennis Luebkin, Carolyn A. & (Mortimer's helpers)

(need volunteers to set vases, table cloths, and name tags) Katy Standhart, Judy Book & Kathleen Shaffer

Saturday

Take in New entries	8AM-9:30AM	Vera Stewart (verify tags are complete)
Staging Display tables	8-9:30AM	Barbara McCurry & Patrick Beatty
Greeters	0AM-3PM	LaDean & Lee Ashby (Ruth Simmons relief)
Potted Plants	10 – 3	Barbara Kyte, Judy Book, Stan Book
*Education table	10 – 3	(Mortimer's Nursery is setting display)
Popcorn & drinks	10 - 3	Sharon Luebkin
Cashier	10 - 3	Jo Cheek & Sandra Hennigan

(Kathleen Shaffer will oversee dollars collected and recorded for Treasurer)

Select winners & staging	2:00-3PM	Kathleen S. & Carolyn Alexander	N/A
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Awards presentation	3PM	Kathleen Shaffer	N/A
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Photographer	3-4PM	?
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Clean up crew	3:30-4PM	?
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Ruth Simmons – relief person – arrival time noon

*Kathleen, Dennis & Carolyn will help where needed as a relief person or educator

Iris Exhibit

PAIS needs your help; we need your participation and your irises for the Spring Iris Exhibit on May 18th in order to be a success. Spring came early to Prescott this year and many of the irises have already bloomed or will bloom before the 18th. That means we will be hard pressed to get enough irises to show the public how beautiful irises can be. Please bring any and all irises that are blooming in your yard Saturday (5/18) between 8-9:30 AM to Mortimer's Nursery for the exhibit. Your participation may bring you an award; we have 10 prizes this year for newly issued irises from '[Iris4U](#)' to give to the winners of the people's choice voting. This could be you! Come enjoy the fun!

See chart above for volunteer work schedule that was handed out at the April general meeting. Some of you were not at the meeting and may not have verified if this schedule meets with your approval. If there is an adjustment that needs to be made, please contact, Carolyn Alexander immediately at: artwest@cableone.net or phone 928-778-1551. We could use more volunteers to relieve those working all day. Please notify me if you can help. This show will only be a success with the volunteer help of our members. Come join us.

The show rules are included in this email in case you didn't get one at our April meeting. We've made voting easier for the public by giving them beans to place in the jars of their favorites in front of each exhibit or flower arrangement.

Carolyn Alexander
Show Chair



Judges Training at the Spring Trek 2013

Judges Training (JTs) was available to take for credit or audit for personal growth/development at the Trek. Dennis and Sharon Luebkin, LaDean Ashby and Kathleen Shaffer signed up to be Student judges. Vera Stewart, now an AIS certified Garden/Exhibition judge and Marge Larson, a Master judge also attended both JTs. All six took the required test at the end of the presentation, a requirement if you want your attendance to be counted for credit.

The first class was Friday night at the hotel and featured Jill Bonino presenting "Color Patterns" in iris which she did splendidly from *Amoena* to *Variiegata!* The glossary in the JT Handbook was used as a reference along with color photos of iris displaying the particular color pattern. Early examples were shown as well as modern varieties - Ex: 'Pinnacle' first yellow Amoena to 'Queen's Circle', a recent one. Broken color as exhibited by Kasperek introductions and newer patterns of *glaciata*, *reverse amoena*, and *zonal* combinations that are difficult to describe adequately were also displayed visually.

The second JT, 'Judging Seedlings', was presented by Cheryl Deaton Saturday mid-morning at the Pat & Richard Wurtele garden in Ramona - considerably inland from San Diego with sun and temperatures in the mid-eighties at



least! Here in the "Guest Iris" beds leaf spot had unfortunately affected the iris. One of Cheryl's seedlings won the award for "Best Seedling within Region 15". Her seedling BTMM221 taken at the Shackelford garden, is a gorgeous *space age* lavender, "aging" to lavender tinted white, with the horn/spoon/flounce keeping its deep purple color. Cheryl



plans to introduce her seedling as 'I'm So Confused'. Also shown is a photo of Ms. Deaton providing training in the Wurtele garden.

There currently is a shortage of certified judges in Region 15 and our president, Dennis, is determined to develop a plan to make JT available here in Arizona at times other than Fall or Spring Treks so watch for information on that in our newsletter. ~ Vera Stewart

Region 15 Spring Trek – San Diego

The first garden we visited was the Wurtele Garden in Ramona, which is NE of San Diego. The 4 acre property is located in horse country near the National Grasslands with white split rail fences to enhance the flowers. We were fortunate to have Cheryl Deaton give a judges training on seedlings while there. Unfortunately her introductions and those of Lowell Baumunk (Northern Colorado) were NOT doing well there, but shone in other gardens. There were over 600 cultivars for us to view!

The second garden belonged to the president of the San Diego club, and was located in Blossom Valley high on the side of a hill with a great view of the surrounding area. If there had been busses they probably could not have turned around there. The guest iris were in a raised area created especially for them and it took your breath away. Janis and Gordon Shackelford built a retaining wall, underlaid with wire mesh to discourage gophers, and then added truckloads of top soil. What won't we do for our iris? All the guest iris were at peak bloom and I will be anticipating bidding on a lovely peach named "If Not for You" as well as "Elizabethan Age" and "Point Counterpoint" at the fall club auction. There was also a "chimera" and that would be a good vocabulary word for you to look up.

Our final garden was quite a bit south in Bonita and located in a shady glen that was delightful since the day had grown warm. Ted Howse owns his own business (Iris Howse Gardens) and is a hybridizer. It was fun to visit his seedling patch to see future iris and observe his introduction, "Humbled by Grace." It was also nice to see iris like Puccini and Elegant Surge growing. Oh no, -- do I have to create ANOTHER iris bed?? ~ Marge Larson



My First Trek

My first Region 15 Trek was to San Diego. Although I lived there for over 25 years, I had only seen irises growing in higher altitude on the surrounding area. I soon was dazzled by the three gardens in different micro climates. What most impressed me was the excitement among our gracious garden hosts and fellow iris lovers to share their experiences in cultivating irises. Many people were willing to teach me what I should be looking for when judging iris, to closely examine the anatomy for identification.

While strolling through the Ted Howse gardens, I came upon an outstanding iris with golden standards and black-red falls. As I was oohing and awing, I noticed that it was a Kathy Chilton iris. My Kathy Chilton is not doing very well. Luckily for me and to my delight, Kathy Chilton, the lovely namesake of this iris approached and suggested I try replanting it in a deeper amended hole to encourage a better root system. Kathy also took me and by then a small crowd, step by step through the ABC's of what and why of names for many different iris.

I had a wonderful time and look forward for more to come.
~Kathleen Shaffer



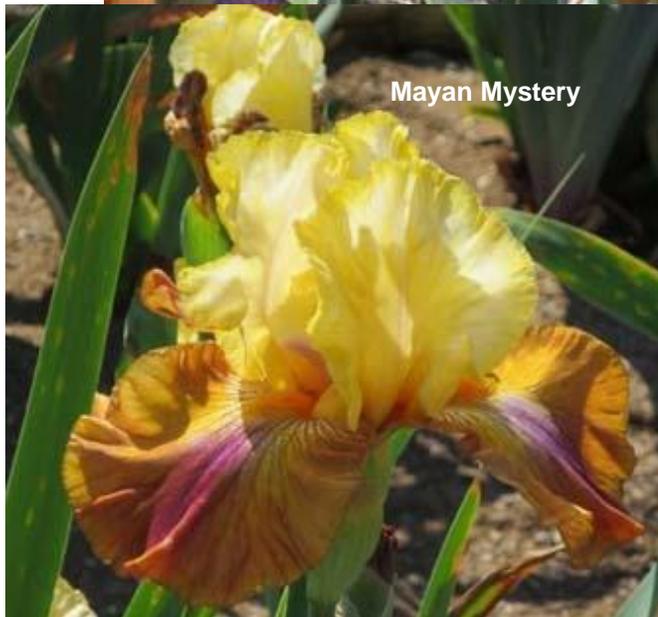
Greatest Show on Earth



Kathy Chilton



Edge of the World



Mayan Mystery

Thanks to Kathleen, Vera and Dennis
for Spring Trek photos

Spring Trek 2013

Having been on a trip to Payson with the Phoenix group, I knew the atmosphere would be casual, so packed accordingly, except for the Saturday night banquet, where I chose a cotton dress and light sweater as “dressy.” It stayed in the suitcase, a sparkly top over my jeans being the only bling!

Arriving at the registration desk, we were greeted with our event bags in a room filled with potted iris and memorabilia to be raffled off to participants. What a display! And what cheerful, delightful greeters we met. (Someone trained them well, I thought.)

We attended the Region 15 Board Meeting along with our President. While being casual and extra friendly, these were tough ladies when it came to business. I and several others from our club signed up for Judges Training and attended a class given after the board meeting.

Our tours the next day were planned for Ramona first, then Shackleford gardens, with the last being in Bonita. Good directions to all were being provided by our hosts. All the gardens were exceptionally beautiful, although different in concept. Ramona had widespread irrigated garden beds which gave us some exercise after riding about an hour to get there. The property was so open it was akin to Arizona in feeling with wide vistas beyond the blooming beds.

Our next stop was Shacklefords. Parking on the street, we entered to find a test bed up about five steps to the side. Most seemed to be well adapted and showing lovely blossoms. Stepping down to the wrap-around patio, we were deluged with plants and blossoms on all sides. The spuria were grown in large pots, other varieties were plentiful, and all enhanced by other plantings, some unfamiliar to desert dwellers. What a surprise to look down a cliff from the back patio to see a start-up vineyard and citrus at the bottom.

On to Bonita for a garden situated under towering trees of eucalyptus and silk oak. Again the garden wrapped around the house with plants everywhere. Here was the gorgeous “Kathy Chilton” in bloom. It is surely worthy of the Dykes Medal if it wins. Our hosts gave us a short history of the property, a former commercial venture operated by her grandfather, I believe. Still more great irises in bloom, as we compared the results of the same iris grown in three different settings. The clubs provided hot and cold drinks and snacks at each stop and a shady canopy with chairs for a nice break.

Back to the Hotel with a quick wash-up for dinner and turning in votes for the best in the categories chosen by the hosts, happy hour and chatting in the bar, then in to dinner where Steve Schreiner’s talk was informative and funny with pictures of the Salem garden operation. (Lee said he learned a great deal throughout the Trek.) Tickets were then drawn and all the lovely raffle items given out to the winners. No one at our table went home from the Trek empty handed!

San Diego and Region 15—you put on an extremely well organized show with some of the friendliest irisarians I’ve ever met, more give-aways than I’ve seen for any organization, and loads of information for those attending plus a great tour of the region. Hats off to you. We’ll have to go some to top this trek!!! ~ LaDean Ashby



Kathleen, Vera, Lee, Dennis,
Marge, Sharon L.



Lee, LaDean, Kathleen



Marge, Sharon



Raffle winnings

Thanks to Kathleen, Vera and
Dennis for Spring Trek photos

Historic Iris List
Sharlot Hall Museum Historic Iris Gardens
Prescott, Arizona

If you have other iris that fit into these periods please let Dennis Luebkin know at dluebkin@q.com.

pre-1863:

Celeste (Lemon 1858)
Faustine (Lemon 1859)
Flavescens (De Candolle 1813)
Florentina (before 1500)
Fries Morel (Lemon 1840)
Gypsy Queen (Salter 1859)
Honorable (Lemon 1840)
I. Albicans (collected Lang 1860)
I. Germanica Vulgaris (Linnaeus 1753)
I. Germanica Alba (Collected 1837)
I. Pallida Dalmatica (Barr pre 1600)
I. Pallida (Lamarck, collected 1789)
I. Variegata (Linnaeus, collected 1753)
Innocenza (Lemon 1854)
Jacquesiana (Lemon 1840)
Lavandulacea (Van Houtte 1854)
Mexicana (Salter pre-1859) IB
Mme. Chereau (Lemon 1844)
Neglecta (Horne collected 1813)
Odoratissima (Jaquin 1797)
Othello (Lemon 1848)
Plumeri (collected 1830)
Prince of Wales/Alisa Variegata (Lemon 1854)
Purple King (Wallich 1830)
Queen of May (Salter 1859)
Sambucina (Linnaeus collected pre-1759)
Swerti (collected 1612)
Victorine (Lemon 1840)
Violacea Grandiflora (collected by De Barry 1856)

1863-1885:

Amas (Foster, collected 1885)
Argent (Forbes 1882)
Chenedolle (Van Houtte 1872)
Delicata (Parker 1874)
Dr. Bernice (Hooper 1867)
Fabian (Salter 1868)
Gracchus (Ware 1884)
Khedive (Barr 1884) IB
Perfection (Barr 1880)

1885-1901:

Bride (Caparne 1901)
Caprice (Vilmorin 1898)
Caroline (Van Tuberge 1901)
Crimson King (Barr 1893) IB
I. Trojana (Kerner 1887)
Kharput (Barr 1895)
Mrs. George Darwin (Foster 1895)
Mrs. Horace Darwin (Foster 1888)
Prince Victor (Caparne 1901)
Princess Beatrice (Barr 1898)

1902-1911:

Alcazar (Vilmorin 1910)
Caterina (Foster 1909)
Colonel Candelot (Millet 1907)
Cursader (Foster 1913)
Dawn (Yeld 1911)
Eldorado (Vilmorin 1910)
Fairy (Kennicott 1905)
Gajus (Goos & Koenemann 1906)
Her Majesty (Perry 1903)

1902-1911 cont.

Isoline (Vilmorin 1904)
Juniata (Farr 1909)
Lord of June (Yeld 1911)
Loreley (Goos & Koenemann 1909)
Ma Mie (Cayeux et LeClerc 1906)
Mady Carriere (Millet et Fils 1905)
Monsignor (Vilmorin 1907) IB
Nuee d'Orage (Verdier 1905)
Princess Royal (Smith 1902)
Prinzess Viktoria Luise (G&K 1910)
Quaker Lady (Farr 1909)
Rhein Nixe (Goos & Koenemann 1910)
Tamerlan (Vilmorin 1904)
Wyomissing (Farr 1909) IB

1912-1920:

Ambassadeur (Vilmorin 1920)
Ballerine (Vilmorin 1920)
Cardinal (Bliss 1919)
Demi-Deuil (Denis 1912)
Dominion (Bliss 1917)
Francina (Bliss 1920)
Lent A. Williamson (Williamson 1918)
Madison Cooper (Fryer 1919)
Mme. Chobaut (Denis 1916)
Navajo (Farr 1913) IB
Pocahontas (Farr 1915) IB
Queen Caterina (Sturtevant 1918)
Rheingaupele (Goos & Koenemann 1920)
Romeo (Millet et Fils 1912) IB
Seminole (Farr 1920)
Sherbert (Sturtevant 1918)
Sherwin-Wright (Kohankie 1915)
Sindjkha (Sturtevant 1918)
Souv. de Mme. Gaudicheau (Millet 1914)
True Charm (Sturtevant 1920)
W. J. Fryer (Fryer 1917)
W. J. Fryer (Fryer 1917)
Zua (Crawford 1914)
Zwanenburg (Denis 1912) IB arilbred

1920-1935:

Alice Harding (Cayeux 1937)
Alta California (Mohr-Mitchell)
Amigo (Williamson 1934)
Asia (Yeld 1920)
Boetie (Cayeux)
California Gold (Mohr-Mitchell)
Dauntless (Connell 1929)
Dolly Madison (Williamson 1926)
El Capitan (Mohr-Mitchell 1926)
Indian chief (Ayres 1929)
Japanesque (Farr 1922)
Jean Cayeux (Cayeux 1931)
Jerry (Lapham 1931)
Kaleidoscope (Katkamier 1929)
King Juba (Sass 1931)
King Tut (Sass 1926)
Lodestar (Hall 1925)
Los Angeles (Mohr-Mitchell 1927)
Mary Geddes (Stahlman/Washington 1931)
May Allison (Allison 1920)
Mrs. Valerie West (Bliss 1925)
No-We-Ta (HP Sass 1932)
Ramses (HP Sass 1928)
Rosy Wings (Gage 1935)
Sachem (Loomis 1930)
San Francisco (Mohr-Mitchell 1927)
Sandia (Williamson 1933)
Selene (Connell 1928)
Seminole (Farr 1920)
Serente (Cayeux 1931)
Sir Knight (Ashley 1932)
Susa (Sass 1933)
Susan Bliss (Bliss 1922)
Valor (Nicholls 1931)
Vingolf (G&K 1924)
W. R. Dykes (Dykes 1926)
Winneshiek (Egelberg 1930)

Citizens Cemetery Update

PAIS has been in the process of photographing the historic iris at the old Citizens Cemetery in Prescott (1864 to 1933) to identify the name and ages of the iris that are growing there. We have been in this process from the beginning of April and are beginning to wrap this phase of the project up. Citizens Cemetery is loaded with history and irises. We have thus far found eight different colors and have sent these photos to HIPS (Historic Iris Preservation Society) for identification. We have received information from HIPS on three of the irises thus far. One is a pretty bicolor called Othello which is dated 1840, another is I. Albicans which is a pure white. It is called the cemetery iris since it has been planted for centuries on graves in Europe and the middle east. It was originally introduced by the Muslims on grave plantings. Another is Crimson King 1893. We have not received information on the others yet. Iris from the cemetery will be used as our initial planting at the Sharlot Hall Museum Project which will begin this summer.

Saturday May 4th PAIS had its first Cemetery dig. I would like to thank the following people for their participation in this project. Kathleen Shaffer, Sharon Luebkin, Lee and La Dean Ashby, Kevin and Susie Otter. Others who have assisted with this project are T.G. Shaffer, Bonnie and Ken Sekenske. We will have a second dig sometime this summer. If you

YC Sculpture Garden

If you have not visited the blooming sculpture garden, I urge you to do so this week. The Dykes Medal garden is full of blooms as are other iris clumps in the garden and the newly developed Phase 4 is almost ready for public use.

We also have a mystery to solve. Look at the pictures below and see if you can identify either iris. One iris has no label, and the other is misidentified as Paul Black. Let Judy Book know if you can solve this mystery. 928-776-7217, jbook@cablone.net.



Royal Storm on east side of Performance Hall

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