

PRESCOTT AREA IRIS SOCIETY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All,

We have had a busy and exciting year at PAIS. We have accomplished much for PAIS and our community. I have spoken over the past several weeks to those we have partnered with in the community; Sharlot Hall Museum, Citizens Cemetery, Friends of Yavapai College Art. We have been commended by each for our efforts in assisting them with our beautification efforts and for the work that we do. We have made new in roads in the schools having taught a fifth grade, a third grade and a first grade classroom at Sacred Heart School in our iris education program. We are also sponsoring a Cub Scout/Boy Scout Troop at Sacred Heart School which will work with PAIS on some of our public service projects. They may also be working on projects involving irises to earn a badge from the American Iris Society. They will be our new PAIS youth members this year learning about irises. We hope that they will enter the irises that they have been given in the Spring Show in 2015. Our Spring Show and Sales were wonderful events with many people attending. Our August new member training and Iris Care Class which was open to the public at Mortimer Nursery was attended by 38 eager learners.

PAIS has faced some challenges this year. Challenges can either break people and organizations or make them stronger. These challenges made PAIS stronger, helped our focus and fostered new relationships. As many of you know PAIS has been planning and working on a Memorial Garden for the Granite Mountain Hot Shots. This was originally planned to be in the Sculpture Garden but various infrastructure issues at the Sculpture Garden prevented that garden from being developed. That door closed but another opened when we were invited by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to join them in creating a Memorial Garden at the University adjacent to the interfaith Chapel on the Campus. We were honored to accept the invitation.

Our membership is now up to 74 adult members and 28 youth members with several others wanting to join PAIS at the beginning of 2015. We should be proud of the work we do and the welcoming atmosphere that we give to our community. It is your friendliness along with the types of projects that we do that have generated a community interest in PAIS. PAIS is a place to share common interests. While other AIS affiliates struggle to keep their doors open and have low membership, PAIS continues to grow.

There are so many people this year that have been involved in organizing, participating in, and supporting our projects and activities that it is difficult to name them all. As your outgoing president I want to say that I am proud of the PAIS membership and thank you all for

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Silent Auction/Photo Contest

September 20

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Members Only Event

Yavapai Title

1235 E. Gurley St. Prescott

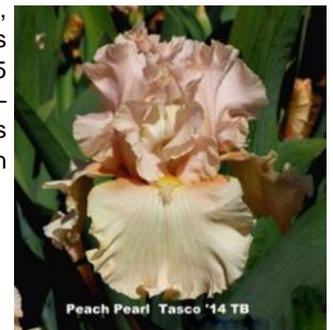
Have you priced the new iris introductions lately? Many hybridizers are selling these new beauties for \$50 and \$60. At the silent auction you will have the chance to bid on newly introduced iris from 2010-2014 at the starting price of \$10.00. What a bargain!

The iris are potted and growing well. Half of the iris were purchased from Superstition Iris Gardens and the rest came from the National Convention which was held in Texas in the spring.



ris from hybridizers such as Tasco, Keppel, Ghio, Spoon, Niswonger Johnson, Painter, Kerr, Schreiner, Hedgecock plus iris from 2 Region 15 hybridizers — Francelle Edwards and Cheryl Deaton will be available.

For a complete list of the iris, see page 6. Photos of all the iris can be seen [here](#).



Our annual photo contest needs your participation. Prizes and the admiration of your fellow club members will make entering worth your while. The photo categories offer many possibilities, so begin selecting your entries now. Contest rules are on page 5.

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a wonderful two years as your President. Your support and participation in what we are doing have made my time on the Board joyful. I ask you to provide the same support to our new board as you have given the current board.

For a Board which two years ago was mainly composed of new members with little experience, they accomplished much. I want to thank everyone on the Board for all their hard work and sharing responsibilities. I could not have asked for a more wonderful and loving group of individuals to work with. Thanks to Sharon Phelps, for stepping back in as an appointed treasurer to keep us financially focused. Thanks to Judy Book, who is now assisted by Bonnie Sekenske for wonderful newsletters and email notifications. Thanks to Stan Book for sharing with me his wisdom, history, humor, and being a mentor. Thanks to Dede Erceg for being our Sculpture Garden Chair Person and helping to handle some difficult issues. Thanks to Barb Mc Curry for her wonderfully detailed Board minutes and assisting with the Hot Shot Memorial. Thanks to Jean Cole for assisting with the Sharlot Hall Museum planting. Thanks to Kathleen Shaffer for organizing our meetings and providing wonderful programs. Thanks to Sue Crabtree for being Director at Large and her assistance with public relations, insurance, education and other general PAIS matters. Thank you to Sharon Luebkin for her role as Membership Chairperson, Education Chairperson and keeper of the iris bucks.

I also want to thank Judy and all her volunteers for the wonderful spring show this year. Thanks to Sharon P, Dan and their volunteers for the Sharlot Hall Museum and Yarnell sales. Thanks to Carolyn, for always giving of her time to teach the How to Care for Irises classes. Thanks to Sharon L. and Sue for their dedication to our education programs both with youth and adults.

Thanks to Vera and her calling committee, Joella and her hospitality committee and a special thank you to all our many volunteer members who have worked so hard at the Sculpture Garden, Sharlot Hall Museum, Citizens Cemetery and all our events to make them successful. A big thank you to our Fall Trek Committee which has been hard at work planning and organizing what will be a wonderful Fall Trek event in 2015 which will be talked about for a long time in Region 15. And lastly to Sharon Phelps and her nominating committee which now has a full slate of wonderful people willing to step up and continue to keep PAIS moving forward.

I may not see you all at the September 20th meeting due to my recovery from upcoming hip replacement surgery on September 2, but my thoughts will be with you. Your prayers and good thoughts will be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards to All,
Your devoted President,
Dennis Luebkin

GOPHER TOOL UPDATE

Last year, I sent an email to PAIS members reporting on my experience with the Gopher Tool. I now have an additional year of experience with the tool and can endorse it more strongly.

Our property is divided into a wild, natural area and the area where we grow iris and other flowers. I let the gophers have the wild area, and there are plenty of them there. I used the gopher tool extensively in 2013, but needed to use it only a few times this spring. It is highly effective in removing the pests from our flower-growing areas. My experience is reinforced by a gardener friend who lives in Cathedral Pines and says the tool has eliminated gophers on her large lot.

The tool, approximately 3 feet long, is easy to use. After loading the granular poison bait in the container at the top, you use the long probe to find the tunnels around a gopher mound, then turn the crank to release poison bait into the tunnels through a hole at the bottom of the probe. I make sure to find all the tunnels that may radiate from a mound. The bait remains underground so it is not a threat to other animals or children.

I have used only about half of the one-pound bait that came with the Gopher Tool in two seasons, but usage will depend of course on the size of your area. The tool is made by Young Products of Concord, California. It is available at www.drpower.com/ (on sale for \$29.99 + shipping, at the time of writing).

We had quite a problem with gophers two years ago, but the Gopher Tool seems to have eliminated it. ~Darrell Levi



THE FALL TREK IS COMING THE FALL TREK IS COMING!

What is a Fall Trek and why are we doing one you ask? It is a meeting and educational opportunity provided by the different iris clubs and societies in Region 15 for the benefit of all members in our region. The various clubs take turns doing either a Spring Trek or Fall Trek . Because of our fickle weather we can't do a Spring Trek so it is our turn to present a Fall Trek for the Region 15 folks. It will be held October 9th and 10th of 2015. Our club is responsible for everything and we will need everyone's help to pull this off. We have a committee that has been meeting to get the preliminaries started. So far we have our speaker, Kelly Norris the former publisher of the AIS Bulletin, owner of an iris nursery and curator of the Des Moines Botanical Gardens, a place, the Hassayampa Inn and a theme, Wild West Iris. Some members are already collecting iris with western names that we can raffle off. Of course you will all want to attend and you may come comfortably dressed in your western wear. Putting on this event is costly and so we will be raising funds through raffles, silent auctions and sales at the Trek but also through our iris sales next year.

At our September 20th meeting we will be passing around sign-up sheets so we can take full advantage of your interests and abilities to help make the Trek a success. These are the five areas for sign-ups .

1. Raffle-Need a leader and items, iris or gardening related, to raffle off. Have you got anything or ideas of things we could get or make for this area.???????
2. Boutique-Need a leader and items you have to sell. A portion of your profit will go back to the club but with some of our wonderful artists we know we could have a fabulous sale table.
3. Table Decorations-Sharon L. and Sharon S. could use your creative help in producing some western centerpieces for the tables and things for the walls.
4. Silent Auction Iris from hybridizers-Jean Cole will be writing to hybridizers asking for newer rhizomes for the Silent Auction. She will need help potting the rhizomes, covering the pots and running the silent auction.
5. Goodie Bags-Need a bag leader and ideas and things we might put in bags pertaining to gardening and/or Prescott or making our visitors lives easier or enriched. These can be garden samples, pens, notepads, maps, plant food, seed packets, fertilizers, etc. We can begin asking our business friends for samples or goodie bag items and it would be free advertising for them.

Put on your thinking caps and we'll see you at the meeting.

~Sharon Luebkin

2014 Fall Trek

The Fall Trek is a one day event with Executive Board and General Membership meetings, a judges training session, a luncheon and a guest speaker. This meeting is an information meeting attempting to provide our judges with the on going training they need and an informative speaker to give all of us insights into what is happening in the world of iris. Speaker and Judges training by Riley Probst, Emeritus Judge and Shirley Trio-Probst, Master Judge, on Reblooming Iris. [View Riley's recent introductions.](#)

The AIS Region 15 Fall Trek will be hosted by the Orange County Iris and Daylily Club and held at [The Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens](#) on Saturday, Sept. 27th.

If you have never visited this garden, now is the time. There will be time after the event to stroll through the many special areas: Chinese garden, Japanese garden, cactus garden, herb garden to name a few.

The Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens,
1151 Oxford Road,
San Marino, CA 91108. See huntington.org for directions.

[Download the registration form.](#) Registration must be completed by September 17.



The botanical garden contains more than 14,000 different kinds of plants in more than a dozen principal garden areas.

PAIS Marking Party, July 19, 2014

We escaped the rain, barely, and had a great turnout to help us sort, clean, trim and mark well over 1,200 iris rhizomes! Dennis and Sharon Luebkin again played host to this "party", allowing us to make a total mess of their garage and driveway. Thanks to all who helped setup, cleanup, and work diligently for over 5 hours. I do not have the list of volunteers, but I know that they numbered over 16 and we are grateful. I normally would not single out anyone who worked, but I must especially thank Barbara McCurry and Patrick Beatty who worked for over 5 hours sorting, bagging and making sure the iris rhizomes got marked and made ready for the sale. You made it work smoothly! And to those who brought food, another round of applause. Don't we all just love to eat. Sharon, you and Dennis again made us feel welcome and glad we came!

Prescott Area Iris Society Annual Rhizome Sales July 26 & 27 & August 2nd

Thanks go to so many that helped to make our annual major fund-raising event a success. Over 25 volunteers helped us at the sales. We had over 270 different varieties of iris rhizomes donated by approximately 28 members plus those that were dug at the Sculpture Garden. Without members who dig, clean and donate iris, and those who mark and then work the sales, we would have very little to shout about. It is you who makes this work! Pat yourself on the back!

We took in \$4,544.50 during the three days and if we add what we made in selling potted iris during our Iris Show, the amount rises to \$5,623. We didn't quite measure up to last year's sales but if we count the "net sales" made during two days in July and one in August, we made the second most income in our rhizome sales history! That's pretty awesome.



Customers enjoying the great weather!



Dan Schroeder, Sharon Sundvall, Kathleen Shaffer

Thanks to Dede, we added a new feature this year. With donated Dyke's medal winning iris, she made two baskets of these rhizomes and sold opportunity tickets netting us \$170. And thank you Dan Schroeder for again opening up your garden to host another iris sale in Yarnell. ~Sharon Phelps



Dede Erceg, Victoria Van Klompenburg



Dan Schroeder's new home in Yarnell



Juliette LaBonte

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Arlene Combs

Terri Greminer

Phyllis Michelle Maruna

Lilly/Joe Miller

Laura Miner

Debra/Dan Pedersen

Verna Owings

Carlos Parra

Bill Walter

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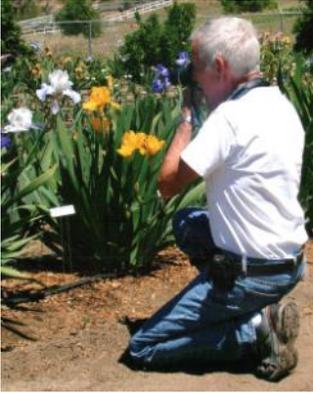
PAIS website: <http://prescottirissociety.org/>

Iris Encyclopedia website:

<http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Main/WebHome>

Annual PAIS Iris Photo Contest

September 20 PAIS Meeting



This spring, if you were like most of us, you tore out of the back door each morning, camera in hand to photograph that fresh new iris blossom. Maybe you took photos at our PAIS Iris Exhibit, the Spring Trek or in your friend's yard. Wherever you took the photos is okay as long as it is your photo and hasn't been entered in previous PAIS photo contests. Sort through your photos and pick out your best snapshots and bringing them to the PAIS meeting Saturday, September 20.

Come early and bring your iris related photo, sizes either 5x7 or 8x10 which give viewers the best chance to see your photos. You may get enlarged 5x7 or 8x10 photos made at Costco or Wal-Mart very inexpensively.

We had a lot of fun last year sharing photos and reflecting on the wonders of irises. There'll be prizes for the winners and recognition of all participants. We encourage ALL members to participate but we need to limit you to only one photo in each of the four categories so there will be room to display everyone's best effort.

Categories:

Iris Landscape/habitat

Individual iris flower

Artistic (close-up design or Photoshop enhancements of iris)

Something else (people, animal, insect, or other; along with iris)

Winners will be decided by People's Choice. Attendees will vote for their favorite photo in each of the categories. You could be a winner in all four categories, but only if you have entered your BEST iris photos. Prizes will be the potted iris beauties show below

(Iris photos left to right)

Awesome Alex

Bradley Badger

Cross Examined

Dragon King

Florentine Silk

Just Crazy

Storm Rider

Subtle Beauty

If you have any questions,
contact Carolyn:

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SILENT AUCTION IRIS

Iris Variety	Year	Hybridizer
AGE OF MIRACLES	2013	HEDGECOCK
ALESSANDRA'S GIFT	2011	SPOON
AMERICAN ORIGINAL	2014	TASCO
ANCIENT CHARM	2011	KERR
ARTISTIC WEB	2010	TASCO
ASTEROID SHOWER	2012	HEDGECOCK
AUTUMN EXPLOSION	2013	TASCO
AUTUMN IN MISSOURI	2010	NISWONGER
BEYOND BORDERS	2012	TASCO
BUNNY SLOPE (SDB)	2012	MILLER
BY GOLLY	2012	HEADRICK
CAMERA READY	2009	TASCO
CELTIC FIRE	2009	BRUCE
CHARISMATIC	2011	SUTTON
COTILLION GOWN	2012	KEPPEL
DEFINITION	2010	SUTTON
DESIGN IN PINK	2010	NISWONGER
DIAMOND LAKE	2010	SCHREINER
DRAGON KING	2011	TASCO
EASTER CANDY	2010	KEPPEL
FANTASY RIDE	2009	DUNCAN
FOOLISH DREAMER	2010	KEPPEL
FUSION	2010	SUTTON
GLOBAL CROSSING	2011	VAN LIERE
HIGHLAND LORD	2009	TASCO
I I STUTTER	2012	KANAROWSKI
ICE PLANET	2013	TASCO
I'M SO CONFUSED	2014	DEATON
INKLINATION	2011	PAINTER
INSANIAC	2012	JOHNSON

Iris Variety	Year	Hybridizer
JAZZ QUEEN	2011	NICODEMUS
JEALOUS GUY	2009	BLYTH
JINGLE DRESS	2010	NISWONGER
JOHNNIE'S OPAL ANGEL	2010	CHRISTOPHERSON
LADY LEIGH	2012	LAUER
LIKE WOW	2012	SCHREINER
LILAC MORNING	2008	EDWARDS
MANDARIN DELIGHT (IB)	2009	NISWONGER
MEAN SHARON	2012	PRICE
MOLTEN FLAME	2013	TASCO
MY LADY WAITS	2012	PRICE
NEW FOUND GLORY	2013	KERR
NOTTA LEMON	2009	BURSEEN
ONE MORE NIGHT	2010	DUNCAN
ONE OF A KIND	2010	BLACK
PARABLE (AB)	2011	JOHNSON
PEACH PEARL	2014	TASCO
POINT COUNTERPOINT	2008	BAUMUNK
RASPUTIN	2011	JOHNSON
SMOKY SHADOWS	2010	TASCO
STORM RIDER	2013	TASCO
SUBTLE BEAUTY	2011	TASCO
SUMMER SUNBURST	2010	AITKEN
SURE ENUFF	2011	BURSEEN
TROPICAL GARDEN	2008	MEGO
TWIST OF SHEREE	2012	SCHREINER
UNBRIDLED BEAUTY	2012	NICODEMUS
UNINHIBITED	2010	GHIO
WITTY (IB)	2012	BLACK

View photos of all of the auction iris on our website: http://prescottirissociety.org/member_only_auction/

