



# PRESCOTT AREA IRIS SOCIETY

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### Bob Van Liere's passion: "Growing and Hybridizing Tall Bearded Iris for Beauty, Performance and your Pleasure"

#### PAIS February 16 Meeting Features Bob Van Liere

Bob exudes enthusiasm for growing, hybridizing, and marketing irises. He greets visitors at his garden gate with a grin and friendly hello. "Remember your grandmother's garden? Bring those memories back to life. Wander through the rows on your own or take a guided tour." From there, it's a few steps to total immersion in iris beds that span the depth of a city block.

In 1994, Bob purchased 2 1/2 acres in Denver. He removed fifty dead Elm trees and in 1995 began growing iris. [Iris4U](#) is the largest source of irises in Colorado. In addition to 23 of his own introductions, Bob sells hundreds of recent varieties from other well-known hybridizers.

Bob's degree in horticulture led him initially into greenhouse management and eventually into his own landscape-maintenance business. Since 1998 Bob has been hybridizing iris and his love for growing and hybridizing iris has turned into an obsession as well as his retirement plan. "I love to create a new flower, create new colors." Bob's 2008 introductions clearly reflect this.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Bob and see photos of his seedlings and introductions. Saturday, February 16, 2:00 p.m., Yavapai College, Building 4, room18. Please note: this is a change from the 2nd Saturday to the 3rd Saturday.



**Zippity Do Dah**  
2008 Introduction



**Crooked Little Smile**  
2008 Introduction



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 30—VAIS meeting  
Cottonwood, Historic Iris

February 16—Bob Van Liere  
of IRIS4U Gardens, 2 p.m.  
Yavapai College, Bld. 4, rm. 118

March—VAIS meeting

April 5 —Identifying Iris, Old and  
New— Linda Smith

April 14-19 AIS National  
Convention  
Austin, Texas

April 25-26 Region 15 Spring Trek  
Lancaster, CA

May 10— Spring Exhibit-  
Mortimer Nursery

May 17 - Members Garden Tour

July 12—Dig and Divide Demo

July 26— Rhizome Marking Party

August 2— Rhizome Sale

September—TBA

October 10,11—Fall Trek

November 8— Highlights  
of AIS Convention, Austin, TX

## President's Message

Change and renewal can be a beautiful thing....just see what the unknown "tender bulb" that I won last summer is becoming. The "full bloom" shot comes from Stan and Judy Book, who would also like to know the mystery plant's name.

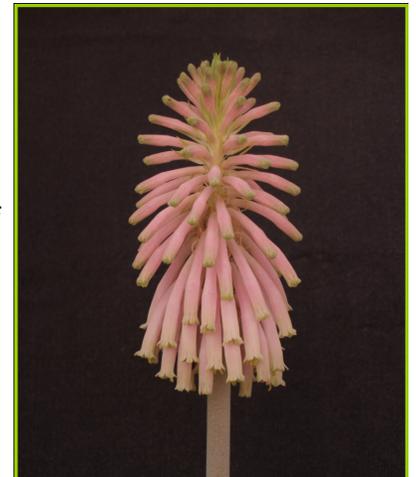
This is the time to renew your PAIS membership, and consider a Dual Membership in the Verde Valley Iris Society, our newly organized sister affiliate. VAIS, just over Mingus Mountain, will also revise their By-Laws to provide a dual membership to any Region 15 affiliate for just \$5.00 a year. If this interests you please see page two under *Iris Society Contacts* for Linda Smith, VAIS President's address.



It's hard to imagine spring flowers when I look out the bay window and see the snow on Thumb Butte's north face and recall the 11 degree temperature this morning, with a high of just 38 this afternoon. But spring will come! I'm eager to get out and pull off the brown, dead iris leaves, but I need to wait for warmer days.

There were seven PAIS members/spouses attending Sun Country Iris Society's meeting on January eighth. Brad Kasperek presented a program sprinkled with humor and information about his broken-color hybrids. Personally I need to *extend another* iris bed because I was the lucky recipient of a \$40 gift certificate from his catalogue!

Have you ever tried to put into words the reasons you garden, or the rewards you receive from growing plants? I want to recommend *Tending the Earth, Mending the Spirit – the Healing Gifts of Gardening* by Connie Goldman & Richard Mahler. You will find yourself saying *Yes, that's it – that exactly how I feel!*



In closing, I want to remind you about our February meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> – we are really lucky to be having Coloradoan hybridizer Bob Van Liere present a program to us. See you then.....

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Linda Rossman, Brad Kasperek, Vera Stewart

### Barry's Golden Wisdom

1. Remove dead leaves which are, by this time, very abundant
2. Uncover dirt from tops of rhizomes—freeze, thaw causes rhizomes to become buried

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Prescott Area Iris Society membership year is from January—December and all memberships are now due for renewal. Please send in the renewal form with your check ASAP. Members not renewing by March 1 will automatically be dropped from membership. Don't delay, do it today! The details are listed on the form below.

### Bylaws Revision

The Bylaws changes which we discussed at the November meeting have been finalized and are printed on page 4. Please read them and come prepared to vote on the revisions at the February 16 meeting.

### Fall Trek Up-Date

Join us for a whoopin' hollerin' Hassayampa Holiday in historic Prescott -- home of the territorial capitol of Arizona and the world's oldest rodeo.

**Date:** *October 10/11, 2008*

**Place:** *Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, AZ*

**Co-chairs:** *Stan Book and Marge Larson*

**Theme:** *Hassayampa Holiday*

- Speakers:  
Keynote -- Rick Tasco, Superstition Gardens  
Judges training -- Kathy Chilton, Region 15 RVP
- Silent Auction ...Raffles...Luncheon...Fun !!!
- Best of all, hangout and exchange ideas and information about iris culture with fellow iris lovers.

Committee Members will be posted at our February 16 meeting. If you haven't signed up yet, we have plenty of opportunities for you to help.

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## 2008 Prescott Area Iris Society Membership Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email (this is very important) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 single/household

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 dual membership in PAIS

**Region 15 club of primary membership:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 youth

Which activities can you assist us with? \_\_\_\_\_ May Iris Exhibit

\_\_\_\_\_ August Rhizome Sale

\_\_\_\_\_ Fall Trek—October 10-11 '08

\_\_\_\_\_ Farmer's Market

\_\_\_\_\_ Door prize contribution

\_\_\_\_\_ Refreshments

Make check payable to: *Prescott Area Iris Society*

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Editor's Note: Deletions are shown with a strike through and additions are in red.

## Proposed BYLAWS Amendments

### Article 4 Membership

4.1 Membership in this Society shall be open to all who are interested in the purpose of the Society. Term of membership is one year. There shall be four classes of membership: Active Member, ~~Family~~, **Dual Member**, Youth Member, Honorary Member.

4.1.1 An **Active Member** shall be **an individual/household** paying dues.

4.1.2 ~~Family Member~~ (this class of membership was deleted.) **Dual Member - anyone with a current paid membership in a Region 15 Affiliate club may become a dual member of PAIS upon payment of dues of \$5.00 per year.**

4.1.3 **Youth Member** shall be any person eighteen years of age or younger paying dues.

4.1.4 **Honorary Membership** may be conferred upon an individual in recognition of outstanding service to the Society by a vote of the Executive Committee. An Honorary Member shall have none of the obligations of membership in the Society including paying dues, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except holding office.

4.2 Active, ~~Family~~, **Dual**, Youth, and Honorary Members shall have voting privileges and shall receive all Society mailings.

### Article 5 Dues

5.1 Annual dues of 15.00 are payable in January. ~~Notice of delinquency shall be given; members will be dropped after 2 months delinquency.~~ **and shall be past due March 1. Loss of membership will be automatic upon failure to renew by March 1.**

**5.2 Any new member paying dues after July 1 or later in any given year shall pay only one-half the annual dues.**

~~5.2~~ **5.3** The Prescott Area Iris Society annual dues shall be determined by the Board, voted on and passed by a simple majority of the membership in attendance at a general meeting and shall become effective in January. The fiscal year shall be from the first day of January until the last day of December.

### Article 10 Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds majority vote of those members present at a General Meeting of the Society providing the proposed amendments have been printed and distributed to the membership ~~at least one month~~ prior to the meeting.