



# PRESCOTT AREA IRIS SOCIETY

## November 2012

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### President's Message

What an eventful year! Appreciation is in order to Roger Osgood for leadership and monumental efforts creating timelines and procedures for the rhizome sale and the spring show/exhibit. Also to V.P. Dan Schroeder for stepping up to President when Roger resigned. Dan also chaired the rhizome sale including providing a very successful venue at his home in Yarnell. Linda Nedblek, proprietor of the Lavender Herb Farm and Tea House, in Chino Valley provided a new venue for a great sale.

Patrick Beatty stepped up to the challenge of serving as vice president and narrowly escaped becoming president - - a big accomplishment for him.

Vera Stewart, who in addition to potting up more than 100 of her favorite iris, replanting them and moving her household to a new home, ably stepped in as secretary of PAIS.

Thanks are due to Sharon Phelps for her herculean achievements. Sharon volunteered to be both membership and treasurer, both big tasks, took over supervising the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden iris bed maintenance and enlisted her husband, Gary, to schlep items to and from storage for both the spring show and the rhizome sale. Sharon's efforts as treasurer helped to keep our club on sound financial footing.

Dennis Luebkin took over the publicity chair position and did amazing work expanding community awareness of the spring show, the rhizome sales and the sculpture garden/Dykes medal project.

And to top it all off, many members volunteered to setup and take down the spring show, contributed an amazing number of iris for the public to enjoy, staffed the rhizomes sales and worked in the sculpture garden as needed. The continued success of our club depends on outstanding, willing, member support for the incoming officers who will be elected at the November 17 meeting. See you then!

-----Stan Book



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**November 17**

**Refreshments**

**What is the master garden program?  
Kathy Michener**

**My Iris Experience; 45+ years Growing Iris.  
Jack Weber,  
Sun Country Iris Society**

**Business Meeting  
Election of Officers  
Approval of Bylaws Revision**

**MEETING TIME 1:30-3:30 P.M.**  
YAVAPAI TITLE  
1235 E. GURLEY, Prescott  
Parking in back of building

### November-December

#### Birthdays

Nov 6	Katy Standhart
Nov 11	Shirley Eitner
Nov 14	Darrell Levi
Nov 18	Roselyn Turner
Dec 10	Marge Larson
Dec 11	Jeanne Forsyth
Dec 20	Carolyn Alexander
Dec 22	Sandy Kelleher
Dec 30	Chris Heffelfinger

**New Member Welcome**

**LaDean & Lee Melby**

### Treasurer's Notes:

At our last PAIS board meeting we voted to discontinue giving American Iris Society's colorful "Iris Culture Booklet" free to new members. The cost of the booklet has gone up \$1 (one dollar) and we felt that instead of raising the price of our dues, we would rather discontinue giving this free to new members. In the future, when we mail out our "welcome letter" to new members, we will be including a one page handout on growing iris in our region.

The "Iris Culture Booklet" price will now be \$5 each due to the increase cost to us. It still is quite a bargain and full of information and gorgeous pictures. The booklets are available for purchase at each general meeting and PAIS event.

**DUES:** It is that time of year that we encourage all of our membership to rejoin us for another year of fun, information, and sharing. Beginning in November, you may pay your dues for the next calendar year. They remain at the same level as in past years:

- \* single membership for one year is \$12, 3 years is \$30
- \* household membership (two or more) for one year is \$15, 3 years is \$35
- \* dual membership (current member in another Region 15 iris society) \$5 to join PAIS.

REMEMBER, THE LAST DAY TO JOIN FOR THE FULL 2013 YEAR IS FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY RENEWAL...IT HELPS US TO BUDGET OUR EXPENSES AND ACTIVITIES BETTER WHEN WE KNOW WHOM WE CAN COUNT ON.

The following persons DO NOT OWE DUES FOR 2013 AS THEY ARE PAID THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013: C. Alexander, P. Beatty, J. Cheek, D. Elevier, N. Floyd, V. Fogarty, J. Hardy, V. Liberti, D. Luebkin, B. McCurry, A. McDonald, L. Melby (new member), J. Morgan, S. Otter, Ch. Pospishil, W. Ratner, S. Sammarco, K. Shaffer, R. Smith, G. Snyder, P. Statzeer, V. Stewart, V. Thim, R. Turner.

We look forward to having ALL of you continue to support our organization so we can remain active in our community: providing education on iris culture, planting and caring for the iris beds (including the very special "Dyke's medal winning iris bed") at the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden and providing informative and interesting programs for our members. We owe a very special thank you to our newsletter editor, Judy Book, who gleans information from multiple sources to include in our newsletter and edits and constructs such a wonderful and professional looking newsletter. Even if you are unable to attend our general membership meetings, you benefit by receiving a great newsletter filled with iris information and notifications of iris-related activities. **A BIG THANK YOU TO JUDY!**

*Sharon Phelps, Treasurer & Membership*

### Louisiana Iris

Many of you were amazed by the Louisiana iris Dan brought to the September meeting. The American Iris Society blog, *The World of Irises*, has some great photographs and descriptions of this water loving iris. <http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/2012/11/louisiana-la-iris-flower-form.html>

"The Louisiana irises constitute a unique group in the iris family. Among all the irises, Louisiana's are most unique in color and in form. They exhibit an incredibly broad range of color and are considered very significant in providing the color red to the iris spectrum. An equally wide variety of forms, when combined with the color range, make for truly great horticultural opportunities." *From the Louisiana Iris Society website:* <http://www.louisianas.org/cultivars/cultivar1.html>



unidentified Louisiana iris

## Notes from the Garden:

It has been a productive and wonderful display of color at the Sculpture Garden this year. The iris have put on a show of beautiful blooms over a very long period. Would you believe, this year we have had three iris blooming into late October. "Victoria Falls" found in the Dyke's medal winning section of the garden, had a stock with over 20 gorgeous blooms and buds that put on a display from September 15<sup>th</sup> through the month of October. "Marty Richards" also performed in the same manner. Cherie is also rebloomng, but is not as prolific as Marty Richards and Victoria Falls. It was a great year in the gardens and PAIS owes so much to the many members who helped us plant and maintain these iris beds.



Victoria Falls Schreiner '77, DM '84



Marty Richards Richards '04 HM



Cherie Hall '48 DM '51

Diane Clarke started the year by gathering a large group of you to clean up the iris beds and prepare them for their Spring display. Then many of you continued to show up when called upon, to keep the iris looking tidy. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED THIS YEAR. WE DID OURSELVES PROUD BY ENABLING PAIS TO PRESENT A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF IRIS AMONG THE SCULPTURES. I think that the gardens are so enriched by our presence. I would list the helpers, but fear since I wasn't as involved early in the year, that I might miss someone. Just know how much you are appreciated and give yourselves a pat on the back.

*Sharon Phelps, Sculpture Garden coordinator*

*ED. Note:* Francelle Edwards, an honorary member of our club and a Phoenix hybridizer, has generously donated 4 more iris varieties for the Sculpture Garden. They are: Sarah Rose, Desert Roundelay, Lilac Morning and Midnight Kitty. Currently they are growing in pots and will be planted next spring.

Another club is also enhancing the sculpture garden. The Alta Vista Garden Club has just planted 500 daffodils which should bloom next spring. They also planted six abelia around the base of Seated Woman.

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PAIS on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PrescottIrisSociety?fref=ts>



## REBLOOMING IRIS FROM MEMBERS' GARDENS



Autumn Surge SDB —Gerry Snyder  
Sedona



Autumn Ring—Nancy Floyd  
Camp Verde



Fall Empire—Nancy Floyd  
Camp Verde



Berry Ripple—Nancy Floyd  
Camp Verde



Marty Richards—Nancy Floyd  
Camp Verde



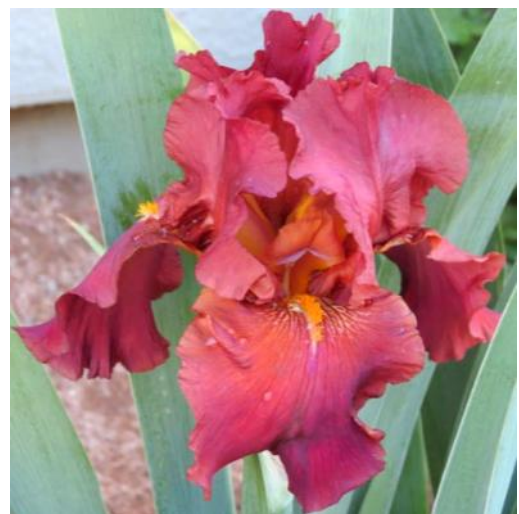
Harvest of Memories—Stan Book  
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Bernice's Legacy—Stan Book  
Prescott



Immortality—Carolyn Alexander  
Prescott



Lest We Forget—Carolyn Alexander  
Prescott

## ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST 2012

Fun was had by all whether you enjoyed looking at all the photos and selecting your favorites or having entered your very own favorite personal photo of irises. The winners are listed below. The lucky first place winners received a 2013 iris called 'Cool Character' and several of these winning potted irises bloomed this fall. The second place winners received a potted iris from the 2011-2009 NIIP (Newly Introduced Iris Program). Congratulations to all!

<u>Category</u>	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>
Landscape	Tied— Carolyn Alexander and Sharon Luebkin	
Iris & irises	Vera Stewart	Sharon Phelps
Artistic (close-up)	Sharon Luebkin	Katy Standhart
Other, animals, kids	Carolyn Alexander	Katy Standhart

We hope there are more entries next year, be sure and bring your camera to all spring 2013 iris viewing opportunities. The photos you enter must be yours but the irises can be from any garden or show.

### Gardening Tips

Here's the drill!

- \* \* Remove dead leaves
- \* \* Pull last remaining weeds
- \* \* Cut bloom stalks off reblooming iris when bloom has finished
- \* \* Make sure plant markers are in the correct place
- \* \* Stop watering once freezing nights begin

### Nominated Officers for 2013

President—Dennis Luebkin  
 Vice President—Kathleen Shaffer  
 Secretary—Barbara McCurry  
 Treasurer—Sharon Phelps  
 Our election for officers will be at the  
 November 17 meeting.

The reblooming iris list in the table to the right indicates iris growing in members' gardens which have rebloomed in our area. If you have any reblooming iris which do not appear in this list, please let me know. Thank you.



Autumn Wine-Vera Stewart  
Prescott

### REBLOOMING IRIS

Angles Blush	Flower Showers -SDB	Over and Over
Anxious	Halloween Halo	October Sky
Autumn Ring	Happy New Year	Orange Harvest
Autumn Surge - SDB	Harvest of Memories	Over and Over
Autumn Tryst	Honey Glazed -IB	Peach Reprise
Autumn Wine	Hot - SDB	Pink Attraction
Berry Ripple	Immortality	Raspberry Frost
Bernice's Legacy	In the Red - SDB	Rhea Perez - IB
Billionaire	Istanbul	Romantic Evening
Blatant	Jennifer Rebecca	Rosalie Figge
Bountiful Harvest	Jewel Baby - SDB	Royal Knight
Champagne Elegance	Juicy Fruit	Sign of Virgo
City Lights	Kind Hearted	Soft Returns
Clarence	Lacy Halo	Tanzanite - SDB
Concertina-IB	Las Vegas	Time to Shine - SDB
Crimson King	Lest We Forget	Violet Turner
Decker	Marty Richards	Ziggy
Double Down	Matrix	
Duo Dandy	Misty Lady	
Eleanor Roosevelt	Next in Line	
Fall Empire	October Sky	
Fall Rerun	Orange Harvest	

## Summary of Proposed Prescott Area Iris Society Bylaw Changes dated October 29, 2012

Bylaws currently in existence are dated November 13, 2010

Proposed Bylaw changes were reviewed and passed by a unanimous vote of PAIS board members present on this date. These changes are now being presented to the general membership for their approval. Article numbers are not listed as the numeric order for some subheadings have changed, thus, this could have added possible confusion.

### MEMBER DEFINITIONS:

- Honorary membership now states that those so designated will have **all** of the rights of a regular member, **including voting privileges...**

### DUES:

- Now states that **dues received from a new member joining between November 1 and December 31, in any given year, shall cover their dues for the remainder of that year and the following calendar year.** (prior to this, no provision was made for dues other than new members would pay ½ of the annual dues amount on or after July 1 of any calendar year)

### BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

- Voting Board membership is now clarified to state that the following are voting members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, Director-at-large, newsletter editor, and chairs of the following: Publicity, Membership, and Sculpture Gardens.
- Bylaws would **limit elected officers to two consecutive years for the same position.** (no limit in the past)
- Additional committee chairpersons that may be appointed to assist in providing PAIS sponsored events may be invited to Board meetings as appropriate in order to facilitate PAIS business. **Now clarifying that they are not voting board members.** For example these may be chair persons of the Annual Iris Show or Exhibit, Rhizome Sales, etc.
- **All board members shall be notified of scheduled meetings in a timely fashion in order to facilitate attendance.**
- **Quorum: Change to stating that a "simple" majority of the board members present shall constitute a quorum.** Previously, stated that a quorum was a majority of members, but no less than five.

### ELECTIONS:

- The composition of the nominating committee was changed to include **two active members instead** of stating that it should include two directors (which means board members).

### DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS:

- **Duties of the treasurer were clarified to include that the person holding this office shall distribute a financial statement to the board in a timely fashion, at least bimonthly, and that an annual proposed budget would be presented to the board at the December meeting of each calendar year.**

Respectfully submitted

Bylaw Committee