



PRESCOTT AREA IRIS SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These past two years I could not help but notice a whole new structure and enthusiasm by the members of the society. Great job done by the leaders and most of all the ones who are there doing the work. My goal this year is to continue as much training as we can all get in. Barb and I will be working very strongly on this. I encourage all members, beginners and advance to be at the February meeting.

At the crossover board meeting, some wanted to know a little about my history. Well here goes. I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Wisconsin. I loved my cows. I also was a professional horse trainer and did showing, from barrels, jumping, and western pleasure to dressage.

Moving to Arizona in 1986 I got into the optical business, and in 1993 received my state optician license. June 2005 we moved to Yarnell and I quit working for 5 years. In January 2010, I returned to work. June 30, 2013 the Yarnell hill fire killed 19 hotshots and burned 127 homes including mine. December 31, 2013 was my last day of work. My passion is always going to be my cows and horse, but now my time is devoted to gardening. I have a sign that says "GARDENING IS CHEAPER THAN THERAPY". My other form of recreation is oil painting. Oh could you guess my subjects? Oh let me just tell you, horses, cows, and iris.

Have a blessed and safe new year. Dan Ed note: Dan will spend a brief time discussing "Disaster..are you prepared" at the February 21 meeting.

Iris, All You Need to Know (well almost)

February 21, 2015 1:30 pm to 3:30pm

Speaker: Marge Larson - AIS Judge, AIS Region 15 Secretary, PAIS member and former PAIS Executive Board member

Topic: An Introduction to Iris, including a discussion on several color patterns and landscapes. Learn some iris terminology...SA, SDB, BB, Spuria, LA, Dutch, and historic. A great way to start our "Iris" year.

Game time! "white elephants" Bring a new or like new wrapped item to swap. You might want to include a gift tag which gives a hint as to what the package might contain; such as, "for the gardener", "for the chef", etc.

See you Saturday, February 21, at Yavapai Title, 1235 E. Gurley at the Sheldon/Gurley intersection. Parking at the back of the building.



2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

February 17	SH Museum workday
February 21	General Meeting
March 12	Sculpture Garden workday
March 31	Embry Riddle workday
April 9	Sculpture Garden workday
April 14	SH Museum workday
April 17	OLLI Class #1
April 18	General Meeting
April 24	OLLI Class #2
May 1	Iris Exhibit Setup
May 2	Iris Exhibit-Mortimer Nursery
May 2	OLLI Class #3
May 18-23	AIS National Convention—Oregon
June 9	Embry Riddle workday
June 11-12	Sculpture Garden workday
July 7	Cemetery Iris dig
July 11	Sculpture Garden dig
July 14	SH Museum workday
July 18	Marking Party for iris sale
July 25-26	Rhizome Sale SH Museum
August 2	Yarnell Rhizome Sale
August 15	New Member Training

Iris Bucks earned in 2014 must be spent by the end of the iris exhibit, May 2, 2015.

NEW MEMBERS OF OUR LEADERSHIP GROUP



Dan—President



Joella-Secretary



Eugene-Treasurer



Sharon-Hospitality

Joella Cheek, Secretary

Jo and her husband, Bill, moved to Prescott from California 25 years ago after bouncing all over the West, including Seattle, Denver, Kodiak, and several California towns where Bill was an attorney for airlines. She had planted irises in each new location, dug and moved them until they finally found a home here. All the other plants she brought from California died, so she decided her green thumb was limited to the iris family. She was impressed when she attended one of the spring iris shows and joined the club. In 2014 she took on her first real responsibilities in PAIS, serving as Hospitality Chair and working the phone tree (a wonderful way to meet and talk with other members).

Retired now, Jo was a legal secretary most of her working life, and for pleasure she drove her horses and ponies in cross-country competitions.

Eugene Zielinski, Treasurer

I'm probably the member of the board who has spent the least time in the central Arizona highlands, having moved to the Prescott area in mid-2013. Before that, I spent a year in Rapid City, SD (gateway to the Black Hills and Mt Rushmore); before that, ten years in Augusta, GA (gateway to the Masters); before that, over twenty years in State College, PA (gateway to Penn State); and before that, more than twenty years in Buffalo, NY (gateway to me, I guess, since I was born there). That's four very different parts of the USA and one thing I noticed is that bearded irises grew and thrived in each one of them.

I first became interested in irises as a child. We had a bed of the tall purple irises along one side of our garage that bloomed faithfully every June without any care. While I liked the color, I think I was more fascinated with the form – the super three-dimensional flowers that contrasted with the two dimensional foliage. My current interests are the classic bearded irises (thank you, Citizens Cemetery) but I'm even more interested in species irises of all types (but especially the short ones). I also like aril and arilbred irises and am a member of the Aril Society International. My current garden only consists of a series of plants in pots, unfortunately.

Sharon Sundvall, Hospitality

I moved to Arizona in 1986, and after traveling through Chino Valley several times, decided that someday I would retire to this area.

A young man I worked with would bring in the most beautiful iris and we would talk about colors and ruffles and all the things we discuss now. As a fairly new hybridizer he taught me about cross pollinating and raising new rhizomes. Shortly after I moved here 3 years ago I saw a flyer about an upcoming PAIS iris sale. I was hooked!

Membership Renewals due by January 31, 2015

Renew your membership today.

§ WELCOME NEW MEMBER—Susan Belding §

Fall Trek– Call to Action

Y'all come!!!

October 9th and 10th PAIS is hosting the Region 15 Fall Trek for the Arizona and Southern California clubs. It is a learning opportunity that the clubs share by engaging renowned speakers of the iris world. Our speaker will be Kelly Norris, author of iris books, director of the botanical gardens in Des Moines, Iowa and owner of a family iris garden and past editor of the AIS Iris magazine.



Our theme is "Wild West Iris" and we will have a bandana for all our members to wear. We will need everyone's help to pull this off. It will be at the Hassayampa Inn in downtown Prescott. We will need bag stuffers, bag makers, decorators, cookie makers, seamstresses, people directors, vendors and hosts and hostesses. Dust off your cowboy boots and hats and prepare to make an impression as we welcome Region 15. More information will be given at our meetings. Contact Sharon Luebkin at [623-628-4860](tel:623-628-4860) or Kathleen Shaffer at [619-957-2199](tel:619-957-2199) to offer your help. We want this to be the best Fall Trek ever!!

In keeping with our western theme, we are collecting donations of items for the boutique and raffle. Here is a sample of a recent donation, cowboy boot tree decorations.



CLUB CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

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

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

Historical Iris Preservation Society:
<http://www.historiciris.org/>

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Treasurer's Summary Report for FY 2014

YTD

Beginning balance checking account & cash box \$100.55	3,378.87
INCOME	
Region 15 seed money for 2015 Fall Trek	400.00
Member Dues	917.00
Opportunity/Raffle 2 drawings 13 rhizomes each	170.00
Reimburse./refund	16.00
Retail Sales (markers, books, postcards, aprons, etc)	628.50
Region 15 proceeds(potted iris rec'd '13 & auction iris'14)	720.00
Rhizome Sales:member iris sales:inclu auction, pots,rhizome sales	5,327.00
Vendor sales (20% of their sales to PAIS)& refreshments	85.50

TOTAL INCOME \$11,642.87

EXPENSES	
AIS PAIS affiliation & dues for Exec. Board	\$140.00
AIS donation Nat'l 2014 Convention	\$25.00
Auction expenses	\$233.16
Community Service/education:classrm, museum, cemetery	\$947.46
Gifts/Donation to "Friends of YC Art" + other	\$100.00
FALL TREK 2015 EXPENSES	\$157.80
mail box rental	\$122.00
meeting/program expenses-supplies, food, restaurant/speakers	\$38.26
newsletter (printing & postage)	\$133.64
Office supplies/Admin. Costs(incl. gen'l postage)	\$687.90
<i>special board appr.item-for 80/2014membrshp booklets</i>	<i>\$293.41</i>
Region 15 sale expenses includes 50% of income returned to Reg15	\$221.50
Retail Sales purchases (plant markers, iris booklets)	\$369.75
Rhizome sale expenses(188.95) mark party(100.82) , SH donation	\$678.16
Rhizome sale expenses potting for 2015 sales	\$113.80
Sculpture garden expenses, fertilizer, mulch, plant markers	\$199.77
Spring Iris Show - non juried (people's choice)	\$929.01
Storage unit rental & Supplies-paid in March annually	\$605.00
Travel expenses for Exec. Board	\$1,305.25
Vendor sales % return @ 80%	\$68.40
Web site hosting and maintenance	\$500.00
Total iris bucks used to date: \$329	TOTAL EXPENSES \$7,869.27

Iris Bucks earned in 2014 must be spent by the end of the iris exhibit, May 2, 2015.

CHECKING ACCT. BAL.11/30/2014	\$4060.02
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH 12/31/2014	\$3800.73
TOT.PAIS BANK ACCTS(savings, checking) & Petty cash 12/31/14	\$5,611.81
6 month certificate value 12/31/2014, matures 5/22/15	\$3,004.60
2nd 6 month certificate value 12/31/2014, matures 5/22/15	\$2,000.56

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon S. Phelps, Treasurer



Community Outreach—Miller Valley School



Community Outreach—Scouts at Citizens Cemetery



Community Outreach—Sharlot Hall Museum Historical Iris Planting

2015 BUDGET

Beginning balance checking account & cash box \$111.60 \$ 3,800.00

INCOME

2015 Fall Trek	3,000.00
Member Dues:	780.00
Retail Sales (markers, books, postcards, aprons, etc)	550.00
Rhizome Sales (non potted member iris)	5,000.00
Rhizome Sales:member potted iris	2,400.00
Vendor sales (20% of their sales to PAIS)& refresh.	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	15,790.00

EXPENSES

AIS PAIS affiliation & dues for Exec. Board ~ donation Nat'l 2015	125.00
AIS iris cultural booklets for resale 25@82.00	100.00
Auction expenses	82.00
Community Service/education: classroom, SharloHall Musuem planting, cemetery	230.00
Donation to "Friends of YC Art"- 1 yr membership	730.00
FALL TREK 2015 EXPENSES pd \$300 dep '14	50.00
Mail box rental - pay in December	5,200.00
Meeting/program expenses-supplies, food, restaurant/speakers	120.00
Newsletter (printing & postage)	393.00
Office supplies/Admin. Costs(incl. gen'l postage)	150.00
2015 membership handbooks	700.00
Plant markers purchase for resale 1,000@\$286	450.00
Rhizome sale expenses: mark party, SH donation, etc	285.00
Rhizome sale expenses potting for 2016 sales	650.00
Sculpture garden expenses, fertilizer, Dykes, mulch,ss markers	120.00
Spring Iris Show - non juried (people's choice)	150.00
Storage unit rental & Supplies-pd in March annually	1,000.00
AIS membership for scout troop	605.00
Travel expenses for Exec. Board-locally and to National and Regional meetings	150.00
Vendor sales % ret. & refresh. Expenses	2,300.00
Web site hosting and maintenance	100.00
Seed money from Region 15 for 2015 Fall Trek to be repaid	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,490.00

CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE 1/1/2015 \$3,888.40

1/20/2015 PETTY CASH BOX BALANCE \$ 111.60

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH 1/1/2015 \$ 3,800.00

Share Savings Account Bal. 1/1/2015 \$1,810.71

TOTAL PAIS BANK ACCTS & PETTY CASH 1/1/2015 \$5,810.71

6 month certificate value 1/1/2015 \$3,003.34

2nd 6 month certificate value 1/1/2015 \$2,000.00

*Respectfully submitted: Sharon Phelps, Dennis Luebkin, Dan Schroeder,
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