



# Prescott Area Iris Society

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Presidents Message

Spring greetings to All,

What amazing weather we have had. Spring is officially here and everything is blooming. Trees, shrubs and wild flowers are in bloom everywhere. Our irises have come out of their winter slumber and each day the fans grow larger. Some of my irises are beginning to send up bloom stalks and several are already in bloom earlier than usual this year. With the extra moisture we had this winter we are looking at a bumper crop of bloom.

If you haven't fertilized your irises yet apply 10-10-10 for a general fertilization or 6-24-24 which helps with bloom size and color. Water the fertilizer in well. Remove the remainder of last year's dead fans, clean leaf debris from around your irises and check to see if any of the rhizomes have popped out of the ground due to winter freeze heaving. Push them back down and add a little soil around them. Thrips and aphids are becoming active and your irises will need to be treated.

We are quickly approaching our Spring Show, Exhibit, and potted iris sale. We hope that everyone will enter numerous iris varieties to make this year's event spectacular. You can bring irises to enter the AIS Judged Show, the People's Choice Exhibit, and Floral Arrangements or just share some of your beautiful irises on the Granny's Table Display. The more the merrier. All are welcome!! Many people in the state and beyond reserve this

Here is a special gift from Loretta Bresof. It is of Crimson King in her back yard, with Snow of Summer behind them.



weekend May 6th to come to Prescott to see the Festival of Irises so let's give them the best show/exhibit we can. We are noted for one of the best Show/Exhibits in the Southwest. Be sure to come to the April 29th meeting at 1:30 in the Yavapai Title Conference room to hear about how to enter and show your irises. Things and times will be somewhat different this year since we are doing both an AIS Judged Show and the People's Choice awards exhibit. See in Barb's article on page 4.

As always the Spring Show/Exhibit is an all hands on deck event we need every one who is able to participate in the Friday set up, Saturday's event and the tear down on Saturday after the show. We will begin setup at 2:30 on Friday. There will be much to do. We will need volunteers to work both a morning and afternoon portion of Saturday's program. Please contact (call or email) Barb McCurry or Kathleen Schaffer for working Saturday morning and or afternoon. Contact Dennis Luebkin to assist with the setup and tear down. Contact information is in your PAIS handbook and the Barb's article herein.

I would like to thank Barb McCurry, Kathleen Shaffer, Carolyn Alexander, Judy Book and Marge Larson for all the work they have done on the Show/ Exhibit. Look forward to seeing a full house on April 29th and lots of participation for the Show.

Best Regards to All,

Dennis Luebkin

*Happy Birthday to.....  
April & May birthdays |*

*April 6th*

*Cierra Bryant*

*April 22nd*

*Dennis Luebkin*

*April 23rd*

*Juliette LaBonte*

*April 29th*

*Annette McDonald*

*May 19th*

*Mary Meinholz*

*May 24th*

*Vicki Hughes*

## SPRING IS COMING!!

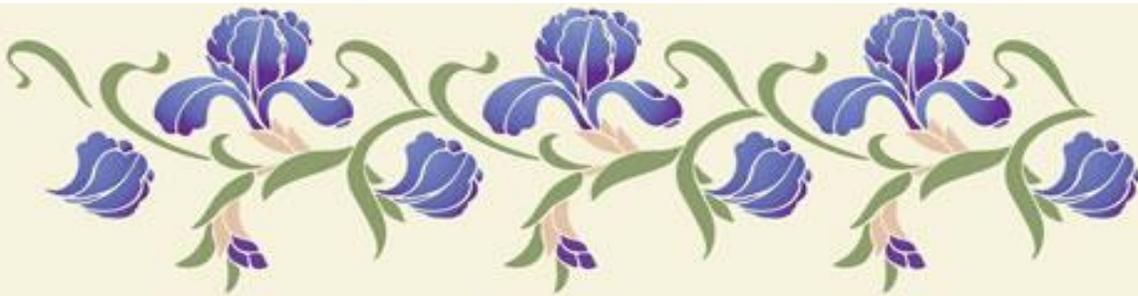
The Prescott AAUW Scholarship Committee is planning an "art-full" event to celebrate Spring with a party in the Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College. Please invite a friend and join us for "An Art-Full Afternoon in the Garden" which will be held from **5:00--7:00 pm on Friday, April 21, 2017.**



Walk the paths and admire the sculptures and Spring flowering plants, including the stunning award-winning irises. Yavapai students will be available to tell you about the sculptures and the sculptors. Members of our local Iris Society will share their expertise about the many varieties in the garden. There will food stations around the garden with tapas selections--both savory and sweet-- paired with wines from the SouthWest Wine Center (the Yavapai College teaching winery). As you amble through the garden, you will hear up-beat tunes provided by our own local music group, "Not2Shabby." The tickets for the event are \$45.00 per person. **ALL** proceeds will go to AAUW scholarships for Yavapai College students. Tickets may be purchased on line at: <http://bit.ly/2jVWG7Q> or you may write a check, made out to: Yavapai College Foundation. (Please write Spring AAUW Event on the notation line) by April 12 and send to:

AAUW Prescott P.O. Box 10881 Prescott, AZ 86304

All tickets can be picked up at the Will Call desk at the Sculpture Garden entrance at the time of the event.



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### “What’s Different About This Year’s Iris Show?”

Get Ready on April 29th for the Big Iris Show on May 6th!

Our next general meeting is Saturday, April 29th, 1:30 to 4:00 PM at the Yavapai Title meeting room. This is the last general meeting before our Kaleidoscope of Color Iris Show at Mortimer Nursery on Saturday, May 6th. This meeting is a "bring your favorite finger food" pot-luck. Sharon Luebkin is hosting a raffle. Carolyn Alexander is narrating a CD presentation called "This is the Show". Get your questions answered about the AIS-judged show and the People's Choice Show. Handouts include the annual iris show rules and iris categories; iris entry tags so you can fill them out prior to bringing your iris to Mortimer's; and instructions on how to fill out the iris entry tag. Volunteer assignments for the show will be finalized, so it's very important that show volunteers attend this important meeting. Let's make it a fruitful and fun meeting!

April	8	Sun Country Iris Society, Spring Iris Show & Sale, Summerwinds Nursery, 17826 N Tatum Blvd., Phoenix 9a-2p
April	29	Late Iris Exhibit & Sale, Harpersw Nursery 2529 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale—9a-2p
April	29	Spring Show Preparation-General Meeting 1:30p
May	5	Exhibit Setup - Mortimer Nursery
May	6	Spring Iris Exhibit, Kaleidoscope of Color - Mortimer Nursery
June	10	Steve Miller - Native Garden
July	16-21	Public Gardens Iris Dig
July	22	Marking Party
July	28	Sale Setup - Yavapai Title
July	29	Rhizome Sale 10:00 am - 3:00pm Yavapai Title
August	12	Iris care class/new member training - Mortimer Nursery
August	19	Iris Photo Contest/Auction/Ice Cream Social
September	16	Eric Moore Birds in the Garden
October		No Meeting
November	18	Elections/ Potluck Speaker TBA
December		No Meeting



Just noticed that Quench SDB has a bloom.... Barb McCurry

### Blooms at RM Sculpture Garden & Citizens Cemetery—April 1, 2017

Hello Friends, Although some of us witnessed snow flakes here yesterday, please remind PAIS members that now is the time to view the iris in some of our club project areas, twice a week through the season.

The Citizen's Cemetery has historic purple and a white iris in bloom today with many buds ready to burst into bloom during this next week. The native, pink-colored, low phlox is at its peak today. There is an easy circle drive through the cemetery. If you stroll around to photograph "Iris & Something Else" or "Iris in a Scene" for the August photography contest, please try not to step on the native wild flowers of Indian Paint Brush, phlox, blue dicks, and Segoe lilies, which will be ablaze in the next few weeks.

At the Richard Marcussen Sculpture Garden now you will be delighted with full blooms of Roman Song near the auditorium entrance, several in the Francelle Edwards area that are ready to bloom this next week, and in the Children's Garden area the blue beards on 'Gingerbread Man' and the striations on 'Dumbledore' are stunning. Perhaps if you take a child with you, you may excite a new youth member in PAIS. I noticed that someone has pruned off a large amount of the Deodar Cedar and the Arizona Cypress behind the Dykes Medal iris planting so the iris may have more space and light.

View AIS photo contest winners here [http://irises.org/Photo and Galleries/Photos Galleries Puzzles.html](http://irises.org/Photo_and_Galleries/Photos_Galleries_Puzzles.html) to get inspired for our August photo contest.

Happy weeding in your yard,

Katy Standhardt





**May 5, 2017 Kaleidoscope of Color Iris Show Setup**  
**May 6, 2017 Kaleidoscope of Color Iris Show – Let the Judging Begin!**

This is an exciting time of year with one of our signature events just around the corner! Also exciting is the arrival of Spring and the veritable bounty of our members' iris flower stalks!

PAIS's annual "Kaleidoscope of Color" Iris Show is happening on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Mortimer's Nursery in Prescott, AZ. This event is free to the public and never fails to "wow" our members and the many hundreds of visitors from around the state when they experience the colorful explosion of irises on display. This year's show is being held the week prior to Mother's Day weekend. We're hopeful the show coincides with peak iris blooming this year, and our members and local iris gardeners show up with irises aplenty for all to enjoy.

This year the format of the show has changed to include an AIS accredited judged show with three AIS registered judges including our own Marge Larson. The AIS judged show winners will receive winning certificates, rosettes, ribbons, medals and most of all "bragging" rights! The winners will likely be featured in AIS's monthly magazine. Then there is our ever popular "Peoples' Choice" show where the visiting public and club members are

**"Kaleidoscope of Color" 2014 Iris Show at Mortimer's Nursery**

encouraged to vote for their favorite irises and arrangements. Last year's show with close to 120 entries awarded ten individuals with an assortment of gift awards to choose from, including \$25 gift certificates from Mortimer's Nursery. This year will be similar. In addition to the two show events, potted iris plants in a multitude of colors are available for purchase at the show. Iris sales support club events and community outreach programs. Morning and afternoon demonstrations are also provided on the care and planting of iris, and club members are available to answer your questions about growing irises.

Our annual Iris Show is an all-hands-on-deck 2-day event...from setup to teardown, iris intake and labeling, information, greeters, cashiers, sales of potted iris and other items, runners, and many other opportunities for lots of folks (earn those Iris Bucks!). Call Barbara McCurry (928-775-2219) or email [bj4mccurry@hotmail.com](mailto:bj4mccurry@hotmail.com) to find out what you can do to help if you haven't already volunteered to help. If you cannot stand or walk for long, there are still jobs for you. Dennis Luebkin will be coordinating the setup crew for Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, prior to the main event. Dennis and Bill Walter are both facing some body repairs, so we'll need some strong backs for loading and unloading storage items under their tutelage.

More information will be shared at the General Members' Meeting on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at the Yavapai Title meeting room in Prescott, AZ. Our very own Master Iris Gardener Carolyn Alexander graciously agreed to narrate a CD that will teach us how to select, cut, transport, and display our iris for the May show. Iris entry requirements by category, and filling out the entry card will also be covered. Iris entry cards will be available for members to take home and fill out ahead of time. To accommodate both the judged and peoples' choice shows this year, members and their iris need to be checked in from 7:00-8:30 AM on the day of the show. Official judging begins at 8:45 AM with the winners' table awarded and staged prior to opening at 10:00 AM to the general public. Remember to bring your irises with you to include in both the judged and peoples' choice shows...we need to give those judges a workout!

A special thank you to our subcommittee's continuing work and coordination to ensure a properly judged iris show and the peoples' choice show: Carolyn Alexander, Judy Book, Marge Larson, Kathleen Shaffer, and Barb McCurry. I look forward to seeing many of you at our April meeting, and to meeting our newest members.