



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

First frosty nights here in Prescott this week... time for baking pies and enjoying hot soup! And probably time to be done with planting the rhizomes still in the garage from the clumps of iris we’ve been late in dividing.

Great job by our PAIS work crews at the sculpture garden at Yavapai College the last two weeks. Led by Dennis Luebkin, almost 200 irises were planted. Who did the work? As Claude Rains put it in Casablanca “ Round up the usual suspects.”

Very excited to report that PAIS will be hosting the Fall Meeting for Region 15 of the American Iris Society next October. We expect to put on a great event for iris lovers from all over the Southwest. Hope to see many of you at our November 18 meeting!

Marty

NOVEMBER 18 MEETING DAVID TOTH



David Toth, iris hybridizer and owner of [Indian Creek Iris](#) will regale us with his new introductions and hybridizing goals.

1:30 Stoneridge Community Center

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Souls On Fire
Toth 2023 IB



Sculpture Garden Progress

A **Huge Thank You** to our Sculpture Garden volunteers. On October 21st and October 27, PAIS volunteers spent 3 hours each day expanding the Sculpture Garden plantings to plant the Arts and Music irises we have been gathering for the past three years. We had ten volunteers showing up on each of those days along with some members coming by themselves during the week. Approximately 160 to 200 irises were planted along with cleanup of the garden.

Those who volunteered on October 21st were Stan and Judy, Dennis and Sharon, Kathy, Kellie, Cynthe, Sandy, Bill, and Loretta. Those that Came on October 27th were Stan and Judy, Dennis and Sharon, Greg, Sherry, Bill, Marty, Cynthe, and Katie. Cynthe, Dennis and Kathleen Also came during the week. The iris at the Yavapai College garden along with the Sharlot Hall Museum historic iris garden and the Hotshot Memorial Garden at Embry Riddle University are a labor of love for our local Tri City Community and the general public as a whole.



Bill, Cynthe, Katy



Dennis and Sharon

We had numerous people stop by on their way through the garden to thank us for what we do. We even had two German women who had heard about the garden come through. The garden is amazing with all the fall colors. It is beautiful any time of the year. Plan to visit the garden at Yavapai College next spring

between the last week in April and June 1st to see the beauty of the garden and the new plantings.

Dennis Luebkin

Photos Marty Boxer

Happy Halloween

Bluebeard's Ghost Black 2006

Halloween Trick Ghio 2007



AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY 2023 MEDAL WINNERS



THE DYKES MEDAL
Don't Doubt Dalton- TB iris
(Tom Burseen)

THE JOHN C. WISTER MEDAL
Tall Bearded
Black Lipstick - (Keith Keppel)



THE KNOWLTON MEDAL Border Bearded
What's New Pussycat - (Paul Black)



THE HANS AND JACOB SASS MEDAL
Intermediate Bearded **Black Comedy**- (Paul Black)



THE WILLIAMSON-WHITE MEDAL Miniature Tall
Bearded **Black Cherry Sorbet** (Chad Harris)

THE COOK-DOUGLAS MEDAL Standard Dwarf
Bearded **Oh Canada** (Thomas Johnson)



AIS 2023 Medal Winners Cont.



THE CAPARNE-WELCH MEDAL
Miniature Dwarf Bearded
Black Olive - (Paul Black)



THE CLARENCE G. WHITE MEDAL
Aril irises and arilbred irises with at least 50% aril content
Bold Awakening - (Richard Tasco)



THE WILLIAM MOHR MEDAL
Arilbred irises with at least 25% but less than 50% aril content
Perry Dyer - (Paul Black)



THE FRED AND BARBARA WALTHER CUP
Most HM votes in any category
Rosy Celebration - (Richard Tasco)

For a COMPLETE LIST AND PHOTOS: <https://wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoAwards2023>

AUTUMN IRIS CARE

Remove garden debris, spent iris bloom stalks and brown dry foliage. Take off the old, mushy leaves to prevent the growth and spread of various fungal diseases. The dead leaves are also perfect hideouts for insects.

The iris soon will be going dormant. Winter watering is not usually required. Rains and snow usually provide all the needed moisture.

Watch for heaving of the soil, caused by freeze-thaw patterns, which may result in the dislodging of the rhizome.



Autumn Sunrise, Ginny Spoon 2007

T 2023 AIS Membership Drive

The AIS Membership Development Committee is happy to announce the 2023 Membership Drive.

DETAILS:

A FREE annual one-section membership (e.g., Spuria, Louisiana, etc.) when purchasing AIS full membership, currently at \$45.

Note: new members can choose the section or cooperating society of their preference within three months of submitting the application.

SECTION MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Regular

THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DURATION:

January 1 through December 31, 2023

The AIS Directors approved a budget that includes a maximum of 30 new members of each AIS section or cooperation Society.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Only for new AIS members, or
- B. Persons upgrading to full membership qualify for this special (it will be \$45 due at time of renewal).
- C. Previous section/s members and previous/AIS members who are returning are eligible.

PARTICIPATING AIS SECTIONS AND COOPERATING SOCIETIES

- The Aril Society International (AIS)
- The Dwarf Iris Society (DIS)
- The Median Iris Society (MIS)
- The Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS)
- The Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises (SPCNI)
- The Spuria Iris Society (SIS)
- The Society for Siberian Irises (SSI)
- The Society for Louisiana Irises (SLI)
- The Novelty Iris Society (NIS)
- The Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA)
- The Reblooming Iris Society (RIS)
- The Society for Japanese Irises (SJI)
- The Tall Bearded Iris Society (TBIS)

Click below to join

<https://www.irises.org/aismembers/ais-membership/>



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

WELCOME New Members

Pat Barlow
Catherine Calhoun
Penni Davey
Leida O'Hern
Vi Zepeda

Sep 11	Kris Wood	Oct 19	Gina Kessler
Sep 20	Jeri Conklin	Oct 22	Claudette Kabel
Sep 23	Joanne Moorhouse	Oct 25	Dede Erceg
Sep 24	Rev. Jean Holmes	Oct 25	Kathy Sisley
Sep 25	John Poco	Oct 30	Kurt Conklin
Sep 26	Lane Kihlstrom	Oct 31	Heather Blakley
Sep 26	Barb Meyer	Nov 6	Katy Standhardt
Oct 1	Jean N Cole	Nov 21	Mary Soriano
Oct 3	Penni Davey	Dec 2	Terry Kyte
Oct 8	Frank Giovenco	Dec 3	Russ Taylor
Oct 10	Faith Chaney	Dec 4	Pam Poco
Oct 10	Deb Wade	Dec 6	Leida O'Hern
Oct 16	Patrick Beatty	Dec 7	Eugene Zielinski
Oct 16	Gayle Coyne	Dec 9	Sandra Schilling
Oct 16	Val Maxey	Dec 10	Marge Larson
Oct 16	Sheila Segien	Dec 26	Nancy Lefler
		Dec 26	Larry Montgomery

Board Members, Committee Chairs

1st Vice President: Marty Boxer
2nd Vice President: Vicki Hughes
Secretary: Jeri Conklin
Treasurer: Sherry Williams
Director at Large: Kathleen Shaffer
Membership: Robin Walter
Publicity: Sandra Schilling
Community Gardens: Dennis Luebkin
Kathleen Shaffer, Diane Thornbrugh
Hospitality: Isabel Olsen
Newsletter: Judy Book
Guardian Gardens: Cynthe Brush
Facebook Admin: Barb McCurry

MEETING LOCATION

Stoneridge Community Center
1300 Stoneridge Drive
Prescott Valley
1:30 p.m.

Prescott Area Iris Society
P. O. Box 11918
Prescott, AZ 86304

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