



Prescott Area Iris Society

Vice President's Message

As usual we had a fantastic turnout for Kaleidoscope of Color again this year. I would like to send out a special thank you to all officers who invested many hours and days in organizing this wonderfully successful event, especially to Isabel Olsen for the delicious food and the tireless efforts of Sandra Schilling. Thanks also to our fantastic membership in support of our fabulous leadership.



Vicki Hughes
PAIS VP

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Irises for Arizona Pioneers Home in Prescott

Please let Dennis Luebkin know which Western/Pioneer themed irises you are willing to donate to the new garden.

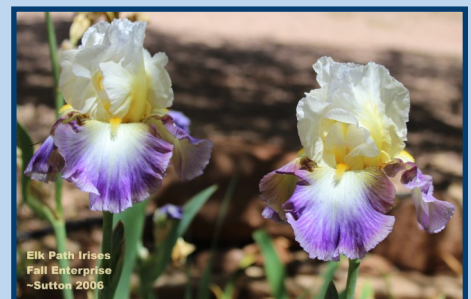
Please email Dennis Luebkin at dluebkin@q.com or call 623-980-6627 with the cultivars you can provide by June 1st. Please pot the iris and get them to Dennis by August 15th.



1st place TB
Isabel Olsen
Bright and Shining Star



Elk Path Irises
Cowboy's Journey
~Nichols 2009



Elk Path Irises
Fall Enterprise
~Sutton 2006

Bloomer-Rang Iris Farm Visit

Marty Boxer took a few PAIS Members to visit the Faheys' iris farm in Wilhoit in May. The weather was perfect and the irises were in full bloom. Lisa Fahey even offered a generous 10% discount to the group.



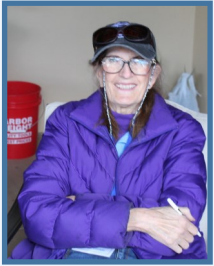
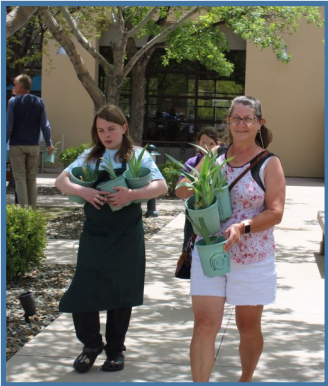
Pictures by Judy Book (upper left of Marty Boxer) and Gary Miller (picture center top)



Kaleidoscope of Color—What a Sale



Kaleidoscope of Color—Working the Sales Event



Kaleidoscope of Color—the Show



A Few Kaleidoscope of Color Entries



Battleship Atlantis



Easter Bonnet



Cinnamon Girl



Awesome Alex



Going Dutch



Global Crossing



Class Ring



Gypsy Lord



Gypsy Geena



Power Woman



Rustle of Spring

A Few Kaleidoscope of Color Entries



Spiced Tiger



Powdered Sugar



Flying Carpet



Give It Away



Storm Rider



Kathy Chilton



Heavenly Encore

Kaleidoscope of Color Winners 2024

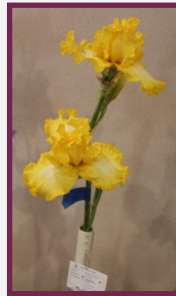
Best Historic Winner-
Marty Boxer



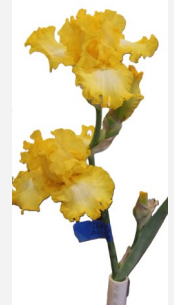
Celebration Song



Best Yellow Winner--Sharon Luebkin



That's All
Folks



Best Median Winner—Cynthe Brush



Man's Best Friend



Best Artistic Design Winner-Isabel Olsen



Bee Happy Theme

Kaleidoscope of Color Winners 2024

1st Place Tall Bearded--Isabel Olsen



Bright and Shining Star



2nd Place Tall Bearded--Marty Boxer



Rodeo Girl

3rd Place Tall Bearded--Sherry Williams



Decadence



Novelty & Space Age-- Joanne Moorhouse



Beneath My Wings





Iris Rhizome Sale

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Stoneridge Community Center

1300 Stoneridge Drive

Prescott Valley, AZ

10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

<https://prescottirissociety.org>

Locally grown iris



Greenplay



City Lights

New varieties



Lemon Pledge

Historic iris



Circus Stripes



Champagne Elegance

Planting demo



Roman Song



Eastertime

Free growing guide



Role Model



Private Treasure

Like us on Facebook!

15th Annual Photo Contest & Ice Cream Social

Photos, Ice Cream & Prizes, oh my!

Saturday June 15th 2024

- * Only PAIS members are eligible to enter.
- *Photos must be 8” x 10” and unmatted.
- *Photos can be taken anywhere, anytime but must be taken by the entrant.
- *Photos may only be entered once.
- *You may enter one photo in each of four categories, which are...

Category A: Habitat - Iris landscape or iris scene

Category B: Individual iris

Category C: Artistic – Macro and/or photoshopped enhancement of iris

Category D: Iris & Others - irises with insects, animals, people...any or all, your choice

Entrants, please come to the ‘Contest Registration’ table to submit your photo/s, which you have written on the back, your name and the category you are entering it in. Soft pencil or a sticky note will work, so long as it is legible.

No photographers name will be displayed as it is a ‘popular choice’ contest. Everyone who comes to the meeting will be given a voting slip to choose their favorite in each category.

When voting is finished, there will be tallying by our ‘very talented talliers’. Winners & runners-up, in all categories, will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

1st place winners will receive \$25.00 Mortimers Nursery gift cards and great prizes for runners up.

Get your happy snappin’ hapnin’... *Robin & the Gang*



The American Iris Society Membership Drive 2024



Thinking about the Future

The purchase of one new full AIS membership qualifies the purchaser for up to two free, one-year, youth print memberships. In addition, if an AIS member upgrades to a full membership from a print or e-membership, they also will qualify for up to two free, one year, youth print memberships.

From seedling to plant

Youth membership is for gardeners aged 18 and younger. (FYI, the regular rate for each youth print membership is \$12.) The Membership Drive will run from March 1 to December 31, 2024.

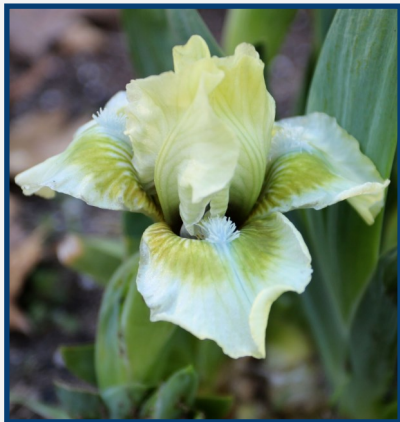


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PAIS June Survey Question: What new iris blooms did you welcome this year--
 -what was new to you? Did it meet your expectations?

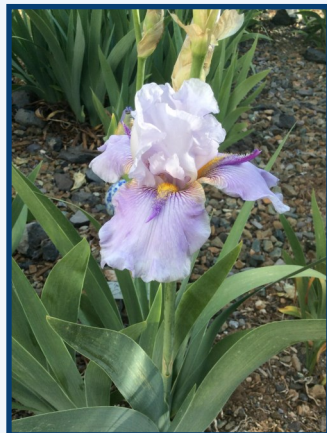
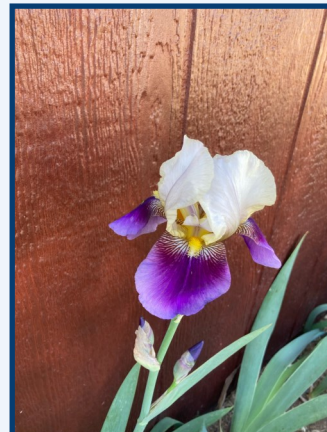


My new one which was just registered as Good to be Green.

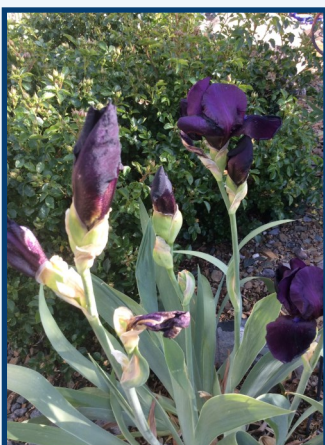
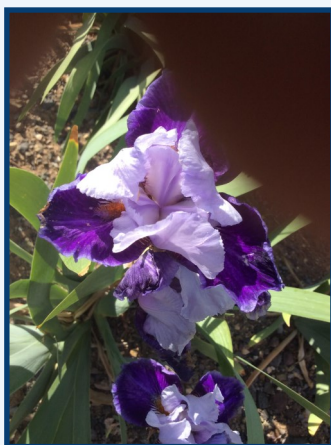
~Gary Miller

One new iris that bloomed for me this year was one I had gotten from my mother's yard in Idaho. I don't know the name of it, but it was special to me since I've lost my mother and it bloomed right before Mother's Day. It also was super healthy and strong and bigger than I remembered them being, so I guess you would say it exceeded my expectations.

~Sheila Segien



Several new blooming for me...Frank's Dream, Making a Splash, I'm so Confused, Study in Black



Desert Sketch, Desert Lullaby, Gilt-Edged Bond, Knock Quietly, City Lights, and several new SDB NOIDs—blue and two different yellows. All were new and the only ones out of about 300 planted last fall that did. Desert Lullaby did not look like any pictures in AIS or online, but Gilt Edged Bond is exquisite! –

~Patricia

Barlow

A picture of Gilt-Edged Bond



I welcomed over 200+ blooms this year. Not so much new as they have been there since I planted them in 2022, they just all bloomed this year, over 200+ ~Jeri Conklin

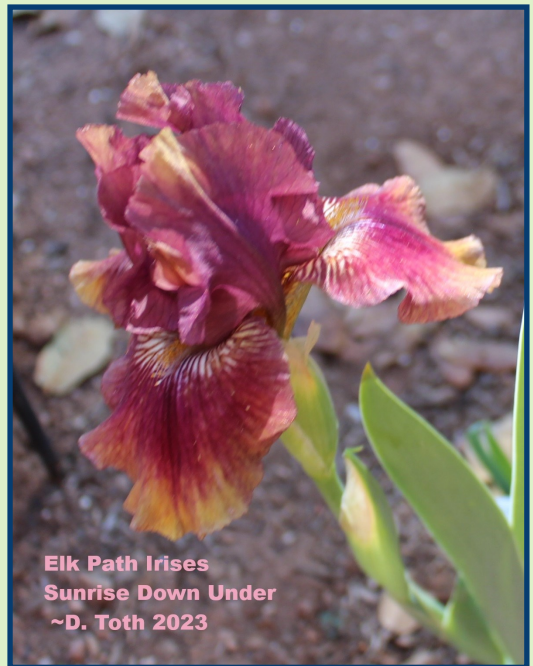
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Elk Path Irises
Velvet Dusk
~Schreiner 1948



Elk Path Irises
Edith Cavell
~Denis 1921



Elk Path Irises
Sunrise Down Under
~D. Toth 2023

I had some historic that I was glad to see bloom since I had only planted them last fall— Velvet Dusk (above left) and Edith Cavell (above center). I was very glad to see Sunrise Down Under Bloom. I planted it late November/December. All of these exceeded my expectations—they are gorgeous!

~Barb Walls

American Master TB and my seedlings—



TB American
Master

~Loretta
Bresof



Seedlings pictured above

New in my garden was one of our PAIS member, Carol Lee Sargent's unregistered cross 19F-601. It's really gorgeous, put up two strong bloomstalks and was lovely next to an old historic 'China Maid.' Also, maiden blooms from #21-28-CK seedlings I'm growing from seeds Gary Miller shared with the club.

~Cynthe Brush

PAIS June Survey Question: What favorites returned to greet you this season?



Desert Chihuahua (far left) and
Fancyancy
~Judy Book

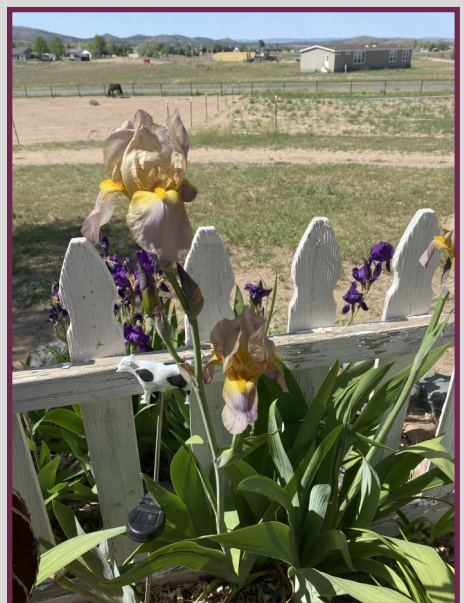
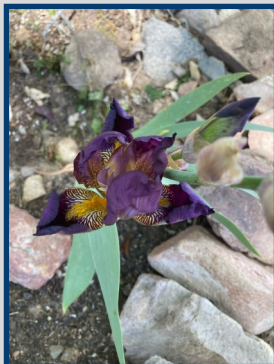
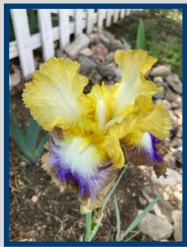
Beachy Queen (right)
Restless Spirit, Game
Player, Come to Life
(far right), Celebration
Song, Conniption Fit—
just way too many! I
love my Beachy
Queen, and it came out
like gangbusters this
year. Wild Apache
pictured center.



~Jeri Conklin

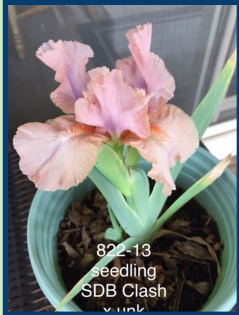
I mostly had a dark purple iris that bloomed this year. It was one that was in my yard when I moved into my house two years ago. I have purchased quite a few from the club last year, but only got maybe four different blooms that actually bloomed from that this year.

~Sheila Segien

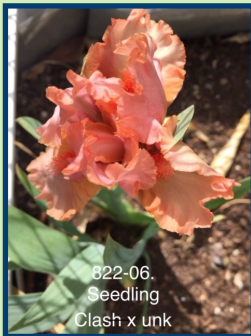


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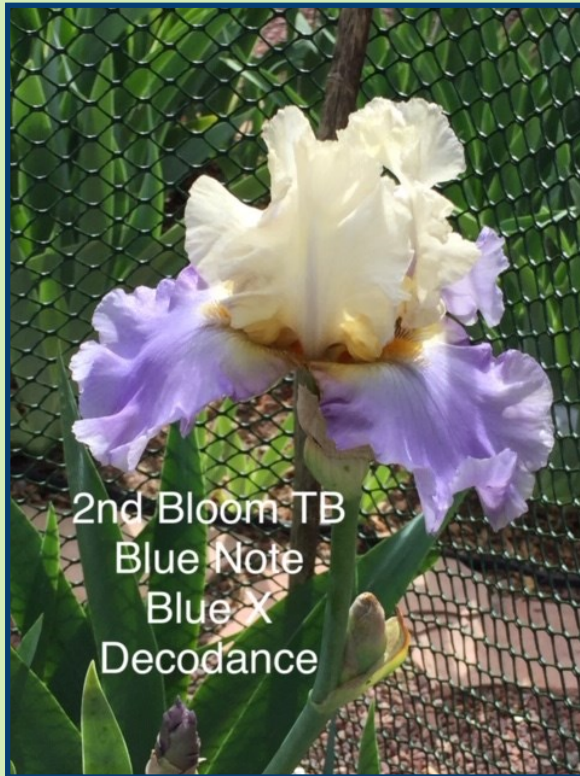
Several of my 2 year old seedlings.
~Loretta Bresof



822-13
seedling
SDB Clash
x unk



822-06
Seedling
Clash x unk



2nd Bloom TB
Blue Note
Blue X
Decodance

I had to 'store' my previous iris to make room for the new ones so of course they didn't bloom. The weather changed so quickly I did not have time to get them replanted. The only ones that weren't moved were Crimson King and Alcazar, two old beauties that never fail!—Pat Barlow



811 Path Iris
Safari Sunset
-elyth 2001

Safari Sunset! ~Barb Walls

So many! Three of Rick Tasco's AB RareBreed, TB Storm Rider (bottom right) and SA Glacier Point,(below left) TB Champagne Elegance (far right) , TB Blueberry Bliss (center top), and TB Ruby Red Dress (center bottom).—Cynthe Brush



PAIS June Survey Question: What clusters of irises do you have? Let's see your iris gardens in bloom!



Awesome Alex (above) and Champagne Elegance (below) ~Nancy Lefler



Yavapai College Sculpture Garden has clusters of Fresh and Exciting (above) and Grindelwald (below). ~Judy Book



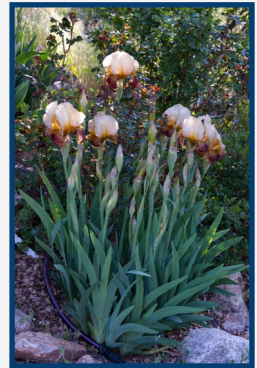
The cluster shots are of my dark purple iris, which I don't know the name of

~Sheila Segien

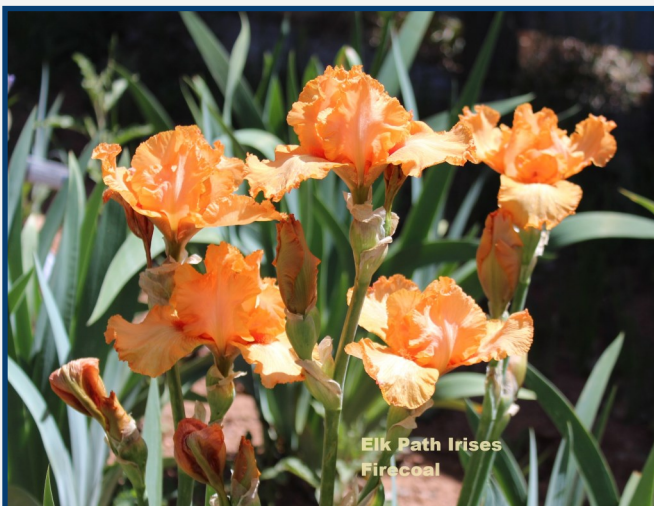
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My irises are spread out, opening in different beds around the property. I did get a nice group display of purples in the showcase bed (left) and a nice clump of the AB Rare Breed.
~Cynthe Brush



My garden looking north, from left to right, Wild Apache, Beachy Queen, Come to Life. The second picture is the garden looking south. ~Jeri Conklin



Firecoal is clustering fast for year two!
~Barb Walls

Snow of Summer

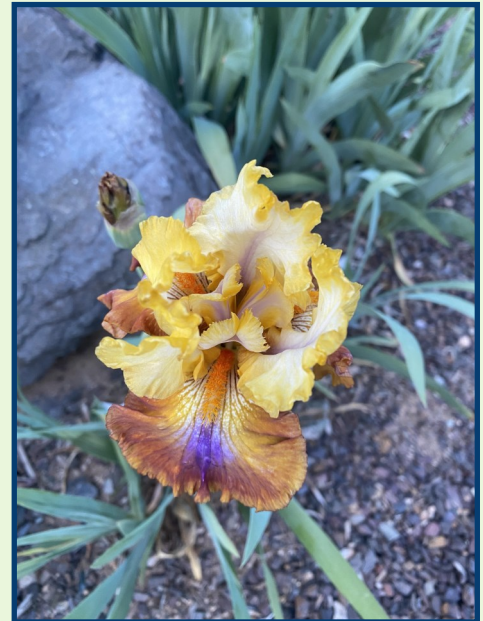
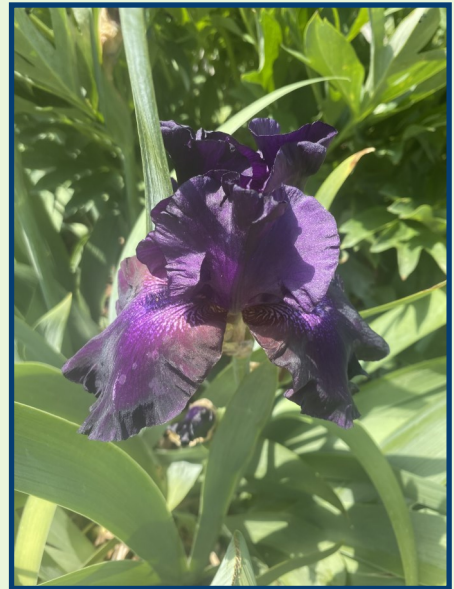
~Loretta
Bresof



Feature: New PAIS Member Jim Obermeyer's Survey Responses



Welcome! Maiden bloom of Jim Obermeyer's seedling



Good to see again: Midnight Sharp (top) and Mayan Mysteries (below)



Favorite iris clusters:
A Grape Fit (far left) and
Midnight Sharp (right)

Historic Iris Preservation Society Sale

July 9 - 12, 2024

2024 Annual HIPS Rhizome Sale

**FIRST TWO DAYS:
private shopping for
HIPS members!**

For those interested in histories, HIPS will have its online sale July 9-12. The first two days are only open to HIPS members, so now is a good time to join.

(You may join on the HIPS website and pay via PayPal: www.historiciris.org Email: membership@historiciris.org).

The sale is comprised of boxes containing six cultivars for \$45. This includes shipping.

—I purchased Nancy Orne in a box “For the Girls” two years ago. ~Barb Walls

—HIPS will be offering Named and NoID collections, 6 cultivars in each collection. I've already decided on the collections I'm going to offer (donate): *'Berries and Cream'* (Named) and *'Rainbow Blessings'* (NoIDs). This is the second year I've been able to participate. It's fun to come up with collections and creative name ideas for them. ~Cynthe Brush



Elk Path Irises
Nancy Orne
~Sturtevant 1921

PAIS Member Birthdays

June & July

Jun 1 Diana Chapman
Jun 2 Linda Gombos
Jun 3 Sherry Williams
Jun 6 Greg Glassco
Jun 6 David Walls
Jun 14 Susan Gall
Jun 14 Kathy Postolu
Jun 17 Gary Miller
Jun 17 Michelle Snyder
Jun 19 Kimberly Brown
Jun 20 Isabel Olsen
Jun 23 Elise Beatty
Jun 23 Barbara Kyte
Jul 5 Vicki Harmon
Jul 7 Lyle Maxey
Jul 11 Yvonne Morlan
Jul 14 John Bernardi
Jul 23 Paul Coyne
Jul 23 Julianna Stewart

New Member Welcome

Nancy L Maurer
Kevin & Louise Richards
Olga Zimmerman



Elk Path Irises
Fiesta in Blue
Schreiner 2002

2024 Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise stated, all events will be held at Stoneridge Community Center, 1300 Stoneridge Drive, Prescott Valley, 86314

June 15 General Club Meeting, Ice Cream Social, Photo Contest, July Marking Party (date and venue TBD)

July 26 Rhizome Sale Setup 10 A.M. Stoneridge Community Center

July 27 Rhizome Sale 10 A.M.- 2 P.M. Stoneridge Community Center

August/September Potting Party (date and venue TBD)

September 21 General Club Meeting and Iris Silent Auction

Speaker: PAIS Member Isabel Olsen presenting "Creative Design."

October 12 Region 15 Fall Conference at the Highlands Center of Natural History Registration form & more details in future newsletters.

November 16 General Club Meeting and 2025 PAIS Board Election
Guest Speaker: Kathy Chilton – who has the distinction of an iris named in her honor.

General meetings are 1:30 - 3:30 P.M. Speakers & Guest Speakers will be updated if there are any changes. Board meetings are at 11 A.M. on General Club Meeting days. All updates and announcements will be emailed (and included in the newsletter when possible), so be sure not to miss out on all PAIS happenings by keeping your email address up to date.

*Note—
there will be no July newsletter



Elk Path Irises
Absolute Treasure
~Tasco 2005