



Prescott Area Iris Society

Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things—
 For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
 For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
 Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
 Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow, and plough;
 And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
 Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
 With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
 He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
 Praise Him.

Gerard Manley Hopkins 1877

Indubitably most irises have a pied beauty—
 bitone, plicata, neglecta, luminata, broken color—
 additionally, there's the purple based or variegated
 foliage. Oh, and then there's those beards with a
 pop of interest! The incredible variety is what makes us love them—and
 collect them until there's just no more space to fit another rhizome. As
 our gardens begin to bloom, take time to appreciate the pied beauty that is
 particularly special to the iris season.

Pictures: Straight Up (above) photo by Sherry Williams;
 Double Your Fun (below left) photo by Cynthe Brush;
 Global Crossing (center) photo by Kellie Smith; Chief Red-
 skin (below right) photo by Marge Larson



IB reblooming Iris
 'Double Your Fun'



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Photos: Champagne Waltz and
 That's All Folks photos by Pamela
 Poco



April Fools Weather?

The weather in 2024 has been interesting. It looks as if we will begin this spring month with more than just April showers— some of us will see hail, graupel, and even more snow.

If a cold snap breaks the pleasant weather of spring, buds that are developed but not open can be cut and brought inside to enjoy in the warmth of your home. People have tried covering buds with tube socks, but if there is moisture, that might not be a great idea. People also flip trash cans or create makeshift structures to tent over the plants. This, too, isn't very practical. In the upper elevations around Prescott, fluctuating weather happens. Let's just hope there aren't too many crimped leaves or stumpy stalks as a result from this Easter storm.

Pioneer Home Iris Planting

I was recently contacted by Superintendent Jessica Sullivan of the State of Arizona for the Arizona Pioneer Home on South McCormick Street. She asked if I could meet her at the facility to discuss planting an iris garden at the facility for the residents there. Sharon and I, along with Joanne Moorhouse (who lives there), met Jessica and discussed a location for the Pioneer's Garden. It is an irregular raised area behind a rock retaining wall, approximately 150 ft by 60 ft. with boulders at the back end of the area. Most of it is relatively flat. The theme of the garden would be pioneers, western, both historic and current irises.

The garden will be constructed by the grounds staff there. We will provide the irises and initially plant them. They will be cared for by Kellie Smith and Heather Blakely along with facility staff. Please survey your iris garden and plan on donating some rhizomes to this worthwhile project. Irises will be planted in August/September.

Dennis Luebkin



Some ideas might include
Western Outlaw (Keith Keppel 2021) (above)
Western Edge (Anton Mego 2015)
Western Tradition (Ben Hager deceased,
by Cooley's Gardens, 2002)
Pioneer (Arthur John Bliss 1924)



Rodeo (Fred DeForest 1947) above right
Denver Pioneer (Robert Van Liere 2016)

Think of others!



Inland Region Iris Society
invites you to the
AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Picnic in the Garden
Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center
7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, CA

Featured Speaker

DOUGLAS KANAROWSKI

Mariposa Iris, Mariposa, CA

On Tall Bearded Irises



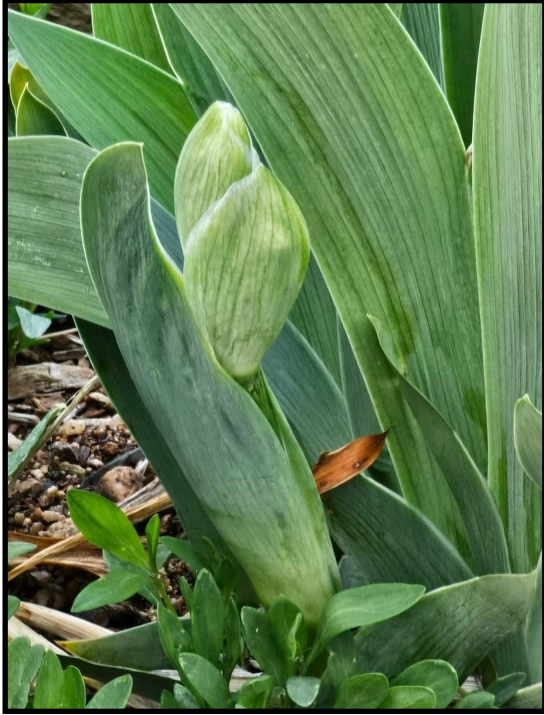
Registration received by April 7, 2024: \$100.00
Registration received thereafter and at the door: \$110.00

Schedule:

8:00 am to 9:30 am	Registration
8:45 am to 10:00 am	Region 15 Board Meeting and Welcome Address
10:00 am to 12 noon	Garden Tour
12 noon to 1:00 pm	Lunch (tacos and fixings)
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	In-Garden JT (Sue Brown or Claire Schneider)
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	JT with Douglas Kanarowski (classroom-type)
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm	Region 15 General Meeting
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Program by Douglas Kanarowski
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	BBQ Dinner, Texas-style
7:00 pm	Awards and Raffle
7:30 pm	End

For more information: www.region15ais.org OR Inland Region Iris Society on FB

Harbingers



Sandra Schilling's Double Your Fun (top left) is budding. Making Eyes (top right) is just beginning to open. Pixie Flirt (bottom left) just makes an Easter appearance. SDB Gizmo the Gremlin (bottom center) also makes a March appearance, the first bloom of the season. Katy Standhart's Iris Reticulata (bottom right) is an early spring flower. These all signal the beginning of spring. The season is just beginning—Let's enjoy!

2024
KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOR
Prescott's Festival of Iris

Saturday, May 11
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Stoneridge Community Center
1300 Stoneridge Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ



- **View iris blooms and floral arrangements**
You can enter your irises or arrangements—visit the website for information
- **Vote for your favorite iris**
- **Watch an iris planting demonstration**
- **Become a member**
- **Purchase potted iris**
Proceeds support Yavapai College scholarships and local food banks



Visit our website [http://](http://prescottirissociety.org)  prescottirissociety.org

2024 Calendar of Events

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

April 20 General Club Meeting

Guest Speaker - Lisa Fahey from Bloomer-Rang Iris Farm

May 10 Setup Iris Exhibit and Sale 4-7 P.M.

May 11 Iris Exhibit and Sale final setup 7:30 - 9:30 A.M. Public entry 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

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 10 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.



Elk Path Irises
Above the Rim

Pictured left to right: Boxwink Lemon Tree
~photo by Kellie Smith; Above the Rim ~photo
by Barb Walls; Fire ~photo by Cynthe Brush



2024 Governing Board

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Committees

Youth & Adult Education: Sharon Luebkin, Dennis Luebkin & Marty Boxer

Hospitality: Isabel Olsen & Loretta Bresof

Photo Contest T.B.D.

Spring Exhibit/Iris Sale: Sherry Williams & Sandra Schilling

Marking Party T.B.D.

Rhizome Sale Marty Boxer & Bill Walter

Potting Party T.B.D.

Embry Riddle Scholarship Dennis Luebkin & Sherry Williams

Garden Care & Maintenance:

Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden —Dennis Luebkin

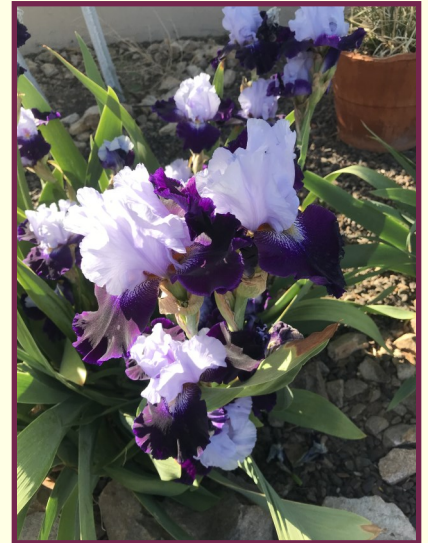
Embry Riddle Hotshot Memorial —Kathleen Shaffer

Sharlot Hall Museum T.B.D.

Historic Iris Preservation Soc. Liaison —Cynthe Brush

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Pictures Top to Bottom on right::

Scoonchee and Tempting Fate ~photos

by Nancy Lefler; Flying Circus ~photo

by Val Maxey; bottom center: Baboon

Bottom ~photo by Kellie Smith



Iris Shows—Road Trip!

If wanderlust strikes, many iris shows and events will be occurring in April in addition to our own in May.



Sun Country's Iris Show and Potted Iris Sale

From Sharon Petterson: Welcome to Sun Country Iris Society's 50th Annual American Iris Society sanctioned Iris Show! We welcome and look forward to all those who participate in our Horticulture and Artistic Divisions. We love to celebrate the beauty of the many varieties and types of iris that are able to thrive here in our desert and show them off! Have fun and enjoy the show.

We welcome all those who grow and wish to exhibit their iris on the horticulture/specimen side as well as those who wish to try their creative talents on the artistic side. A big Thank You to Berridge Nursery who supports us through the use of their facility.

April 13, 2024 at Berridge Nursery at 4647 East Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Tucson Area Iris Society Iris Show

The Tucson Area Iris Society will have its iris show on April 20. It will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd. Entries are accepted from 6 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. Judging begins at 10 A.M. The show, held in conjunction with the show of the Tucson Rose Society, is free and open to the public from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. More information is available here:

<https://www.tucsoniris.org/events/2024%20Tucson%20Iris%20Show%20Schedule.pdf>



Pictured above:

Fifty Grand photo by Kellie Smith;

left photo: Champagne Elegance photo by Cynthe Brush;

Photo right: Orange Popsicle photo by Nancy Leffler

PAIS Members' April Birthdays

Apr 4 Sarah Lisa-Petrauschke
Apr 5 Bridget Bernardi
Apr 9 Thelma Fromm
Apr 10 Paula Garat
Apr 12 Amy Hirschert
Apr 15 Catherine Calhoun
Apr 15 Robin Walter
Apr 19 Cynthe Brush
Apr 22 Dennis Luebkin
Apr 30 Jean Pembroke



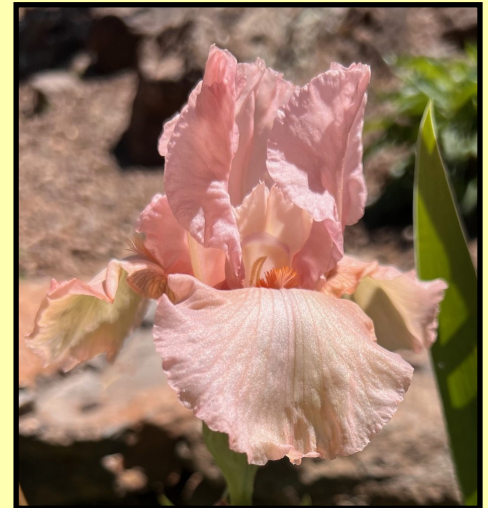
Welcome our new PAIS member

Diana Ashby



Terry Joe Kyte

Condolences to the family of Terry Joe Kyte. Terry was a long-time member of PAIS, and he and Barbara, his wife, have enjoyed gardening irises. He will be deeply missed.



Pictures Upper left—noid, photo by Penni Davy;
Bottom left: Albicans, photo by Cynthe Brush;
Upper right: Tiger Shark, photo by Barb Walls
Above: Pink Attraction by Pamela Poco