



PRESCOTT AREA IRIS SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

Fall is just around the corner, the monsoon appears to be over, some leaves are beginning to turn early this year and the temperatures are cooling. It is time to prepare our gardens for the winter months. This has been a very busy and exciting year for PAIS and now the year is winding down. Our programs at the Citizens Cemetery and Sharlot Hall Museum have wrapped up for this year and it is time to relax.

We have recently planted new portions of the Sculpture Garden with a black iris section, a section for all the re-blooming iris that the Verde Valley Area Iris Society donated to PAIS before they closed their doors. (We thank them for that and also their monetary donation to PAIS.) We also began our new section for the Story Book Iris Garden. The Sculpture Garden will be a mass of beautiful bloom next year in areas that have never had iris before. Sharlot Hall Museum will also have our first historic blooms next spring in the area we were able to plant this year. Our planting program at the museum will begin again next spring. This winter we will be planning a memorial garden to honor Prescott's 19 fallen fire fighters.

Our new education program revolving around iris in the elementary schools has been very successful for the month of August. Sharon Luebkin, Sue Crabtree and most recently Lucille Houston, our education team, all former educators, have taught 110 children from K through 3rd grades at three schools, Miller Valley, Mountain Oaks Charter, and Christian Academy of Prescott. The children and teachers all enjoyed the lessons which had components of science, history, geography, music, and art. We have also been asked to teach at Grace Christian School in Tempe.

Our education effort has now also expanded to higher education. We have been asked by Prescott College to present a class on iris October 10th for their horticultural class. Next May, Sharon Luebkin, Lucille Houston, Candi Peters, and I will be presenting three classes on iris sponsored OLLI by the continuing education group at Yavapai College.

Our next event will be our general meeting with a photo contest and a wonderful speaker. See information below for details. Elections for the 2014 Board will be coming up in November, so plan on attending these two great meetings.

We have had a wonderful turnout of volunteers for our events and programs this year. On behalf of the Governing Board and I, we wish to thank all of those who have been involved and participated in our programs and events. We look forward to increased participation by our members next year to make the PAIS programs successful.

Dennis Luebkin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 21

MEETING TIME 1:30-3:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER

Morey Lewis

* **ANSWERS YOUR GARDENING
QUESTIONS**

* **PHOTO CONTEST**



YAVAPAI TITLE

1235 E. GURLEY, Prescott
Park in back of building

Up Coming Meetings

October 19

Region 15 Fall Meeting

Lancaster, CA

November 16

Speaker TBA

Officer Elections

September 21 Meeting - Guest Speaker

Morey Lewis from PV Nursery is an Arizona Certified Landscape Professional and owns a business called Mountain Landscape LLC. Morey will present a program based on the many questions he has fielded over the recent months, from new comers and from folks who have lived here forever. Bring your gardening questions, problems and concerns to the meeting so that he may help those of us that have been frustrated and/or unsuccessful in some of our gardening endeavors.



Annual PAIS Iris Photo Contest

September 21 PAIS Meeting

This spring hopefully you were like most of us and you tore out of the back door each morning, camera in hand to photograph that fresh new iris blossom and capture its beauty on the camera memory and media cards forever. Maybe you took many photos at our PAIS Iris Show, San Diego Spring Trek or your friend's yard. Wherever you took the photos is okay as long as it is your photo and hasn't been entered in previous PAIS photo contests. Sort through your photos and pick out your very best snapshots and bringing them to the PAIS General Meeting on 9-21-2013.

Come early and bring your iris related photo, sizes either 5x7 or 8x10. We cannot accept 4x6 photos as it is too hard to see your photography talents from such a small photo.

We had a lot of fun last year sharing photo talents with the other members and reflecting on the wonders of irises. There'll be prizes for the winners and recognition of all participants. We encourage ALL members to participate but we need to limit you to only one photo in each of the four categories so there will be room to display everyone's best effort.

These are the 4 categories:

Iris Landscape/habitat

Individual iris flower or flowers

Artistic (close-up design or Photoshop enhancements of irises)

Something else (people, animal, insect, or other; along with iris)

Winners will be decided by People's Choice. Everyone will get to vote for their favorite photo in each of the categories. You could be a winner in all four categories, but only if you have entered your BEST iris photos. You might win one or more of these special, potted iris beauties.

- Artic Burst
- Kickapoo Kangaroo
- Kadu'z Kudo
- Moonglow
- Nice Job
- Political Zoo
- Puzzling Allure
- Stud Book Stuffer



If you have any questions, contact me at artwest@cableone.net.

Good Luck to all,
Carolyn Alexander (Photo Contest Chairman)

Every year at the American Iris Society national convention the AIS medal award winners are announced.

2013 AIS Awards

THE DYKES MEDAL (Total votes cast = 456)

65 'That's All Folks' (William Maryott by Joseph Ghio)

Runners Up: 62 'Dividing Line' (Charles Bunnell); 58 'Gypsy Lord'; (Keith Keppel) 31 'Chief John Jolly'; (Tom Parkhill)

29 'Bluebeard's Ghost'; (Paul Black) 25 'Kathy Chilton'; (Frederick Kerr)

THE JOHN C. WISTER MEDAL, TB irises

(Total votes cast = 1115)

51 'Absolute Treasure'; (Richard Tasco);

Runners Up: 38 'Elizabethan Age'; (Lowell Baumunk); 33 'Ink Patterns' (Thomas Johnson); 31 'Ozark Rebounder', (Barbara Nicodemus); 31 'Prague', (Tom Johnson); 29 'Parisian Dawn', (Keith Keppel); 29 'Wild Angel', (Thomas Johnson); 26 'Jazz

Band', (Keith Keppel)

THE KNOWLTON MEDAL, BB irises (Total votes cast = 261)

92 'Bundle Of Love', (Paul Black)

Runners Up: 68 'Niche', (Joseph Ghio); 60 'Zingerado', (Lowell Baumunk); 41 'Border Guard', (Joseph Ghio)

THE HANS AND JACOB SASS MEDAL, IB irises (Total votes cast = 278)

84 'Rimaround' (J. T. Aitken)

Runners Up:

62 'Oblivion', (Marky Smith); 53 'Many Mahalos' (J. T. Aitken); 48 'Limonada', (Keith Keppel); 31 'Dragonmaster', (Marky Smith)

THE WILLIAMSON-WHITE MEDAL, MTB irises (Total votes cast = 251)

77 'Peebee And Jay' (Barbara & David Schmieder)

Runners Up: 70 'Redrock Princess', (Jean Witt); 57 'Persona', (Keith Keppel); 47 'Petit Louvois', (Clarence Mahan)

THE COOK-DOUGLAS MEDAL, SDB irises (Total votes cast = 297)

29 'Wish Upon A Star', (Paul Black)

Runners Up: 25 'Canadian Kisses', (Paul Black); 23 'Big Blue Eyes', (Paul Black); 22 'Pussycat Pink', (Paul Black); 21 'Devil Baby', (Keith Keppel); 21 'Spiderman', (Donald Spoon)

THE CAPARNE-WELCH MEDAL, MDB irises (Total votes cast = 149)

39 'Trimmed Velvet', (Donald Spoon)

Runners Up:

30 'Hobbit', (Lynda Miller); 26 'Applet', (Marky Smith); 25 'Wee Viking', (A. & D. Willott); 17 'Spiderweb', (Donald Spoon);

12 'Ruby Elf', (A. & D. Willott)

THE CLARENCE G. WHITE MEDAL, AR & AB irises (Total votes cast = 112)

40 'Refiner's Fire' (Peter McGrath)

Runners Up:

33 'Kalifa's Joy', (Robert Annand); 25 'Persian Queen', (Robert Annand); 14 'King Solomon's Mines', (Elm Jensen)

THE WILLIAM MOHR MEDAL, AB irises (Total votes cast = 133)

47 'Egyptian Queen', (Thomas Johnson)

Runners Up:

39 'Prince Of Egypt', (Perry Dyer); 34 'Jallab', (Keith Keppel); 13 'Nefret', (Marky Smith)

Click on the name of the iris to view a photo of the iris in the *AIS Iris Encyclopedia*

A complete list of all the awards can be found at <http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Main/InfoAwards2013>

A continuing series of articles on the AIS blog, [World of Irises](#), features each of the medal winning irises. Learn more about the medal awards and view the winners:

["THAT'S ALL FOLKS," the 2013 DYKES MEDALIST](#)

["Bundle Of Love" 2013 Knowlton Medal winner!](#)

["Egyptian Queen" takes the 2013 William Mohr](#)

[Medal](#)

[Wister Winners: Three Beauties Top the Tall Bearded](#)

[in 2013](#)

[2013 Williamson-White Medal Winner "Peebee and](#)

[Jay"](#)



2013 AIS Medal Winners



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September/October Birthdays

9/3	Ruth DeVries
9/5	Valerie Thim
9/14	Doris Elevier
9/17	Leigh Skellenger
9/24	Robert Smith
10/1	Jean Cole
10/10	Carol Thomas
10/14	Linda Rossman
10/16	Patrick Beatty
10/25	Dede Erceg

YAVAPAI COLLEGE SCULPTURE GARDEN

Bonnie Sekenske

All too quickly our summer has come to an end, but as fall approaches we can look back and be proud of our club's effort in the Sculpture Garden at Yavapai Community College! The garden promises to be spectacular next spring and a wonderful showcase for PAIS!

There were multiple gatherings at the SG throughout the summer, first to clean up the winter's debris, then to prep, move rhizomes, replace a few, plant a few and dig a few for our summer sales. But we couldn't seem to get enough, so we planned and agreed to put in four new beds this summer.

The four new areas:

~ The Verde Valley Bed includes a small bed of re-bloomers added at the foot of the stairs that lead to the patio of the theater. Also a larger bed of about 20 re-bloomers was planted just to the left and across from the patio area. Both of these areas were made possible due to the generosity of the Verde Valley Iris Society..... Thanks neighbors to the North! We hope you will come visit and see them in bloom.

~ The area on either side of the Leaps and Bounds sculpture were planted with an additional half-dozen rhizomes.

~ Area number three is a previously unplanted area. It is on a large berm centered along where the side-walks intersect. This is called the Black Bed and will be striking in its intensity of dark, mysterious purple to black colors.

~ Bed number four, the Storybook Garden, is planted in front of the whimsical *Pop Toot* sculpture with iris named *Goosebumps*, *Sneezy* and *Fraidy Cat!* As this garden increases in size, plans are to share iris with storybook names with the school program. More to follow on this from Sharon Luebkin.

Additionally plans are being made to add two beds next spring, one is the Fire Garden with all fire names and most importantly, a Memorial Garden for the 19 firefighters who were lost on Yarnell Hill in June and their surviving partner.

All of this year's work was accomplished due to the tremendous efforts of our members: Katy Standhardt, Sharon Sundvall, LaDean and Lee Melby, Patrick Beatty, Terry and Barb Kyte, Lucille Houston, Carolyn Alexander, Barb McCurry, Darrell Levi, Kathleen Shaffer, Mary Moskop, Sharon and Dennis Luebkin, Bonnie Sekenske and Stan and Judy. Many thanks to all who volunteered every time the request went out for assistance. Thanks to this hearty team of Irisarians we now have an even greater impact in the Sculpture Garden.



Welcome New Members

James Bobak

Mary & Joseph Meinholz