



# Prescott Area Iris Society

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**Don't forget our  
Winter Potluck  
February 10th  
1:30**

**@ Stoneridge  
Community Center**

## President's Message

~ by Sherry Williams

Oh my goodness, so much is changed. New year, new meeting location, new president, new changes to the by-laws, new storage facility. But what is more important is what hasn't changed, with very few exceptions your board has stayed on to make sure we continue to have amazing meetings, speakers, and events. Our wonderful past president Dennis is still very active and making sure the new president stays on course. Our members continue to contribute wonderful pictures, flowers, information and antidotes to the meetings, events and newsletter.

Looking forward to 2018 as an amazing year for exciting meetings and great events each season. I am so excited to be part of this knowledgeable and welcoming group of people.

2017 was such a great year for PAIS. We had a successful Spring sale and our rhizome sale was spectacular. But what is so exciting is what will happen in 2018. Our new meeting location is wonderful. We have a larger room with a great view out the windows and all the accommodations we need for our meetings, potlucks and our rhizome sale. I want to thank Loretta for arranging for this site as it is an amazing replacement and I know all our members will appreciate it.

Since we had a flood in our storage facility, we moved to a new location that has much easier access, probably won't flood, and is located in Prescott Valley, so it is close to our new meeting location.

Bill Walter and Dennis Luebkin have made needed changes to our by-laws. We included them in this newsletter so that you have an opportunity to read them over. We will have a discussion about any questions or concerns our members have at the first meeting and vote on whether to approve the changes or make additional modifications.

I look forward to our first meeting when we can all re-introduce ourselves and get ready for another amazing year.

**2018 P.A.I.S. GENERAL MEETING**  
**PLEASE JOIN P.A.I.S. FOR THE FIRST**  
**MEETING OF 2018.**

**\*POT LUCK**

**BRING YOUR RECIPE FOR OUR COOKBOOK**

- \* WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE**
- \*BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION**
- \* GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR**
- \* DISCUSS UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

**1:30 PM TO 3:30 PM**

STONERIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1300 STONERIDGE DR. PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ 86314



# The Magic of Iris

**Region 15 Spring Trek 2018**

**Hosted by Sun Country Iris Society  
Phoenix, AZ**

**April 20 & 21, 2018**

**Featured banquet speaker Steve Schreiner  
In-garden Judges Training by Kathy Chilton**

**Trek Headquarters**

**Four Points Phoenix North** (by Sheraton)

**2532 W Peoria Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029**

**Hotel Reservations: 866-716-8133**

**NOTE: Discount rate of \$109 per night for convention guests**  
(To guarantee convention room rate, reserve room by March 20, 2018, use code  
"Sun Country Iris," there are a limited number rooms available at this rate)  
[fourpointsphoenixnorth.com](http://fourpointsphoenixnorth.com)

**Trek registration check in at the Hotel lobby starts 2 pm on April 20, 2018**  
(check Sun Country Iris Society website for schedule of events: [suncountryiris.org](http://suncountryiris.org))

**Boxed lunch @ Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park**

**Arizona Historical Society**

**1300 North College Ave., Tempe, AZ 85281**

**(admission included)**

**Judges Training Friday evening**

**In-Garden Judges Training**

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## The Magic of Iris Spring Trek is Coming to Phoenix!!!!!!!!!!

Dennis and I really enjoy going to Spring Treks and looking at and voting for the newest iris in the iris world. Usually we have to travel to California or to a National Convention in order to attend a Spring Trek. As your president's wife I have gotten to tag along with the past president, as he's had meetings and business to attend to and then we get to tour and fill our eyes with amazing beauty. If you've never been to one we urge you to go. There hasn't been one in Phoenix for almost 10 years so here is your perfect opportunity. The Luebkin's have room to sleep 5 club members at their home in Glendale and the price is right. Spots will go to the first 5 to ask. Otherwise the cost is \$109.00 per night at the Four Points Phoenix North Hotel, which is right off the I-17.

The registration fee is \$100.00 per person (if done by March 20th) and our club will pay a \$50.00 refund per family, so only \$150.00 if 2 are attending. That includes, a box lunch at the Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park, your paid admission to the Heritage Center (so you'll get a quick course on Arizona History) a banquet dinner, a presentation by Steve Schreiner of Schreiners Iris Nursery, an In-Garden Judges Training given by Kathy Chilton (some of you may have her iris growing in your garden) and a bus tour of the gardens containing the newest entries. It really is a lot for your money. Also we will be supporting Sun Country Iris Society who came up and supported Prescott as it became an Iris Society. This club has worked on this Trek for 2 years, so we will be seeing 2 year old plants in different garden settings. It will be a really good time for all who attend. Dennis and I will be there taking it all in and hope that many from our club will be attending also. Find the registration forms in this newsletter and make sure you mail off before March 20 to save a few bucks. Make a copy of your registration form to turn into Eugene so our club can give you the \$50.00 refund. Please pay total amount to Sun Country.

If you have any questions contact Sharon Luebkin at 623-628-4860. See you there!!!

Written by Sharon Luebkin

### Registration Deadline: March 20, 2018

Please print – Registrant 1

Name (to appear on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending In-Garden Judges Training: Registrant 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday dinner choice:

New York Strip \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Gruyere \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon stuffed with crabmeat \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print – Registrant 2

Name (to appear on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday dinner choice:

New York Strip \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Gruyere \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon stuffed with crabmeat \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify in advance of any dietary restrictions – vegetarian available on request

	# persons	Fee	Total
Full registration (on or before March 20, includes tour, lunch & banquet) _____	X	\$100	= \$ _____
Full registration (after March 20, includes tour lunch and Banquet) .....	X	\$120	= \$ _____
Garden tour only (includes lunch) .....	X	\$ 50	= \$ _____
Banquet only .....	X	\$ 50	= \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration and check payable to "Sun Country Iris Society," mail to:

Bob Buchwald

5866 E. Ironwood Dr.

Scottsdale, AZ 85266

For inquiries or questions, email: [Suncountryiris@yahoo.com](mailto:Suncountryiris@yahoo.com)

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AAUW Prescott invites the Community to  
**"The Mad Hatter's Tea Party"**  
**An Art-Full Afternoon in the Garden**  
**Friday, April 20, 2018**

Please join us for American Association of University Woman's second annual Art-Full Afternoon in the Garden, which will be held 5:00–7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, in the Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College. Cost is **\$45.00** per person and includes food, wine and music amid the beautiful sculptures and award-winning irises of the Sculpture Garden.

Come and walk the paths and admire the sculptures and spring flowering plants, including the stunning irises. Yavapai students will be available to tell you about the sculptures and the sculptors. There will be 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 easy rock, folk and harp musicians. And experts from our local iris society will be available to tell guests about the irises.

**All proceeds from this event will go to AAUW scholarships for deserving Yavapai College students.**

Deadline for reservations is **April 16, 2018**. Tickets may be purchased online at:

<https://www.yc.edu/gardenparty> or a check may be mailed to:

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

Tickets should be picked up at the Will Call desk at the Sculpture Garden entrance at the time of the event.

*Plan to attend, and bring a friend!*



*Best Wishes to our friends with*  
*February & March Birthdays*

February 1 - Candis Peters  
February 3 - Catherine  
Van Klompenburg  
February 12 - Igor Zbitnoff  
February 14 - Audrey Velonis  
February 17 - Bill Walter  
February 21 - Margo Lindsey  
February 23 - Diane Thornbrugh

March 9 - Stan Book  
March 11- Loretta Bresof  
March 12 - Joella Cheek  
March 13 - Victoria  
Van Klompenburg  
March 14 - Marilyn McCarthy  
March 14 - Vera Stewart  
March 27 - Judy Book  
March 30 - Ruth Simons



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



## OBSERVATIONS & CONTROVERSIES

~by Katy Standhardt

Spuria iris come in a variety of sizes of plants and inflorescences. With my four planted in same location from same supplier in Sept., 2016, one year later the new, autumnal growth varied from 'Vintage Year' at 8 inches to 'Sonoran Sunset' at 28 inches. Now my spuria leaves have mostly died back, although watered throughout the dry Fall. Advice for growing Spurias also is extremely varied. Some suggest withholding watering in the summer for the dormant period, but that is our monsoon season and last July we experienced some rain every day. In Camp Verde, Spuria aficionados water them all summer and let the plants go dormant when the irrigation ditch water is cut off in December. It will be interesting to observe the plant growth and bloom times in the newly planted beds at the R. Marcusen Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College, where water is cut off during freezing weather. We cannot be disappointed if it takes the new Spurias a few years to become established because we will be rewarded with no need to divide them for many years to come. Please share any tips you have about Spurias.



Spuria—photo by Wikipedia

My observation about all the dwarf bearded iris is that they require much more frequent watering in my clay soil than do iris with large rhizomes. I am considering placing 8 cement blocks around a new bed of 'Bumble Bee Delite' and 'Sarah Taylor' and covering them with a window screen during much of the year, to protect them from wind & drought, just as I do with my cold frame of that size, which grows leaf lettuce all year around, with the addition of a plastic cover in the winter.

My historic iris germanica developed 7 increases from a small rhizome planted after our PAIS rhizome sale last summer. None of the large Tall Bearded iris rhizomes from modern hybridizers could match that vigor.

We welcome all of your OBSERVATIONS & CONTROVERSIES, Funny Stories, memories, Garden tips, photos, etc. We love anything Gardeny...



## 2018 Calendar At A Glance

February	10	General Meeting + Potluck, Introduction of Board Members, White Elephant Exchange, "Get to know your neighbor" (game)
April	14	General Meeting + Potluck, Speaker Gail Morris—"Bring back the Monarchs", Spring Show Preparation
April	27	Exhibit Setup - Mortimer Nursery 1:00 pm
April	28	Spring Iris Exhibit—Kaleidoscope of Color Mortimer Nursery 10 am to 3 pm
June	9	General Meeting + Potluck Speaker Eugene Zielinski—"Iris Species"
July	13-14	Public Gardens Iris Dig
July	21	Marking Party Sherry Williams' Home 8:00 am
July	27	Rhizome Sale Setup Stoneridge Community Center 10:00 am
July	28	Rhizome Sale 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Stoneridge Community Center
August	11	Iris care class/new member training Mortimer Nursery 10:00 am
September	8	General Meeting + Ice Cream Social Speaker Darol Jurn—"Spuria Iris", Iris Photo Contest, Region 15 silent auction
November	10	General Meeting + Potluck Speaker TBA, 2019 PAIS Board Election

Watch email and Facebook for updates and announcements.

Meetings are held 1:30 to 3:30  
Stoneridge Community Center  
1300 Stoneridge Drive  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314



### Welcome to our New Members

Darol Jurn  
Cheryl & Frank Giovenco  
Bonny Bruce

## 2018 PAIS Public Gardens Cleanup Projects

We have received numerous thanks from Yavapai College, Embry-Riddle, Sharlot Hall, the Citizens Cemetery / Yavapai Cemetery Association and the public for what PAIS has and is doing in our community to bring beautiful spaces for the public to enjoy with our irises.

With the onset of warmer weather and spring just around the corner the irises at our public gardens will need some annual care. They are all doing very well but will need some general clean up to have the dead fans (leaves) and bloom stalks taken off. We will also need to apply fertilizer at times. Below are the garden coordinators and contact information along with tentative dates for garden maintenance. If you can assist please contact these individuals. We will also pass around some signup sheets at the meetings before the cleanups so we know who can assist. We count on our members to assist with these annual cleanups in these Gardens. If you are unable to kneel you can still assist by bagging the iris fans and leaf debris, sweeping or raking as we do the cleanup.

This year we will also begin a rejuvenation and replanting program in the Sculpture Garden to amend the soil and replant the existing irises, adding new Dykes Medal winners along with completing collections in the honor gardens. Depending on conditions, the gardens may only need minimal cleanup on these days

**The Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College (YCSG):** Dennis Luebkin, 623-980-6627, dluebkin@q.com. **The Memorial Garden at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU):** Kathleen Shaffer, 928-642-4594, koicats@sbcglobal.net **Sharlot Hall Historic Iris Garden (SHIG):** Diane Thornbrugh, 602-708-1176, dianelt5@yahoo.com **Citizens Cemetery (CC):** Kathleen Shaffer, 928-642-4594, koicats@sbcglobal.net. Although CC is not a PAIS garden, we have assisted the Yavapai Cemetery Association with one thinning of the historic irises a year for the past five years. This year we will do this one more time in May before the last Memorial Day service to be held in the Cemetery. The irises we dig are used in our school education program and our sale to help support the Cemetery Associations Rehabilitation Program. In July this year the Cemetery Association will cease to exist and the Historic Citizens Cemetery will be turned over to Yavapai County. It is not known at this time if we will have any further involvement with the Citizens Cemetery after July of 2018.

Here are our tentative cleanup dates. Dates may change based on an as needed basis and weather conditions. Watch your newsletters and emails for further information on times and where to meet.

- Saturday, Feb. 17th YCSG cleanup 9 am to 11 am
- Tuesday, March 20th Sharlot Hall clean up and planting 8:30 am to 11 am
- Saturday, April 7th YCSG cleanup 9 am to 11 am in preparation of AAUW Scholarship fund raiser event for Yavapai College Foundation.
- Saturday, May 12th Citizens Cemetery iris dig/thinning 8:30 am to 11 am
- Saturday, May 26th ERAU cleanup 8:30 am to 10:30 am
- Tuesday, June 5th Sharlot Hall cleanup and planting 8:30 am to 11 am
- Saturday, June 16th YCSG cleanup, amend existing areas 8:30 am to 11 am
- Saturday, July 14 YCSG iris dig for summer sale, amend existing areas 8:30 am to 11 am
- Saturday, August 18th YCSG planting Spurias, TB's, amend existing areas 8:30 am to 11 am
- Saturday, September 15th YCSG planting Spurias, TB's, amend existing areas 8:30 to 11 am
- Tuesday, October 23rd Sharlot Hall fall cleanup 9 -11 am
- Friday, November 16th ERAU, fall cleanup 9 - 11 am
- Saturday, November 17th YCSG, fall cleanup 9 -11 am

