



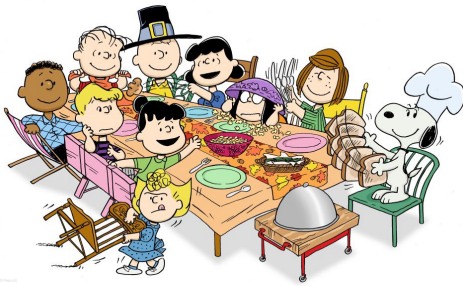
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November 10th

Potluck Lunch

1:30PM to 3:30 PM
Stoneridge Community
Center



President Sherry's Message

Fall! The leaves are changing and the landscape wherever you look is full of color. It has been an amazing year. Little did I suspect when I joined PAIS that I would meet such wonderful friends, work as hard as we do to maintain the gardens, and prepare for our events. But when you work with friends the work becomes enjoyable. So, thank you for letting me become your president and participate in so many great events this year. I have learned so much about irises from each of you and about the downfalls of the iris virus (so many to choose from)

We have done a lot this year, learned a lot and had many new friends join us in PAIS. I welcome everyone to join us on our meetings, clean-ups, plantings, and other events. I assure you, they are enjoyable, and you will learn so much about maintaining your iris gardens as well as watching your garden of friends grow. (hokey, but true.)

Our next meeting includes the election of officers for 2019. Wonderful news! The entire board is committed to another year, however, if any of you wants to become a board member please speak up at the meeting so your name is added to the ballot. Additionally, if you 'think' you want to be on the board, but you're not sure what that involves, we invite you to participate in the board mentoring program. You will attend board meetings and learn the different positions, what's involved and help keep this amazing group amazing.

I attended the Region 15 Fall Trek in October and was so thrilled to learn that two of our members will 'officially' be AIS judges in January 2019. Becoming a judge requires a fair amount of study and commitment so I think a big congratulations needs to go to: (drum role please)

Dennis and Sharon Luebkin
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

At the Region 15 Fall Trek we also learned about the AIS National Convention to be held in San Ramon, Ca. on April 23 thru April 27, 2019. In addition to the fantastic garden tours scheduled (and a wine tasting) they have arranged with Joseph Ghio to tour his gardens on April 22nd. Joseph Ghio turned 80 years old this year, so we don't know how much longer he will continue to hybridize. He has some fabulous introductions, many that are included in our public as well as our personal gardens. This is a unique opportunity as he rarely allows anyone into his gardens. I hope many of you will be able to join us this spring. I am including the registration form on Page 2 this newsletter and will have them available at each of our meetings.

Sherry

Here is registration form that Sherry mentioned in the President's Message.

	American Iris Society Convention Registration April 23-27, 2019 San Ramon Marriott Hotel 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583 Hotel room reservations are separate from convention registration! Contact the San Ramon Marriott (925) 867-9200 – ask for the American Iris Society – Apr2019 room rate.	
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Please complete and send this form so that it arrives no later than April 15, 2019. Registrations will be acknowledged by email. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and event tickets at check-in.

PLEASE PRINT – Fill out one form per person attending.

Name to appear on name badge: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ AIS Region: _____

	IF POSTMARKED MAR 1	BEFORE MAR 1	AFTER MAR 1		TOTAL
Full Adult Registration		\$330	\$350	=	
Includes Welcome and Awards banquets, Garden Tours, Judges Training, and convention book					
Full Older Youth Registration (ages 9 – 18)		\$165	\$165	=	
Full Younger Youth Registration (age 8 and below)		\$125	\$125	=	
Optional Tour to Joe Ghio's gardens (includes bus and lunch)		\$ 85	\$ 90	=	
Older Youth Optional Tour to Ghio's		\$ 65	\$65	=	
Younger Youth Optional Tour to Ghio's		\$ 55	\$55	=	
TOTAL Enclosed					

Payment Method:

☐ Check – make payable to "AIS 2019 Convention"

☐ Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card number: _____

Card holder's name (as it appears on the card): _____

Refunds for cancellations requested on or after March 1, 2019 will be made at the discretion of the Convention Committee.
NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 15, 2019

Meals Please select from the following choices

Welcome Banquet - April 24

☐ House Rubbed Bone-in Ribeye Steak ☐ Pacific Sea Bass ☐ Vegetable Paella

Awards Banquet – April 27

☐ Beef Tri-Tip ☐ Salmon ☐ Selection of Vegetarian Vegetables and Salads

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

☐ Gluten Free ☐ Lactose Intolerant ☐ Diabetic

☐ Other – please describe here: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have mobility issues for the tours, please describe here:

☐ Wheelchair or walker ☐ Unable to walk incline

☐ Other – please describe here: _____

GEEK DINNER: For reservations contact Joanne Prass-Jones (510) 795-9723 joanne@usjoneses.com

Send Registration and Payment to: Jean Richter, 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501 (510) 864-7962 jeanrichter@berkeley.edu

Visit the AIS Convention web site for more information:

<http://www.aisconvention2019.org>

10th Annual ~ Photo Contest

Congratulations to the Winners of the Photo Context at the September meeting.



First Place: Ruth Simons, Cheryl Giovenco, Kellie Smith, Barb McCurry



Second Place: Kellie Smith, Sherry Williams, Robin Walter, Barb McCurry



**Map to Stoneridge
Community Center**

**2018 P.A.I.S.
General Meeting**
Please Join Us for our

*General Meeting,
Pot Luck &
2019 PAIS
Board Election*

**November 10, 2018
1:30PM to 3:30 PM
Stoneridge Community Center
1300 Stoneridge Dr.
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314**

*Speaker ~ Helen Baird
Insects in the Garden,
Beneficial and Destructive*



REBLOOMING IRIS

In the past our club kept a list of reblooming iris that club members grew. You may want to keep this list for easy reference when you order iris next spring. You can also watch for these iris at our club sales.

Again and Again
 Angels Blush
 Anxious
 Autumn Explosion
 Autumn Ring
 Autumn Surge - SDB
 Autumn Tryst
 Autumn Wine
 Berry Ripple
 Bernice's Legacy
 Billionaire
 Blatant
 Boundless
 Bountiful Harvest
 Champagne Elegance
 City Lights
 Clarence
 Concertina-IB
 Daughter of Stars
 Crimson King
 Decker
 Double Down
 Double Your Fun
 Duo Dandy
 Eleanor Roosevelt
 Fall Empire
 Fall Rerun
 Flower Showers -SDB
 Halloween Halo
 Happy New Year
 Harvest of Memories
 Honey Glazed -IB
 Hot - SDB

Immortality
 In the Red - SDB
 Istanbul
 Jennifer Rebecca
 Jewel Baby - SDB
 Juicy Fruit
 Just Call Me
 Kind Hearted
 Lacy Halo
 Las Vegas
 Lest We Forget
 Marty Richards
 Matrix
 Misty Lady
 Next in Line
 October Sky
 Orange Harvest
 Over and Over
 Peach Reprise
 Pink Attraction
 Raspberry Frost
 Rhea Perez - IB

 Rosalie Figge
 September Chereau
 Royal Knight
 Sign of Virgo
 Soft Returns
 Tanzanite - SDB
 Time to Shine - SDB
 Violet Turner
 Ziggy
 Zurich



Clarence, Brigg, 1991



Again and Again, Sterling, 1999



Concertina, Sutton, 2000 IB

Welcome to our New Members



Joined

Member(s)

Email

9/8/2018

Bridget & John Bernardi

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Best Wishes to our friends with Birthdays during November thru February!!!



Nov 6	Katy Standhardt
Nov 13	Barb Hedstrom
Nov 14	Darrell Levi
Nov 28	Heather Molans
Dec 2	Terry Kyte
Dec 6	Judy Reynolds
Dec 7	Eugene Zielinski
Dec 10	Marge Larson
Dec 20	Carolyn Alexander
Jan 1	Lori Collins
Jan 9	Sandra Hennigan
Jan 11	Clarisa Reynolds
Jan 11	Kathleen Shaffer
Jan 13	JD Greenberg
Jan 19	Barbara McCurry
Jan 27	Patricia Caouette
Feb 1	Candis Peters
Feb 2	Cheryl Giovenco
Feb 12	Igor Zbitnoff
Feb 14	Audrey Velonis
Feb 14	David Fain
Feb 17	Bill Walter
Feb 21	Margo Lindsay
Feb 23	Diane Thornbrugh
Feb 28	Betty Ziffer



Region 15 Fall Trek presentation on Arilbred Irises.

The Region 15 Fall Trek was held on October 13th in San Diego. It was wonderful that Dennis & Sharon Luebkin, Brenda Griffin and I were all able to attend. This is a good representation for PAIS, although I recommend that anyone that can attend the Treks do so as there is always so much great information.

The presentation was by Howard (Howie) Dash from New Mexico. He spoke about Aril/ Arilbred iris. This is a class of iris I wasn't familiar with. It was interesting to learn more about this lovely iris. I will readily admit one session was not enough for me to feel qualified to explain it to the membership, so I have included the handout given by Howie Dash at the meeting for your review and reference.

If you are new to growing arilbred irises

Please be aware that some are just as easy to grow as Tall Bearded irises while others can be a bit more challenging. **The full blooded aril irises are recommended for experienced growers only** as they require special environments to grow successfully in most parts of the country. Start with the "-" designator varieties, then move up to the halfbreds and finally to the "+" designator varieties. We recommend that someone be able to grow the "+" designated arilbreds successfully before attempting the arils.

We want your experience with arilbreds to be a successful one. To help you make good choices from the plants listed, we offer the following information.

Aril Classifications – recommended for experienced growers only

- O – Oncocyclus – aril species – generally from desert environments
- R – Regelia – aril species – generally from dry mountainous environments
- OH – Onco Hybrid – cross involving only oncocyclus irises
- RH – Regelia Hybrid – cross involving only regelia irises
- RC – Regeliocyclus – cross involving only regelia and oncocyclus iris with a regalia phenotype
- OG – Oncoregalia – cross involving only oncocyclus and regalia iris with an oncocyclus phenotype

Arilbred classifications - irises with both aril and non-aril bearded (eupogon) iris heritage

- OB – Oncobred – a hybrid containing both and only oncocyclus and eupogon irises (no Regalia 'blood')
- RB – Regeliabred – a hybrid containing both and only regalia and eupogon irises (no Oncocyclus 'blood')
- OGB – Oncogeliabred – a hybrid containing a combination of oncocyclus and regalia and eupogon irises

All arilbred classifications contain the letter 'B', so they are easy to differentiate.

OGBs are the most commonly grown arilbred iris.

How much ARIL is in an arilbred will generally indicate how easy they are to grow. There is a designator in the description that tells this:

Less than ½ Aril	- indicated by a minus sign	OGB- or OB- or RB-
½ Aril	- indicated by no sign	OGB or OB or RB
Over ½ Aril	- indicated by a plus sign	OGB+ or OB+ or RB+

How to begin growing arilbred iris

- The less the aril content the easier to grow.
This is NOT a hard or fast rule, but a good rule of thumb.
- In general, the more Regalia content the easier to grow,
the less Oncocyclus content the easier to grow.
This is also NOT a hard and fast rule.
- In general, OGB- arilbreds will grow in the same beds with your tall bearded iris; the closer you get to challenging, the more their environment needs to approach that of full blooded arils.
- Check with local growers as arilbreds can perform differently in different locales.
There are some +'s that are easier to grow than some -'s.
- Theoretically, this is the arilbred difficulty chart, from easiest to hardest – there are many exceptions:

	EASIEST	→	More Challenging
EASIEST	OGB-	OGB	OGB+



Region 15 Fall Trek presentation on Arilbred Irises — continued

	RB-	RB	RB+
More Challenging	OB-	OB	OB+

When you get your rhizomes, please be aware that aril and arilbred rhizomes are generally significantly smaller than those of Tall Bearded irises. Some are smaller than Standard Dwarf rhizomes, while a few are almost TB size, but in general they are more Intermediate bearded in size. Many of the arilbred rhizomes are also rounder than non aril bearded rhizomes due to their Oncocyclus content.

Arilbreds tend to increase similar to rebloomers. They can bloom heavily, but put out a large quantity of new growth during the fall/winter. They can also go summer dormant, so do not declare them dead until no growth is visible in the spring, then check the rhizome for white roots; if there are any, it is alive.

WARNING: Arilbred irises are highly addictive once you get the hang of them.



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