

Hello GPIS Members

It's time to renew your membership in GPIS for the year 2017-2018. Dues are \$12.00 per year per household/address for those whose main club is GPIS. For those residing in Region 13 but whose Region Newsletter fee is paid by another club, dues are \$7.00. Outside Region 13, dues are \$12.50 per year per household. Dues must be received by the GPIS

Membership Chair, Barbara Aitken, NLT October 20, 2017, for member's information to be included in the 2017 GPIS

Members Handbook. Send GPIS membership renewal form with payment to Barbara Aitken, 608 NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98685-3802.

Email: [aitken@flowerfantasy.net](mailto:aitken@flowerfantasy.net).

**GREATER PORTLAND IRIS SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

AIS Member? 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Garden name, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT clearly so we get the information correct for the member's booklet! Thanks



**Pierce County  
IRIS SOCIETY**

Welcomes you to join us for the  
AIS Region 13 Fall 2017 Meeting  
Saturday October 7, 2017

The meeting will be held at the  
Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel  
620 S Hill Park Drive  
Puyallup, Wa 98373  
253 848-1500

Room Rates \$114 - Be sure to mention The Iris Society to get this special rate and book before Sept 8th

Registration Fee - \$45 per person (includes buffet dinner)

Dinner will be **The Italian Favorite**  
Choice of Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna or Spinach Manicotti  
Choice of Caesar Salad or House Salad  
Rustic Italian Bread With Homemade Feta Relish  
Choice of Vegetable or Fresh Fruit Platter

**Registration Form  
Region 13 Fall Meeting  
October 7, 2017**

Name/Names \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to:  
Dixon Blackmer, 32718 78th Ave E  
Eatonville, Wa 98328  
along with your check made out to PCIS

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**GPIS Meeting  
September 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ainsworth House  
7:00 PM with  
Chad Harris  
Growing  
Beardless Iris  
in Pots**

Greater Portland Iris Society



**President's  
Message  
John Ludi**

According to the calendar, we are on the downhill side of Summer. Everyone is busy trying to take care of the laundry list of items before the rainy weather arrives. Some GREAT news! We sold over \$2000.00 worth of plants at the August Plant sale at Portland Nursery. A special "THANK YOU" to all who donated plants and helped at the sale.

We have numerous items on the agenda for our September meeting. Chad Harris is going to give some tips for "Growing Beardless Irises In Pots". Sounds interesting. Chad will also be presenting this year's Show Awards. It is time to pay your GPIS Membership dues. Please come prepared to turn in the attached form and payment to Barbara Aitken. The Beardless Iris Door Prizes will be available for pickup. If you will not be at the meeting, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your winnings for you. I will be providing information pertaining to the Beardless Iris Plant Sale at Portland Nursery on September 23/24.

Looking forward to October, there is a couple of events for your calendar. Sat-

urday, October 7<sup>th</sup> is the AIS Region 13 Fall meeting in Puyallup, WA. Hotel and Registration information is in the Fall AIS Region 13 Newsletter. Cutoff for the special reduced hotel room rate is September 7<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Will Plotner will be presenting a 2 hour judges' training session on SPECIES-X irises at the OTIS meeting in Salem. You do not need to be a judge to attend this very informative session. See the attached flyer for more information and registration.

See you soon.  
*John*

If your last name begins with A thru M please bring a refreshment for the meeting on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 Coming Events**

- September 5** "Growing Beardless Irises in Pots" by Chad Harris
- September 23/24** GPIS Beardless Iris Plant Sale, Portland Nursery, Stark Street
- October 3** "Storybook Gardens" by Will Plotner
- October 7** AIS Region 13 Fall Meeting hosted by Pierce County Iris Society, Tacoma, WA
- November 7** "Four Seasons of European Gardens" by Bud Bowen
- December 9** Noon, GPIS Holiday Potluck, Sandy Grange Hall



**GPIS  
Beardless Iris Plant  
Sale  
September 23 & 24  
Portland Nursery  
5050 SE Stark  
Portland, OR**

This is an excellent time to donate those extra Beardless Iris plants – introduced varieties that are 5 years or older. Plants need to be clean, trimmed (fans & roots) and labeled with variety name, type and color(s). Also please provide a colored photo at least 3 inches by 3 inches for each variety. Pictures sell the plants. If you need help obtaining pictures, contact John Ludi