



## President's Message

**Chad Harris**

Happy Holiday's, I trust that all had a delightful visit with family, friends or a nice peaceful time to

one's self during Thanksgiving weekend. Our club's annual Holiday Pot-Luck at the Sandy Grange Hall, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, is fast approaching. The luncheon will start at Noon, please show up by 11:30 to help set up the room and service area. Bring a side dish to share, along with your own service, plate and cup. Kay and John Ludi will bring the ham; DeAnna will be setting up coffee, tea, and punch. Bingo to follow as the opening to the "Gift Exchange". For this please bring one item per family member, be it a plant, gift certificate, something for the gardener or home. These gifts to be placed at the head table for the bingo winners to choose from (first winner first choice). Afterwards the clubs projector will be utilized for all to share their favorite photos of iris and moments in the garden. I'll have my computer so all you'll need to bring is your images on a thumb drive. Hybridizers this is a good time to show us what is to come our way this next spring.

Mark your calendars now for the next Board Meeting, Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm at the Ludi's. This is the prime board meeting to go over the 2017 budget. All GPIS members are welcome; you need not be a Board Member to join in the discussion, however only the board members may vote.

Chad

## Directions to Sandy Grange

**From I-205** take exit 12 (Hwy 224/212) toward Mt. Hood/Estacada. Turn right on Hwy 26 (Mt. Hood/Sandy) for 2/10 mile then merge on to Mt Hood Hwy 26 via ramp to Mt Hood/Sandy 1.4 miles. Turn left on to Kelso Rd for 6/10 mile. Grange is on left.

**From Gresham area** follow Hwy 26 to Kelso Rd. as above.

**From the West or South** From I-5 take the Woodburn exit and go east on Hwy 211 approximately 29 miles to Estacada. Then left onto Hwy 211//224 for 5.4 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 211 for 3.9 miles to Sandy. In Sandy turn left to Bluff Rd. at the west end of town. Turn right onto Bluff for approximately 1 mile to Kelso Rd. Turn left on Kelso for 1 1/2 miles. Grange is on the right.

**Sandy Grange  
34705 Kelso Road  
Boring, Oregon 97009**

**Don't forget to bring your Plants,  
your Plates, Eating utensils, and a  
Food Dish to Share**



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Greater Portland Iris Society

# 2016 Coming Events

December 10<sup>th</sup>, GPIS Holiday Potluck,  
Sandy Grange Hall, noon

February 4 Noon luncheon/Judge's Training

"Siberian Irises" by Bob Hollingworth, Clackamas Banquet and Catering Center, Clackamas

March 7 "Lesson on High: Improving Your Garden Using Rock Gardening Techniques and Mountain Plants" by Truls Jensen, Wild Ginger Farm

April 4 "Show Prep and Hybridizing Workshop" by Terry Aitken / Chad Harris

April 15/16 Plant Sale, HPSO "Hortlandia", Portland EXPO

May 7 GPIS Early Show, "Spring Garden Fair", Canby, OR

May 23-27 AIS National Convention, Des Moines, Iowa

June 11 GPIS Late Show, Portland Nursery, 90<sup>th</sup> and Division

June 23-25 AIS Region 13 Spring Meeting and Society for Japanese Iris Convention hosted by King County Iris Society, Seattle, WA

August 5 Noon, GPIS Potluck/Auction, Sandy Grange Hall

August 19/20 GPIS Bearded Iris Plant Sale, Portland Nursery, Stark Street

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



Christmas Fun with new plants to see



Surprises



2017 Membership books



Great food

And BINGO

Just a reminder to order your AIS 2017 Iris Calendars. We still have a limited supply of the calendars available at the AIS Storefront. Price: USA \$8.00, Canada \$10.00, International \$14.00. Packet of 10: USA \$50.00, Canada \$55.00, International \$65.00. Prices include shipping and handling.