



## President's Message

Roses have broken bud, Narcissus and Hellebores are blooming, and the morning territorial song of the Robin is filling the air. It will not be long before spring fully engulfs us and the bright colors of the many irises in the garden are in full bloom. It is time to send in your registration for Region 13 Spring Meeting and Garden Tour, May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> hosted by one of our sister clubs, King County Iris Society, Seattle, WA. Registration Forms have been sent out by e-mail and will be soon sent out again with the Regional Newsletter. I do hope that you will join us as we will be carpooling to several of the iris gardens that Seattle club members have opened up for this event.

Our next Meeting Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be discussing the final budget for the year that Debra Gillespie, Treasurer brought forward to the Board Meeting, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker from Mid-America Gardens, Thomas Johnson who has worked double time with iris, once here State side and again in our winter, Australia's spring, will be giving a program "Land Down Under". Come join us as this is also our 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting.

*Hospitality:* Last name starting M-Z please bring something light, as we also will have an Anniversary cake.

**Chad Harris**

# Directions

## Directions to the Ainsworth House & Gardens

### FROM I-205 NORTH OR SOUTH

Take I-205 to exit 10 and go south on Hwy 213 for about 4 miles. After you cross Beaver Creek Rd. you will pass the Clackamas Community College (on your left) turn at the next RIGHT at the traffic Lights for MEYER ROAD (by the Carl's Jr. and Hagen's Supermarket). Go to the SECOND stop sign, about 1 mile.

At the Second stop sign continue forward onto Leland Road (which also goes to the left). After about 100 yards, take the first LEFT into Lot Whitcomb Drive and the Ainsworth Estates. (Do not be fooled by the houses).

The house is one and a half blocks on your left. Continue on the road in front of the house and it will take you to the parking lot on your left, at the rear of the property, next to the Garden Room. Meetings will be held there.

### FROM MILWAUKIE AND 99E, DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY

From 99E turn LEFT at the lights for 10<sup>th</sup> Street (If coming from Canby this would be a RIGHT turn). Follow 10<sup>th</sup> Street up the hill, and it will deliver you onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn RIGHT at the first lights (Washington Street) and go 2 blocks to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and turn LEFT on 5<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> Street after about a mile becomes Linn Ave, and Linn Ave after another mile becomes Leland Avenue when it crosses the lights at the Warner Milne/Warner Parrot junction (Plaid Pantry and two other stores on the corner). Take the third RIGHT from Leland into Lot Whitcomb Drive and the Ainsworth Estates. The house is one and a half blocks in on your left. Follow the road, which passes in front of the house, to enter the parking lot which is in the rear next to the garden room.



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**GPIS Meeting**  
**With Guest Speaker**  
**Tom Johnson**  
 On  
**'Land Down Under'**  
**March 1st**  
**7 PM**  
**Ainsworth House**

Greater Portland Iris Society

# 2016 Coming Events

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**, “Land Down Under” by Thomas Johnson.

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Show Prep & Hybridizer’s “What’s New In The Garden”.

April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, GPIS/Portlandia Plant Sale. Expo Center

May 1<sup>st</sup>, GPIS Early Show, Clackamas County Events Center, Canby, OR.

May 14<sup>th</sup>, AIS Region 13 Spring Meeting hosted by King County Iris Society, Seattle.

May 23-28, AIS Convention, Newark, NJ.

June 19<sup>th</sup>, GPIS Late Show, Portland Nursery, 90<sup>th</sup> & Division.

August 6<sup>th</sup>, GPIS Potluck/Auction, Sandy Grange Hall, start at noon.

August 20/21, GPIS Plant Sale, Portland Nursery, Stark Street.

September 6<sup>th</sup>, “Louisiana Iris” by Terry Aitken.

September 24/25, GPIS Plant Sale, Portland Nursery, Stark Street.

October 1<sup>st</sup>, AIS Region 13 Fall Meeting hosted by GPIS.

October 4<sup>th</sup>, “Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris” by Paul Black

November 1<sup>st</sup>, “Nursery Inspections” by Susan Schouten.

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

## 2016 Region 13 Spring Convention Meeting

### Registration Form for May 14-15, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn – Seattle/Bothell 22600 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell WA 98021  
425-486-0400 or 425-486-1267  
[www.seattlebothell.hgi.com](http://www.seattlebothell.hgi.com)

The King County Iris Society is very pleased to host the 2016 Region 13 Spring Meeting in Bothell, WA. We offer a self guided tour including four gardens for your viewing pleasure along with two hours of judges training. The agenda for the weekend includes:

**Friday evening, May 13, 2016** - Registration from 7-10pm in the Hilton Garden Inn

**Saturday May 14, 2016** - Tour schedule will feature:

8:30am – 10:30 am **Leonine Iris Garden – Bob Seaman.** Bob’s garden features an outstanding display of Pacific Coast Iris along with a variety of bearded iris. Judges training on PCI.

10:30am – 11:15am Travel time from **Leonine Iris Garden to Bob and Sandy Williamson’s garden.**

11:15am – 1:15pm Tour **Bob and Sandy Williamson’s garden and have lunch.**

1:15pm – 2:00pm Travel time from **Williamson’s to Lake Serene Iris Garden – Ann and Dwayne Booth.**

2:00pm – 4:00pm Tour **Lake Serene Iris Garden** and Judges Training on Medians.

4:00pm- Return to **Hilton Garden Inn** for no host cocktail (drinks available in the bar), dinner and evening events.

**Sunday May 17, 2016** – 10:00am – 4:00pm **Tour Cascadia Iris Garden – Patrick and Margaret Spence.** View their wide variety of bearded and beardless iris planted on their five acre property.

Complete addresses and driving directions with the Hilton Garden Inn as the starting point, will be emailed to each registrant. Please feel free to contact Dwayne or Ann Booth at 425-743-3066 (home) 425-244-1354 (Ann Cell) or 425-971-5607 (Dwayne Cell). with any questions.

Accommodations will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bothell, a fabulous local hotel with fine food, beautiful rooms, excellent service and breakfast available at additional cost. Our special group rate for rooms will be \$119 US Funds. Please mention the King County Iris Society when booking your room to receive the special rate. Other choices include the Extended Stay America, located just behind the Hilton Garden Inn. At 923 228<sup>th</sup> St SE, Bothell WA 98021. 425-402-4252. Call for rates and booking information. Another breakfast option is the Crystal Creek Café, located within walking distance of both hotels.

**The deadline for booking of rooms is April 15, 2016 so be sure to book early!!!!!!!**

**Registration** for the weekend is \$55 US funds. Please send completed registration form and check for \$55 to

Please cut here and return this section, along with your check.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to the King County Iris Society.**

**I think that Spring is already here as I am seeing the slugs coming out in the garden already. Deal with them with a product containing ‘Meta’. Deadline and Cory’s are two well known names.**

**If you aren’t comfortable putting bait out, there are still a way to get rid of theses critters by making a 50% X 50% mixture of household ammonia and water, put it into a spray bottle and spray them. In the Spring it works very well on the small hatchlings.**

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