



**President's
Message
John Ludi**

HELLO SPRING! Are you ready for a change in the weather? Without a doubt we have had more than our share of snow and ice this Winter.

Nature's signs of Spring are all around. Early flowering bulbs, plants and shrubs are just waiting for a few more warm days to burst into color. I have found evidence of slugs in the flower beds – not to mention the new crop of weeds.

Our guest speaker for March is Truls Jensen from Wild Ginger Farm in Beavercreek, Oregon. Truls along with his partner, Emma Elliott, grow hundreds of unusual alpine and rock garden plants, as well as woodland plants and Western Natives. He was born in Norway and as a child moved to the United States. Truls studied in the field of biology and earned a PHD in Entomology. He is the primary propagator at Wild Ginger Farm. A more recent addition to the vast assortment of plants has been the hybridizing and introduction of Pacific Coast Irises – AMETHYST CLOUD, AVILA BEACH, BANANA SPLIT, EDGEWORTHY, FRUIT MARKET, GINGER DREAM, CAMINO CIELO, DARK TANGO, BERRY ICE, FUNNY FARM, SALSA PICANTE, SLEEPING RAINBOW, TORO CANYON, WAKONDA WAY, WOLF CREEK, MESMERELDA and RICH PEACH to just name a few.

Refreshments: Provided by last names A through L.

“WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP OUR CLUB”

‘RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER’

“BE ACTIVE – GET INVOLVED”

John

**All About Soils
With James Cassidy**

Salem Public Library, Anderson Room
585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon
February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Our February speaker is James Cassidy, from the OSU Department of Crop and Soil Science. He has been a popular instructor of Soil Science for over ten years. His topic on

Tuesday evening will be "All About Soils". Get the dirt on the latest in soil, and join the Master Gardeners for another fun and educational evening. Refreshments and door prizes as usual. Free to all who are interested in gardening.

**AIS Region 13
Spring Meeting &
Society for Japanese Iris
Convention**
hosted by King County
Iris Society, Seattle, WA
June 23-25
Registration information
will be out soon in our
Region 13 Bulletin
This is a great one to attend
right here in the NW



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March 7th

With

Truls Jensen

From

Wild Ginger Farm

**Lesson on High: Improving Your
Garden Using Rock Gardening
Techniques and Mountain Plants**

Ainsworth House 7:00

Greater Portland Iris Society

2017 Coming Events

- 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, 90th 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

Time to think about baiting for Slugs

Try getting them while they are small
with ammonia and water - mix 50/50

Directions

Directions to the Ainsworth House & Gardens
19130 Lot Whitcomb Drive,
Oregon City, OR 97045

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 10th Street (If coming from Canby this would be a RIGHT turn). Follow 10th Street up the hill, and it will deliver you onto 7th Street. Turn RIGHT at the first lights (Washington Street) and go 2 blocks to 5th Street, and turn LEFT on 5th. 5th 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.



GPIS 2017 MEMBERS HANDBOOK CORRECTIONS UPDATES as of February 18, 2017

- Phone number change:
Dave & Kath Collier – [503-819-9987](tel:503-819-9987)
- Page 1: Barry Finkel's email address should read barry5142@q.com
- Page 7.: Patrick & Margaret Spence; Margaret's email should read Margaret@cascadiairisgarden.com. (Delete the “n” after ia).

About Our Speaker

Truls Jemsen

Truls Jensen was born in Norway and, after moving to the U.S. as a child, was drawn to the Sierra Nevada of California where he explored and backpacked extensively. His interest in nature led him to study biology and ultimately earn a PhD in Entomology. As a scientist he conducted ecological field research for the University of California, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Natural History Survey.

Truls brings his observational skills to his role as primary propagator at Wild Ginger Farm. His ability to think outside the box has led to innovative propagation and cultivation approaches.

Wild Ginger Farm is the labor of love of Truls and Emma Elliott on a small acreage in Beaver Creek, Oregon. They grow hundreds of unusual alpine and rock garden plants, as well as woodland plants and Western natives. Most visitors see at least one plant they have never before had the opportunity to see in cultivation!