



President's Message

The hummingbirds, robins, and owls are calling. Trilliums and the first Standard Dwarf Bearded are starting to bloom, it must be spring. We've

had a very wet winter and with the warming of the evenings I've noticed that the new hatchlings of slugs have emerged. If you have not baited yet do it now or forever have holes in your foliage.

AIS have welcomed our donation to start the new calendar program and are now offering orders for such to the clubs that have registered shows. We now will be able to pre-order and have on hand the next year's calendars to sell to the public at our shows and plant sales. Our first of three plant sales Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, 10th, 10 am to 3 pm with the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon "Hortlandia" is coming up fast. We will need your help manning the tables and answering customer questions on how to grow our favorite flower in the garden, signup sheet will be at the next meeting. We also have a show coming up Sunday, May 1st, 8 am showcasing the early blooming iris found in our gardens. This show, like last years, will be located at the Canby Fair Grounds with the Clackamas Master Gardeners "Spring Garden Fair" being our host. At this show we will be sharing table space with the Ikebana Schools of Portland Oregon showcasing their gift of floral arranging with iris. If you cannot make to the next meeting please contact me and ask: How may I help with these two fun functions?

The next meeting April 5th, 7 pm at the Ainsworth House and Garden I'll be going over in greater detail the two upcoming events. Instead of a formal guest speaker we'll have an open showing from your own personal photos to share, be it Convention Gardens, new introductions, or seedlings, and please bring on a thumb drive.

Hospitality: Persons whose last name starts with A-N

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 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.



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Joyce Elin - Pacific Coast Iris
by Debra Gillespie '16
Our newest Hybridizer

**GPIS Meeting
Show Preparation
&
What's New in the
Garden
April 5th
7 PM
Ainsworth House**

2016 Coming Events

April 5th, Show Preparation & Hybridizer's "What's New in the Garden"

April 9th & 10th, GPIS/Portlandia Plant Sale. Expo-Center

May 1st, GPIS Early Show, Clackamas County Events Center, Canby, OR.

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

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

June 19th, GPIS Late Show, Portland Nursery, 90th & Division.

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

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

September 6th, "Louisiana Iris" by Terry Aitken.

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

October 1st, AIS Region 13 Fall Meeting hosted by GPIS.

October 4th, "Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris" by Paul Black

November 1st, "Nursery Inspections" by Susan Schouten.

December 10th, GPIS Holiday Potluck, Sandy Grange Hall, noon

Iris

Haiku poetry by Dortha Kilgore, Molalla, OR

*On Graceful Green Stems
Children of Goddess Rainbow
Dance Like Fairy Lights*

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

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 228th 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.