



**President's
Message
John Ludi**

I think Spring has finely arrived. The barn swallows and robins have returned. Spring flowers are showing their graceful

presence. Now if only the rain will stop so we can do the Spring cleanup and catch up with the weeding and slugs.

Ever thought about being a "pollen dabber" and hybridizing irises? At our April meeting, Terry Aitken and Chad Harris will be providing tips on hybridizing. Both have been working with Nature's ways for a number of years. Their efforts have been awarded with their new introductions receiving many AIS awards.

Our Spring Plant Sale with the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon "Hortlandia" is fast approaching. Date is April 15/16 at the Portland EXPO. GPIS has been allocated four tables. There are two ways you can help. We need potted iris plants-must be named varieties and a size you would consider buying. I need a list of names and quantities of your donation NLT our April meeting. Plant name tags, price tags and photo will be provided. Your sale plants donation can be brought to the April meeting or delivered to the Portland EXPO, Hall E, on Friday, April 14th at setup time (TBA).

The second way you can help is to sign up for a shift to man the sales tables. The sale is open to the public 10:00am-3:00pm both days. There are two shifts each day 10:00am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-3:00pm. By signing up for the morning shift, you can take advantage of the vendor shopping prior to the doors opening for the public. A shift sign up will be available at our April meeting. (Note: there is a \$8.00 METRO parking fee Saturday and Sunday. Barry

Finkel, Treasurer, will reimburse your parking fee providing you work a shift.)

May 7th is Show Time at the Clackamas County Master Gardener's "Spring Garden Fair" in Canby. **"I CHALLENGE ALL MEMBERS TO BRING AT LEAST TWO ENTRIES FOR THE HORTICULTURE DIVISION AND ON ENTRY FOR THE ARTISTIC DIVISION (Artistic Division-display only).**

Meeting refreshments: provided by last names M through Z.
"WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP OUR CLUB"

'Donate iris plants for the sale'

'Sign up to work a shift'

"BE ACTIVE - GET INVOLVED"

John

**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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GPIS
April 4th
**Show Prep. &
Hybridizing Workshop**
With
**Terry Aitken &
Chad Harris**
at
Ainsworth House
7:00 PM

Greater Portland Iris Society

2017 Coming Events

- April 4** "Show Prep and Hybridizing Workshop" by Chad Harris & Terry Aitken 7:00 PM
Ainsworth House
- 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

It's still wet out and We need to think about rebaiting for Slugs

Try getting them while they are small
with ammonia and water - mix 50/50
Or go for the Corey's or Deadline

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

- Add Robin Shadlow - 3769 Cordon Road N.E., Salem, OR 97305 - 503-547-5051
rshadlow@yahoo.com

About Our Speakers



What can we say about Terry Aitken and Chad Harris other than that between them they have won more awards and ribbons in shows and with their hybridizing than most of the rest of us put together. Hopefully there will be enough time for them to share some of their knowledge and still have time to answer all the questions we will have.

It will be a fun time with lots of hints and guidelines for the rest of us to try in the upcoming shows.

Be sure to bring a pencil and paper to write down the best advice in town.