

Hello GPIS Members

It's time to renew your membership in GPIS for the year 2017-2018. Dues are \$12.00 per year per household/address for those whose main club is GPIS. For those residing in Region 13 but whose Region Newsletter fee is paid by another club, dues are \$7.00. Outside Region 13, dues are \$12.50 per year per household. Dues must be received by the GPIS Membership Chair, Barbara Aitken, NLT October 20, 2017, for member's information to be included in the 2017 GPIS Members Handbook. Send GPIS membership renewal form with payment to:

Barbara Aitken,  
608 NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Vancouver, WA 98685-3802.  
Email: [aitken@flowerfantasy.net](mailto:aitken@flowerfantasy.net).

**GREATER PORTLAND IRIS SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

AIS Member? 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden name, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT clearly so we get the information correct for the member's booklet! Thanks



**Pierce County  
IRIS SOCIETY**

Welcomes you to join us for the  
AIS Region 13 Fall 2017 Meeting  
Saturday October 7, 2017

The meeting will be held at the  
Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel  
620 S Hill Park Drive  
Puyallup, Wa 98373  
253 848-1500

Room Rates \$114 - Be sure to mention The Iris Society to get this special rate

Registration Fee - \$45 per person (includes buffet dinner)

Dinner will be **The Italian Favorite**  
Choice of Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna or Spinach Manicotti  
Choice of Caesar Salad or House Salad  
Rustic Italian Bread With Homemade Feta Relish  
Choice of Vegetable or Fresh Fruit Platter

**Registration Form  
Region 13 Fall Meeting  
October 7, 2017**

Name/Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

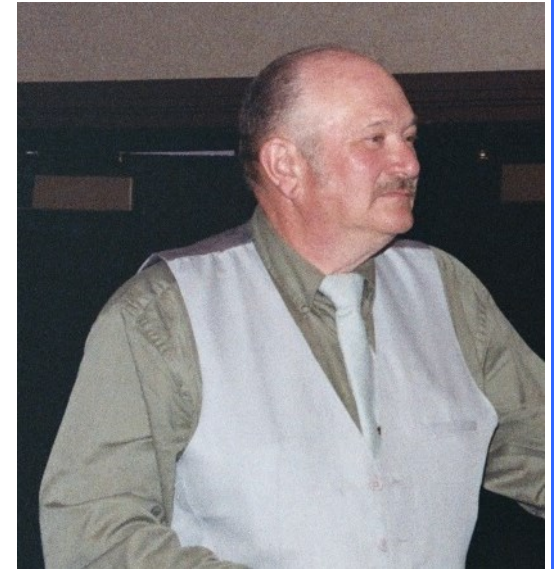
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Please send to:  
Dixon Blackmer, 32718 78th Ave E  
Eatonville, Wa 98328  
along with your check made out to PCIS

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**GPIS Meeting  
October 3rd  
Ainsworth House  
7:00 PM with  
Will Plotner  
Storybook Gardens  
The Bulbous Iris  
Of Alan McMurtrie**

Greater Portland Iris Society



## President's Message

**John Ludi**

**WELCOME RAIN!**

Timing was just right for I had just finished replanting my last iris bed for the year. Now just need a few good days to finish clean up and put things away for the winter.

At our October meeting we will be electing two new Directors to replace Cynthia Bauer and Bud Bowen whose term of office ends this year. Thank you both for serving on the Board. The new directors will serve on the Board during the period 2018-2020. If you have someone to nominate, please get their concurrence to serve prior to the election.

We will also be selecting Show Flowers for the Early Show and Late Show in 2019. Selected flowers need to be in bloom at the time of show: Early Show – early May, Late Show – mid June.

Our Vice President Terry Aitken is looking for program topics/presenters for October and November 2018. Terry will welcome any and all suggestions.

GPIS Membership dues (\$12.00 per household) is now due. If you have not done so, please get the renewal form and payment to Membership Chair Barbara Aitken. Cutoff date to get your in-

formation in the GPIS Members Booklet is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The program for the October meeting is going to visit a different type of iris. Will Plotner will be presenting "Reticulatas – The Bulbous Iris". Earlier this Spring Will and Lynn traveled to Canada to visit a Reticulata hybridizer. From what I have been told, the common varieties available in stores are just the tip of the iceberg. Should be interesting to see what is available and on the horizon in the "other iris world".

*John*

## 2017 Coming Events

- October 3** "Storybook Gardens" with 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

## REGION 13 SILENT AUCTION

**John & Kay Ludi are collecting iris related items to include new introduction to take to the Silent Auction during the AIS Region 13 Fall meeting October 7th in Puyallup, WA. If you have items to donate, please get them to Kay or bring them to the October 3rd meeting."**



**DREAM CATCHER** above and below **TEQUILA SUNRISE** are two of Alan McMurtrie's Reticulatas that will soon be introduced to the market for planting in your own 'Storybook Garden'.



**If your last name begins with an 'N' thru 'Z' please bring a refreshment for the meeting on October 3rd.**