



## President's Message

“SPRING IS HERE” Time to head for the garden, pull weeds, fertilize and chase slugs. If only the weather would cooperate. We need more days without rain and wind. Do not forget to pick up a supply of BEN GAY for the sore knees and back. And while you are taking a break, check out the hybridizer's catalogs and websites. One will find many new and exciting things to add to a wish list.

April 14/15 is the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon Spring Plant Sale “Hortlandia” at the Portland EXPO. GPIS has been allotted four tables at the sale. Set up will be at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in Hall E, Portland EXPO. Please bring your donated potted plants to the EXPO and help set up. If you cannot meet at the EXPO on Friday, please get your donations to Terry Aitken prior to Friday. John Ludi will be providing name and price tags for the plants. A listing of plants by type, variety name and quantity needs to be sent to John by March 28<sup>th</sup>. You also need a wallet size colored picture of each variety. If you need help providing pictures, please inform John.

We need helpers to man the sale tables both days. There will be two shifts each day – 9:30 -12:30 and 12:30 to 3:00. Shift sign up will be at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> GPIS meeting or you



## 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 Beavercreek 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.). 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 in 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

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**GPIS Meeting**  
**7 PM April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**At the Ainsworth House**  
**With**  
**John & Kay Ludi**  
**& Chad Harris**  
**on**  
**Show Prep and**  
**Artistic**  
**Arrangements**

Greater Portland Iris Society

## 2018 Coming Events

- April 3** "Show Prep and Artistic Arrangements", by Chad Harris, Kay & John Ludi
- April 8 – 14** AIS National/ SLI Convention, New Orleans, LA
- April 14/15** Plant Sale, HPSO "Hortlandia", Portland Expo
- May 6** GPIS Early Show, "Spring Garden Fair", Canby, OR
- May 11 – 13** AIS Region 13 Spring/TBIS Convention, hosted by Oregon Trail Iris Society, Salem, OR
- June 10** GPIS Late Show, Portland Nursery, 90<sup>th</sup> & Division
- August 4** Noon, GPIS Potluck/Auction, Sandy Grange Hall
- August 25/26** GPIS Bearded Iris Plant Sale, Portland Nursery, Stark Street
- September 4** "Re-blooming Irises" by Terry Aitken
- September 22/23** GPIS Beardless Iris Plant Sale, Portland Nursery, Stark Street
- October 2** "Beardless Iris Breeding Programs" by Kevin Vaughn
- October 6** AIS Region 13 Fall Meeting, hosted by Central Columbia Iris Society, Wenatchee, WA
- November 6** "A Walk Through The Medians' Garden" by Lynda Miller
- December 8** Noon, GPIS Holiday Potluck,

"Soon we will be outside without our heavy coats. Buds, blossoms, wind gusts, showers, sunshine - the earth is about to transfer from a dull Winter brown to a new Spring green."

can inform John prior to the meeting which day/shift you are willing to help.

At our April 3<sup>rd</sup> GPIS meeting, Chad Harris will be providing information on Show Preparation and Show Schedule. Kay and John will be giving some tips on Artistic Flower Arrangements.

Mark your calendar - May 6<sup>th</sup> is our Early Show in Canby. A copy of this year's Show Schedule is attached. Show bench judging will include Horticulture Named Varieties and Seedlings plus Artistic Floral Arrangements. The Ikebana Schools will also be providing displays. More information pertaining to the day's schedule will be provided in my next month's newsletter.

Refreshments for April meeting – last names A through L.

*John*

### AIS Region 13 Spring Meeting & TBIS Convention

hosted by Oregon Trail Iris Society, Salem, OR  
May 11-13

Registration information will be out soon  
in our  
Region 13 Bulletin

This is a great one to attend right here in  
our backyard

**A REGISTRATION FORM IS IN  
YOUR REGION 13 NEWSLETTER**

## Greater Portland Iris Society

Mark your calendars, we will again be participating in one of the largest plant sales in the State of Oregon.

Hardy Plant Society of Oregon, Hortlandia's 30th Anniversary

Dates: Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th

Time: 10 am to 3 pm

Place: Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon

Further information along with all of our 2018 calendar dates can be found at Greater Portland Iris Society Website/Calendar.

or [Events - Greater Portland Iris Society](#)

### AIS Survey "HOW IS YOUR CLUB"?

AIS is conducting a survey "How is Your Club"?

Only 5 questions.

- What is the name of your club?
- How is your club doing? (chose one of the answers)
  - Awesome
  - Above average
  - Good
  - At risk
  - Defunct
  - No Club
- What is the criteria for question 2?
- What help would you like from AIS?
- Please add any other comment you wish to. What else would you like to tell us?

The survey can be found at <http://wiki.irises.org/Sandbox/SurveyStandin> or on a link from the February issue of "News from the American Iris Society."