



President's Message

Spring weather is finally here. Just to think back a few weeks ago we had snow. Looks as if the irises have survived the cold weather – new growth looks great. Now to keep

ahead of the weeds and other undesirable things that Nature sends our way. At our April meeting Terry Aitken will be providing a session on “Weapons of war on pest, diseases and weeds”. In addition, I will be sharing tips on “How to prepare for a plant sale”. The SPSO Plant and Craft Sale “Hortlandia 2019” is just a few weeks away. The event is Saturday and Sunday, April 20/21, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, both days. GPIS has been allocated four tables. We need potted named varieties for the sale. Please provide John a list (name, type, quantity) NLT our April meeting. He will provide name/price tags for your donations. Set up for the sale will be Friday afternoon, April 19th (time to be announced). We also need volunteers to help man the tables during the sale.

May is going to be a very busy month. A couple weeks after the HPSO plant sale, its time to bring your entries to Canby for the GPIS Early Show, Sunday, May 5th. Entries are needed for both the Horticulture and Artistic Divisions.

May 17-19 is the AIS Region 13 Spring Convention hosted by GPIS. Headquarters is the Shilo Inn and Suites on NE Airport Way, Portland. Friday evening is the Regional General Membership meeting. Saturday - a bus tour to the Harris and Aitken Gardens. After dinner there will be a live auction of newer iris varieties and the annual Redistribution of Irises. The Schedule of Events and hotel information can be found on the GPIS Website – www.graterportlandirissociety.org or contact John Ludi or Chad Harris. **Continued next page**



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.). 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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**Weapons of War
& Preparations
April 2nd
@
Ainsworth House
With
Terry Aitken &
John Ludi**

2019 Coming Events

April 2 - "Prep for Plant Sales"

by John Ludi;

**"Weapons of war on pests, diseases
and weeds" by Terry Aitken**

**Be sure to attend and get your weapons of
war so you too can get into the battle.**

April 20-21 – HPSO "Horlandia 2019",
Portland EXPO

April 23-27 – AIS National Convention,
San Ramon, CA

May 5 – Early Show, Canby

May 17-19 – AIS Region 13 Convention, Portland

June 16 – Late Show, Portland Nursery,
90th & Division

August 3 – Potluck/Auction, Sandy Grange Hall

August 24/25 – Bearded Plant Sale,
Portland Nursery, 5050 SE Stark

September 3 – "Extended bloom on Siberian Irises"
by Terry Aitken

September 21/22 – Beardless Plant Sale,
Portland Nursery, 5050 SE Stark

October 1 – "Laevigata and Psuedata Iris breeding"
by Chad Harris

October 5 – AIS Region 13 Fall Meeting, Spokane

November 5 – "Adventures in reblooming bearded
irises" by Robin Shadlow

December 14 – Holiday Party, Sandy Grange Hall

Slug & Snail Season

By Will Plotner

My very favorite weapon for these critters is
to lay cardboard on the ground in the evening
and lift it in the morning and stab them with
a pointed stick (**very satisfying**).

With all this activity, we need your help, whether it be dona-
tion of plants for a sale, entries for a show or a few hours of
your time at our events.

Refreshments for March meeting – last name beginning
with A-L.

John

Greater Portland Iris Society

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

Hardy Plant Society of Oregon, Hortlandia's
31st Anniversary

Dates: Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April
21st

Time: 10 am to 3 pm

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

Further information along with all of our 2019
calendar dates can be found at Greater Portland
Iris Society Website/Calendar.

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

Extra Help Needed

Please take note that extra help will be needed
for the Hortlandia sale on April 20th and 21st
as many of the regular crew will be on their
way to the National Convention in San Ramon
California. So please sign up to help at this
outstanding event and let John know what you
can do to make this a great success.

AIS Region 13 Spring Meeting

May 17-19, 2019

Hosted by The Greater Portland Iris Society

**Registrations must be received by Fri-
day, May 3rd**

An Early Bird drawing will be held for those who
register before April 20th

Hotel is

**Shilo Inn Suites Portland Airport
11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR
1-503-252-7500**

Special room rate of \$119.00 plus tax per night
Cutoff date for reservations at the special room rate
is April 17, 2019. After April 17th, rooms (if availa-
ble) will be at the going rate. Be sure to mention
"GPIS 2019 GROUP" to get special rate. Choice of
rooms include a King Suite and Double Queen
Suite.

Convention Registration Fee is \$100.00 per
person and includes Saturday Lunch, Dinner and
bus tour to two host gardens. Dinner will feature a
choice of Chicken Parmesan or Dungeness Crab
Stuffed Sole. Meal includes house salad, roasted red
potatoes, seasonal vegetables, fresh baked bread and
butter, carrot cake.

Please indicate your choice for dinner.

Mail your registration form and payment
(payable to GPIS) to:

**DeAnna Sandland,
2024 SE Ankeny St,
Portland, OR 97214-1622
503-232-5680**

email dlhigs@gmail.com

**If you have special dietary needs, please indi-
cate on back of form coming in your regional
newsletter.**