

# *Region 13*

of the American Iris Society

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# **RVP Message**

## **Fall 2022**

### **John Ludi**

#### **Region 13 RVP**

It's been a busy Spring! Bloom season and shows have come and gone. Thanks to the release of the COVID 19 restrictions, we have been able to meet in-person and share the many aspects of our favorite flower – IRIS. I enjoyed being with everyone during

the Siberian/Species Convention in the Seattle area. The weather tried to dampen our spirits, but we survived. Many thanks to Patrick and Margaret Spence and officers and members of King County Iris Society for hosting the event.

The Region 13 Fall 2022 meeting hosted by Pierce County Iris Society will be held at the Best Western Puyallup hotel in Puyallup, Washington on October 1<sup>st</sup>. High lighting the day's activities will be a one-hour presentation on Artistic Design by Judy Swortz, a Master Judge, National Federation of Garden Clubs; a two-hour in classroom judge's training session on Tall Bearded Iris conducted by Lynda Miller and a program on Pacific Coast Iris presented by Bob Seaman. The meeting registration form, hotel information and schedule of events can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please note the deadline pertaining to hotel reservations and meeting registration.

The combined Region 13/Tall Bearded Iris Society Spring 2023 Convention hosted by the Oregon Trail Iris Society will be held on May 19 -20, 2023. Hotel accommodations are the Holiday Inn Salem. Highlights of the convention are a bus tour to Perozzi Iris Farm in Albany and Schreiner's Gardens and Mid-America Garden in Salem. Advanced convention information can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

The 2023 AIS National Convention will be in Dallas, Texas, April 10-



15, 2023, hosted by the Iris Society of Dallas. The hotel for the convention is the Courtyard by Marriott in Grapevine. The hotel is close by DFW and provides free shuttle to/from the airport. More information (registration and schedule) will be provided as it becomes available.

It is with great pleasure to announce that all Region 13 Clubs and the Region have recruited new members. Now the challenge is to keep them interested and involved so they stay members in the future. As a side note – AIS had set a goal to recruit 750 new members during the 2022 Membership Drive. It was reported this past June that the goal had been met or exceeded. Details of an AIS 2023 Membership Drive will be announced in the future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Puyallup for another great day.  
Happy Irising

*John*

## **AIS REGION 13 SILENT AUCTION**

AIS Region 13 Fall 2022 Meeting, Puyallup, Washington

Its time to check the closets and shelves for any iris memorabilia that you want to part with but do not know where to send it. Bring the items to the Region 13 Silent Auction in Puyallup, Washington. Many people have iris related items they no longer want and could be donated for the Silent Auction which supports the Region 13 Treasury.

We are looking for iris artifacts, iris artwork, iris books and iris plants (new or recent introductions). If you have other irises that are rare or unusual, please feel free to bring them to share with other attendees. Back issues of IRISES, The Bulletin of the American Iris Society and AIS Section and Cooperating Society Newsletters are welcome but will be placed on a “FREE TABLE” for anyone to pick up. Garden related items and potted plants of any kind make a great addition to the fun and profit.

Please send us a short note, an e-mail, or give us a call NLT September 27, 2022, to let us know what you are bringing. We would like to prepare the bid sheets prior to the meeting. If you should forget to inform us of your donations ahead of the event, bring them anyway. We will have blank bid sheets available at the door. Thank you for your support.



## Editor's Notes

### Caroline Zebroski

Hi Everyone,

Someone said to me recently "There is no normal weather any longer!" The weather across the nation and world has been shocking this spring and summer. After watching the rest of the nation go through extreme heat waves, I am grateful our record breaking heat wave isn't lasting longer than it has compared to what many others are experiencing. The cold, wet spring killed my Aril "Eisblau" after it bloomed so nicely. The weeds and blackberries loved the cold wet weather, argh. We were still able to enjoy our very successful Siberian/Species Convention the end of May. I have heard many compliments from people who attended! Thank you to all who were able to attend and we missed the many that could not attend due to choosing the weekend that the Salem group nursery tours happened as well as other factors related to Memorial Day complications. It is always so hard to pick the right date for everyone. Thank you for all the Iris donations for our R13 redistribution and congratulations to the winners. Hopefully, you have received your iris, if not, please contact me.

I took an awesome road trip the first half of July across the country - 6200 miles! I drove back to Keystone So Dakota to briefly see my sister Mary Lou before driving another 4.5 hours to Halsey Nebraska for an overdue family reunion. We have a "Zebroski" family reunion every 3 years and as the base 9 family members has been reduced to only 2, it is always precious to spend as much time hugging everyone as much as I can. It was a much needed breath of air for my soul. In the 40 years we have been having the reunion, I have never missed one!! Then I cruised through many states on my way to Asheville North Carolina for the American Daylily Society convention. Driving the day of the 4th of July was awesome, there was very little traffic! Since I was going to be a day and a half early, I decided to take a detour south and go down to Savannah Georgia to surprise my nephew with a visit. We had a good time seeing the sights despite the 95 degrees with high humidity. It was an adjustment coming from the cold wet spring we had, but it was fun!

I headed 4.5 hours back up to hot and humid Asheville for the

ADS convention. Just like the AIS conventions, I love seeing my national friends again! Doesn't matter what the weather is, it is always wonderful to see beautiful flowers, make new friends and hug my old friends. After the convention, Garry Fanthorpe, his girlfriend Ann and I went down to the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. It was very educational and enjoyable. I headed back across many states to visit more friends and family in South Dakota before forcing myself to get back in my car to head west to Seattle. I stopped in Park City Montana to visit Debbie and Bob Wicks and found out that I had luckily missed a high wind freak dust storm that had caused a 20 car/truck pile up on I-90 south of Billings that killed at least 6. How devastating for all involved and their families, I was counting my blessings that my long trip was very uneventful.

Hoping everyone is doing well through the heat wave. Looking forward to seeing you in October! :)

Cheers,

**Caroline**

## **2022 Siberian/Species Iris Convention**

### **We did it!! By Caroline Zebroski**

Despite a year delay, cancelled flights, cold rainy spring, conflicting events and holiday weekend traffic challenges; we held our Siberian/Species Iris Convention in conjunction with our R13 Spring meeting in Lynnwood, WA on May 27-29th. Luckily, we finally got some nice sunny weather the weekend prior to the convention to get the flowers to open. I would say we had about 80% of the guest plants in bloom although not in full bloom, but at least we could see their potential beauty. The week after the convention, they were all looking gorgeous, as is the standard saying, "You should have been here last week, or next week!". It was a huge relief that the weather mostly cooperated and didn't down pour on us when we were in the gardens and waited until we were back at the hotel.

We had 40 participants, which was small but we appreciated everyone who was able to make it from California, Montana, Nebraska, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon and Washington. We had wonderful, very educational talks by Carol Warner and Ken Walker for our evening entertainment.

We visited Highline Seatac Botanical Garden and Bellevue Botanical Gardens (BBG) on Saturday. Highline had the most blooms of all the gardens although different plants were blooming at BBG and Cascadia Iris Gardens that weren't at Seatac. So many gorgeous Iris to evaluate and enjoy. It is always fun and educational to listen to



Moonstone Marvel

what others are commenting about a particular iris.

Terry Aitken collected some pollen off of his own "Moonstone Marvel" at BBG with my permission since I managed that display garden! He was so excited, like a little kid! :) There were many other



Mike Ewanciw  
with  
*Moraea alticola*

Iris's to enjoy in the beautiful gardens at BBG. Many were very intrigued with an iris relative, *Moraea alticola*, which had 3' long draping foliage and pretty pale yellow flowers as demonstrated by Mike in Will's photo.

On Sunday, we enjoyed spending the day at Cascadia Iris Gardens in Lake Stevens. Patrick Spence and Ken Walker gave us a walk around to view the many, many Species Iris. It was very fun to learn about how to grow all the different species. I include a few photos, but wish I had space for more. Carol Warner

did a great job on the Siberian Iris judges training. It was nice to have a wonderful salmon lunch and time to admire the many varieties of Iris and many other plants in the beautiful gardens that Patrick and Margaret have worked hard to create for all to enjoy by having open gardens every weekend as well as other educational classes.

The Sib/Spec Convention winners, who received a special fused glass award that Patrick Spence made, are:





Art In  
Bloom



Carla  
Kay  
seedling

Favorite Named Siberian -- Art In Bloom (Schafer/Sacks)

Favorite Siberian Seedling -- 15-30 (Dwayne Booth) *photo page 25.*

Favorite Named Species/Species Cross -- Aaron's Blue (Gabriel Lecomte).

Favorite Species/Species Cross Seedling -- 08CS-018C (Carla Lan-kow, registered as Carla Kay but



Aaron's Blue



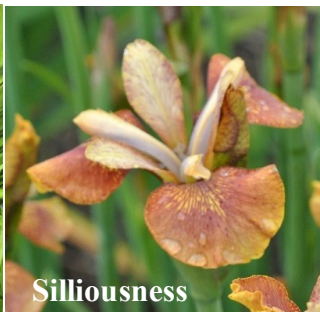
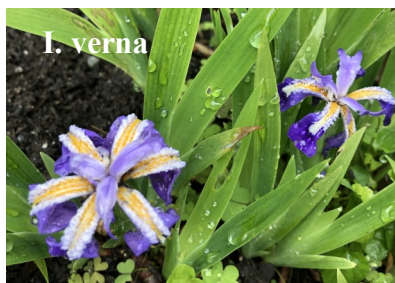
not yet introduced)

As a bonus, on Monday, May 30th, Bob Seaman (Leonine Iris) and Debby Cole opened their gardens for the participants to enjoy many Pacific Coast Iris on their way home. Dwayne Booth's article gives more info about our tour of Seatac and if you want to see all of the articles about the convention, check out "The Siberian Iris" Fall 2022



edition.

Thank you to all who donated iris for the R13 redistribution and items for door prizes on the bus. Thank you to the participants that bought raffle tickets and auction plants. It seemed like there was a good distribution of plants amongst the participants. Thank you to Patrick Spence, Convention Chairman and King County Iris Society members for all their hard work. Thank you to Cascadia Iris Gardens for the wonderful salmon luncheon. Thank you to all of the hybridizers who provided guest plants for all of us to enjoy! And lastly, thank you to all who were able to come and participate in the fun! I am sorry that so many of our wonderful friends couldn't make it and we hope to see you at the next convention to rekindle our friendships created because of the **"Love Of Iris"**!







**More convention  
photos.  
More on page #19 and  
In Dwayne Booth's  
article on page #24**





# 2022 Lankow Award Count By Rita Butler



c. Mid-America Garden



We have a winner! **‘Kitten Whiskers’** introduced by Lynda Miller in 2019. (*additional Photo on front cover*) The runners up was a draw between ‘Carrot Flash’, P. Black 2017, ‘Cool Dude’ P. Black’17, ‘Ditzy Blond’ L. Miller’19, ‘Oh Wow’ T. Johnson’17, ‘Roaring Fire’ P. Black’18, ‘Stop and Stare’ T. Johnson’14.

Those with 2 votes each are ‘Antsy’ T. Johnson’17, ‘Oh Canada’ T. Johnson’15, ‘Rally Cat’ R. Mendenhall’22, ‘Rufflemania’ P. Black’18, ‘See No Evil’ P. Black’18, ‘Very Berry Shake’ T. Johnson’20, ‘Woody Woodpecker’ T. Johnson’18’.

There were votes for SDB’s from Australia, California, Idaho, and Texas. There were only 5 votes for SDB’s too old to be counted for the Lankow Medal. Thank you to all who participated! Get out and get a few more new iris in you gardens on a regular basis to replace ones who are just not as exciting as the new ones coming out every year with brighter, cleaner colors, ruffles, flashes and more buds on the stocks and possible rebloom, providing more color in your personal garden.

# Lankow Runner's Up



# **AIS REGION 13 SPRING 2022 MEETING MINUTES 5-28-2022**

**WELCOME:** Meeting was called to order by Regional Vice President John Ludi who welcomed everyone back after several convention cancellations.

**ROLL CALL:** John shared that we were unable to do the Roll Call at this time because in the schedule, it was called a Region 13 Board Meeting and not everyone attended. Patrick will mention those Region 13 members attending later in the Spring Meeting.

**SECRETARY:** Phyllis Barnett resigned as Secretary. Lynn Plotner has volunteered to fill her position.

Minutes of the Fall 2021 Meeting are published in the Spring 2022 Newsletter. The Minutes have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Board.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Gillespie clarified that the numbers on the Spring report consisted of Fall 2021 until Spring 2022 and the numbers that will be on the Fall report will consist of Spring 2022 until Fall of 2022.

The Bank balance as of May 28, 2022 is \$12,143.69  
Income of \$1,971.90 and Expenditures of \$1,272.97

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Will Plotner reported Region 13 has 254 AIS members and 159 non-AIS Members. AIS is holding a membership drive and any new club member that joins will receive a courtesy one-year AIS membership. The membership drive ends June 30, 2022. John will get information on new members.

**JUDGE'S TRAINING CHAIR REPORT:** Ann Booth gave the following Judge's Report. Our Region has 39 AIS accredited judges including 8 Emeritus, 14 Master, 15 Garden/Exhibition and 2 Apprentices.

John Reported on the Handbook Revisions that are being considered by the AIS Board. Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 24 and an addition of Appendix F – Ethics are being discussed and when they are approved by the Board, revised chapters and additional Appendix will be available online to download and available for purchase from the AIS Storefront. AIS approved the Artistic chapter in Las Cruces, however, did not approve the Ethics chapter. This will be revisited in June. Will Plotner

had taken the first part of the required Artistic training and he said there are many similarities to Federation of Garden Club rules, however, there are some differences.

Judges who have a lot of experience in judging the artistic part of shows may be grandfathered in. John Ludi and Ann Booth will be the Region 13 authority.

**AIS Judges Awards Ballot** – All AIS judges should have received their 2022 Awards Ballot by now. If not, contact Mike Reed, Awards Chair, [4mikereed@tx.rr.com](mailto:4mikereed@tx.rr.com) or phone 214-418-3208. Ballot must be submitted not later than August 1, 2022. Try to send your ballot on-line using the same password as last year.

**Judge's Activity Report:** Report forms have been mailed to Region 13 judges. Completed report is due back to Ann Booth no later than August 1, 2022. Failure to submit the report can cause you to lose your judgeship.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Caroline Zebroski asked the membership if they had any negatives to share about the Newsletter and no one had any suggestions. Caroline said that in order to be sure the Fall Meeting information got in the Newsletter in time she needed the information by July 1, 2022 and Maiya agreed to get her the updated information by that date.

**WEBSITE UPDATE:** Marina Oberg has been uploading the information on the Website and Caroline will learn how to do that. Caroline will have Marina upload the information about the Fall 2022 Region 13 meeting on the website.

**2022 LANKOW AWARD:** Rita Butler shared that out of 254 Region 13 members only 12 people voted last year. The votes for 13 of your favorite SDB's that are less than 10 years old and have not won yet are due by June 15, 2022. Rita will accept the votes in any form, mail, text, or phone.

**AIS TALL BEARDED IRIS SYMPOSIUM 2022:** This is a popularity/favorite tall bearded iris vote by AIS members. Votes can be sent to John Ludi, RVP Region 13, Box 956, Sandy, Oregon 97055 or (numbers or names or both) can be sent to John by email – [kludi@juno.com](mailto:kludi@juno.com). John is hoping to get more than 10 votes.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Meeting Schedule:**

Fall 2022 – October 1, 2022, Puyallup, WA, hosted by PCIS  
Spring 2023 – Combined TBIS/Region 13, Salem, OR, hosted by OTIS

Fall 2023 – October 7, 2023, Portland OR, hosted by GPIS

Spring 2024 – Combined Japanese/Species/Region 13, June 22 -27, 2024, Portland, Or, hosted by GPIS.

Fall 2024 – Seattle, WA, hosted by KCIS

Spring 2025 – Vancouver, BC, hosted by BCIS. Currently to go across the border into Canada you need a passport/driver's license, to fill out a form and have a current vaccination card.

Fall 2025 - ?

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dwayne Booth and Rod Mendenhall have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for Region 13 officers/directors.

John Vacchieri the current Assistant Vice President will serve as President, Debra Gillespie will remain as Treasurer and Lynn Plotner will remain as secretary. Ted Baker from BCIS' term is expiring at the end of 2022. It was suggested that any nominations be posted in the Region 13 Newsletter before the Fall 2022 meeting.

**FALL REGION 13 MEETING PROMOTION:** PCIS President, Maiya Heath spoke about the plans so far for the Fall Meeting in Tacoma, WA. The convention hotel is the Best Western Puyallup, 620 S Hill Park Drive, Puyallup WA 98373. The Room Rate is \$129.00 + taxes/fees. The telephone number is (800) 528-1234 to make reservations. Be sure to mention "Iris Society Fall Convention" to receive the room rate. The meeting registration fee is \$50.00, payable by check to "Pierce County Iris Society, AIS" and mailed to Rod Mendenhall, 3041 Friendly Grove Road NE, Olympia, WA 98506. The Meeting registration and room reservation must be done by September 1, 2022. Maiya said that Lynda Miller will be the afternoon guest speaker talking about Tall Bearded Iris and in the evening, Bob Seaman will be talking about PCI's. They are hoping to add an Artistic Judge to the slate at 11:00 am.

There being no further business, Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Plotner

Region 13 Secretary

# Region 13 Fall Meeting – October 1, 2022

Where: Best Western Puyallup

620 S Hill Park Dr

Puyallup, WA 98373

**Hotel Phone number for reservations: 1 (800) 528-1234**

The room rate to stay in the hotel each night for conference attendees: \$129.00 + taxes/fees.

The hotel provides a continental breakfast for those staying overnight at the hotel. Attendees who wish to stay at the hotel at the room rate for the event, must reserve their hotel room themselves PRIOR to September 1st . If attendees need an ADA room, please let the hotel know when registering. ADA rooms are VERY limited in the hotel, reserve a room early. Any unclaimed rooms will be released back to the hotel on that date. Be sure to mention the Region 13 Fall Meeting to get the special room rate. Attendees can cancel rooms up to 48 hours prior with no penalties or fees.

If you have special dietary needs, please make a note of it on the back of the registration form when pre-registering, and please register early so that we can make sure there are options available.

**Covid Restrictions:** Covid restrictions will be updated as the event draws closer. (Masks may be suggested or required indoors).

**Conference Registration:** Cost: \$50.00 Pre-registration will be required for the event. Pre-registration will close September 1. Registration includes an evening meal catered by Mama Stortini's and coffee/tea service during the day. PCIS members will provide a list of restaurant / food options that are close to the hotel for those wanting lunch during the mid-day break. Registration opens for check-in from 10:00-11:00am. The first session starts at 11:00 am. The schedule is printed on the back of this form. To register for the Fall Region 13 Meeting: Please cut off the Registration Form below, fill out the registration information, and send it to Erin Severe. Keep the top section of this form so you have the information to refer to.

**Erin Severe, 14602 114th Avenue Court E., Puyallup. WA 98374**



# **AIS Region 13 Fall 2022 Meeting Schedule OCTOBER 1, 2022 PUYALLUP, WA**

10:00-11:00am Registration and Silent Auction Setup

11:00-12:00pm Judge's Training Session (1 hour) on Artistic Design  
by Judy Swortz

12:00-1:00pm Lunch On Your Own

1:00 – 2:00 Region 13 Board/General Membership Meeting

2:00 – 2:15 Break

2:15 – 4:30 Judge's Training Session (2 hours) on Tall Bearded Iris  
by Lynda Miller

5:00 Silent Auction Closes

5:30 – 6:30 Dinner

6:30 – 6:45 Region 13 Awards

6:45 – 7:00 Promotion of Spring 2023 Convention by Lynda Miller

7:00 – 8:00 Presentation on Pacific Coast Iris by Bob Seaman

8:00 - Hybridizer's presentation on new introductions



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# Registration Form

**Send to: Erin Severe 14602 114th Ave Ct E Puyallup, WA 98374**

**Registrations must be postmarked by September 1.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<sup>17</sup> Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment: \$50.00 - Please make checks payable to Pierce County Iris Society / AIS (Please note any special diet or room requirements on the back)**

**AIS Region 13 Fall 2022 Meeting Schedul**

**Send To: Erin Severe, 14602 114th Avenue Court E., Puyallup. WA 98374**

This page left blank for sending in your registration for the  
Fall Region 13 Meeting in Puyallup, WA



## **British Columbia Iris Society Review of 2021**

(info obtained from “The Rainbow Goddess” by Caroline Zebroski)

BCIS released the first issue of “The Rainbow Goddess”, the BC Iris Society’s electronic newsletter in Summer 2019. It is an impressive beautiful publication! Check it out on the website <https://www.bcirissociety.com/>

President’s message by Richard Hebda: Another busy iris garden year passed. Many folks reported a strong show of bearded irises in their gardens. I had a few visitors, and they were impressed by the colour especially of my scattered tall bearded rises. One newly established bed really performed well and I finally had success with Queen’s Circle after several years of trying. Lots of new members joined the BC Iris Society, and it seems that folks like using our website credit and debit membership dues payment option. It also really reduces our administration to consider a three year membership.

Our two main display gardens in Summerland and Saanich fared well despite limitations placed on their care by COVID restrictions. We expect colourful displays in the coming spring. In the Okanagan, despite evacuation alerts, heatwaves and fires Penny Santosham reports the blooms were exceptional with strong fall rebloom. In Saanich, I report that the modifications to adapt to extreme moisture appear to have been successful. Irises really seem to be the garden flowers well adapted or adaptable to our changing climate.

Okanagan members Penny Santosham and Lesia Lalonde embraced a little-grown group of irises in Canada called Arils and Arilbreds. In Penny’s article, you can read about the particular terminology used for this group and about the considerable success they had with the varieties in their gardens. The online availability of our Rainbow Goddess resulted in a remarkable connection. Myrtle Neel the granddaughter of E.W Neel who bred irises (Shah Jehan being best known) in Duncan on Vancouver Island e-mailed us. Our late and much-missed Director Ian Efford had written an article about Neel a couple of years ago in the Rainbow Goddess Winter 2019 issue. Myrtle generously donated memorabilia of her grandfather’s iris accomplishments. Among other topics covered in this issue of the Rainbow Goddess, there is an interesting article about the very unusual Snakes Head or widow iris, *Iris tuberosa*. Take a look at our website and enjoy the iris photos as an antidote to the dark days of winter. It won’t be long before the sparkling dwarf bulbous irises will be in bloom to usher in another year of iris rainbows in our gardens. Finally, we congratulate our Secretary-Treasurer and Rainbow Goddess editor Bill Dumont on his election as a Director of the American Iris Society.

The British Columbia Iris Society will host the AIS Region 13 Spring Con-

vention and Garden Tour from June 6 to 8, 2025 on southern Vancouver Island. We are requesting guest plants of Siberian irises, mid-season Species, mid-season Interspecies, and other mid-season beardless irises to be planted for display and judging at the convention. These may be either rhizomes of recent (2017 to present) introductions or seedlings under consideration for introduction. More important info is contained in The Rainbow Goddess Winter 2022.

### **Columbia Basin Iris Society Summary of 2021 (by Phyllis Barnett)**

A majority of our club met once before we held our late May “Iris Show and Sale”. We planned on helping May Smith and Cal Maxwell transplant their tall bearded iris garden of approximately 110 plantings by using their iris collection for our show and sale. Many hours were put in to identify and diagram the location of each variety. In the six years since the iris were transplanted to that location, the garden schematic had disappeared, and most of the name tags had been destroyed or lost. Time and elements takes their toll on all! You’d think we’d struck it rich when we found some buried tags when we dug the iris clumps later. (“Lost name tags”, sound familiar around your place?)

About three dozen varieties were put in the show and sale. Due to COVID, we were put in the “Event Center” at Pybus Market which is a bit tucked away. Therefore, we didn’t get as many “lookers” but, had more serious buyers than in previous years

Between some extra help from May’s family and our club volunteers, we had a great crew when it came time to dig their garden in late July. We had to have several digging and labeling work dates at May and Cal’s. Some may call them work parties, but not here. It was rough going with the thick and healthy clumps! And to avoid the high temperatures and to limit exhaustion, we quit before noon, we’re old you know!

The club potluck was held, as usual, at May and Cal’s in August. This is when we share iris from our gardens, guest iris from previous years and other personal favorite iris. We closed our year with a meal at Olive Garden in November.

On a more personal note, as some of you know, (And I thank you for the sympathy and care expressed in your cards.) on October 5, I lost my husband of almost 56 years to mesothelioma with little warning – 2 months. Besides being the love of my life, he was my (and Elm’s) go to out-of-town iris meeting and convention driver and my main iris digger. I plan to keep and attend as many iris activities as possible but feel it would be best if I resign as Secretary of Region 13, effective immediately. I am honored to have been elected and to have served an earlier term before COVID came along.

### **Greater Portland Iris Society 2021 in Retrospect (by John Ludi)**

It has been a very strange year for iris happenings this past Spring and Summer. Due to the COVID virus, all shows and Spring meetings were cancelled. We did have two meetings via Zoom. Chad Harris provided a session on History and Culture of Iris Ensata in Japan and Bruce Filardi presented a preview of new 2021 introductions of local hybridizers. Finally in early August we were able to have our annual picnic/auction under the tall trees in Timber Park, Estacada, OR. It was great to see our members in person and enjoy the friendly bidding of new introductions. Late August was our bearded iris two-day plant sale at the Portland Nursery on Stark Street. Despite the heat waves and drought, the plants available for purchase look extremely good. Just wish someone else would pay the water bill. Late September we were back to Portland Nursery for our beardless iris plant sale.

### **King Country Iris Society 2021 in a Nutshell (by Dwayne and Ann Booth)**

We had limited in-person opportunities to meet as our monthly meetings were via ZOOM. That worked out well because we had programs that we probably wouldn't have had in person, anyway. For example, we had Richard Hebda from Vancouver Island presenting "Creating Climate Change Gardens featuring Iris", Robert Hollingworth from Michigan doing a program on Siberian Iris, Jeanette Graham over in Idaho giving us a Photography program, Will Plotner on Species Iris and Howie Dash to promote the 2022 AIS convention. It was a great opportunity to invite other club members and the public to join the meetings to enjoy these educational presentations. We did have a 2 hour in-person Judges Training at Cascadia Iris Garden in May; Patrick Spence as the trainer. We had an Iris Exhibition in May and both the bearded iris and beardless iris sales at Wells Medina Nursery in Medina, WA. Both sales were successful and we appreciate working with the fine folks at Wells Medina. We also appreciate the sizable gift of Tall Bearded iris rhizomes to our sale by Jim Geditz of Selah, WA. With our mostly small yards in King and Snohomish Counties, our members don't grow a lot of TBs so Jim's contribution gave our customers more to choose from than in previous years. Once the Siberian/Species/Region 13 Convention had to be postponed, we got to work on preparing for 2022. We have a hotel lined up (the Hilton Garden Inn in Lynnwood) and buses, so now we need have people throughout the Region (and beyond) to plan to attend the Convention.

### **Oregon Trail Iris Society Happenings in 2021 (by Lynda Miller)**

Since the meeting place we normally have our meetings was closed the first half of the year, we held two events at Mid-America Gardens in

Brooks, OR. April 22 we had one hour of judges training on SDBs in the garden. On May 20 we had a mock iris seedling show where everyone voted for their favorite in three different divisions. Kevin Vaughn won best beardless with Z-Vers-pink-1, Thomas Johnson won with best single flower with TL7422, Lynda Miller won best tall bearded stock with 6915D which is a 2022 introduction named Space Force (it is a space ager).

In August we had our annual potluck and auction at Sebright (aka Mid-America Gardens), a week later the club joined with the Cascade Nursery Trail for the Jewel box sale at Sebright. This is our annual sale to the public.

In October we hosted the fall regional meeting and In November we had to change our annual potluck and holiday exchange to a Tuesday night since we can no longer use the meeting facility on Saturdays.

### **Pierce County Iris Society Memories of 2021 (by Maiya Heath)**

Pierce County Iris Society's 2021 year dealt with changes and restrictions for our club events and activities, but through it all we were able to grow our membership, host a show, and have a successful sale at the end of a season. Our monthly meetings became a hybrid of in-person/zoom meetings. We met at different members' homes, throughout the year and enjoyed some new speakers and programs we might not have had the opportunity to hear previously. So zoom worked well in that regard. May was a busy month for our club. We were able to put together a garden tour early in the month and got to visit a couple of gardens down in Olympia. Rod Mendenhall and Mike Unser graciously opened their gardens for our group to tour. Rod's garden was in full bloom! Beautiful Tall Bearded Iris put on a colorful display and made for some great photos. Mike's garden hosted many Historic Iris and his backyard garden held interesting plantings, pathways and stone borders that were a joy to view. Both gardens were inspiring and a pleasure to visit. At the end of May we were able to host our annual Iris Show at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. Following a few Covid related changes at the park, we were able to have a successful show and share the beauty of iris with visitors who came to the park. We had 67 entries in Horticulture, 13 entries in Artistic Design, 3 entries in Educational, and 8 entries in Photography. A well-rounded show for everyone to enjoy. In August we held our club picnic and auction out at the park. We also had our annual Iris sale in mid-August. Portland Ave Nursery graciously hosted us and we were able to have a very successful club sale. The most exciting success we had at our sale was the growth of our membership! We had 8 new members sign up at our sale! Handing out membership information sheets with the sale of rhizomes encouraged more people to sign up. :) We finished out our year with a small Christmas party. We are hoping for less restrictions and more activities to enjoy this next year. Good health and Happy gardening to you all!



## **Siberian Convention Guest Beds at the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden by Dwayne Booth, Edmonds, WA**

Convention guests started their garden tours on the last Saturday of May 2022 at the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. The display beds have been maintained over the past 4 years by John and Linda Vacchieri of Seattle.

The Garden is located on land claimed several decades by the Port of Seattle (SeaTac) Airport as part of a noise remediation effort. The neighborhood had been a convenient location for Boeing workers. There are still reminders of those days but much of the Garden has been replanted and features the Elda Behm Paradise Garden, Seike Japanese Garden, and Display beds maintained by the King County Iris Society, Puget Sound Daylily Club, Seattle Rose Society and 2 Fuchsia societies. Referring back to those planes, conversations still have to stop from time to time as the Garden is under the flight path and SeaTac has many flights throughout every day.

With these many features and good bloom on the Siberian irises, time went by quickly and then it was time to get back on the bus and enjoy a box lunch on the ride to the Bellevue Botanical Garden.



Convention attendees included past AIS President Gary White in the left foreground of this photo.

Normally, I wouldn't include photos of seedlings in an article because

of the uncertainty of whether or not they will ever be seen again. However, in this case, I will make an exception since my seedling #15-30 was voted the Best Siberian Seedling by the attendees. I received a fused art tile made by Patrick Spence. The seedling makes it claim to fame based on its early season bloom and robust clump growth.

Two other Siberians are shown one on page 6, is 'Moonstone Marvel' a 2017 introduction from Terry Aitken. Second, is 'Silliousness' on page 8, a 2020 introduction by Schafer/Sacks.



15-30 Best Siberian Seedling  
Dwayne Booth

**“IRIS IN THE VALLEY”**  
**AIS Region 13/Tall Bearded Iris Society Spring**  
**Meeting**  
**May 19-20, 2023**  
**Hosted by the Oregon Trail Iris Society**

Come join us for a visit to three large commercial iris gardens in the Willamette Valley. Saturday, May 20, 2023, a guided bus tour to Perozzi Iris Farm in Albany and Mid-America Garden and Schreiner’s Gardens in Salem. Lunch will be at the Schreiner’s Garden. A one hour in-garden judge’s training session will be held at Mid-America Garden.

Hotel accommodations are the Holiday Inn Salem, 3301 Market Street NE, Salem, OR 97301. Phone: 503-370-7835. Special room rate – double room \$129.00 plus tax per night. Room rate is good from May 18-22, 2023. Make your reservations directly with the hotel. Make sure you mention “Oregon Trail Iris Society” to get the special rate. Reservation must be made by May 3<sup>rd</sup> to get the special rate.

Meeting registration fee:

Bus tour, lunch and banquet	\$107.00
Banquet Only	\$65.00
Bus tour and lunch Only	\$55.00

Registration/reservation must be in by May 3, 2023. Registrations received after May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be accepted at the discretion of the registrar.  
Banquet Choices: Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023: 7 – 9 pm, Registration and Meetings**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023:**

8 am - 4 pm, Bus tour to Perozzi Iris Farm, Mid-America Garden and Schreiner’s Gardens.

6 – 7 pm Banquet, no host bar

7 pm - Meetings/Programs

# AIS Region 13/Tall Bearded Iris Society

## Spring Meeting May 19-20, 2023

### Registration

**Registrations must be received by May 3, 2023**

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#\_\_\_\_\_ Bus tour, lunch and banquet x \$107.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#\_\_\_\_\_ Banquet only x \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#\_\_\_\_\_ Bus tour and lunch only x \$55.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment by check only made payable to OTIS**

Banquet Choice:

Salmon #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Cordon Bleu #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note any special diet concerns on this registration form)

Send registration and payment (check only) to:

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## **GREATER PORTLAND IRIS SOCIETY 2022 HAPPENINGS**

**By John Ludi, President**

The Greater Portland Iris Society was awarded many great returns in the year 2022. After a two-years of restricted guidelines due to COVID 19, we found ourselves having and enjoying in-person meetings and events. In February, Carol Warner, Draycott Gardens, Upperco, Maryland, joined us for our annual luncheon and judge's training session. Thirty-five AIS accredited judges and iris interested people gathered for a two-hour training session on Siberian Iris.

After a hiatus of two-year cancellation of events, we were back on schedule for three shows. Due to the cold wet Spring weather and late bloom season, the number of entries in all shows were less than previous years. In early May we were back in Canby to hold our Early Show in conjunction with the Clackamas County Master Gardener's "Spring Fair". Late May found us at Oaks Park, Portland, (a new venue for us) for the Mid-Season Show. It had been at least three years since GPIS held a Mid-Season Show. In June we were invited by the Japanese Gardens, Portland, to hold our Late Show in a new building at that location. Due to remodeling and construction of new facilities, it has been five years since we held a show at that location. We have received an invitation to hold our Late Show at this great location next year.

Now that bloom season is over, our efforts are planning and preparing for a Bearded Iris Plant Sale in August and a Beardless Iris Plant Sale in September. Both sales will be held at the Portland Nursery on Stark Street in Portland.



## **Outward Bound**

**By Will Plotner**

Hi everyone,

What a nice retreat from the 100 degree weather I'm having just putting this newsletter together. Hopefully next week it will be down into the 80's and not be burning up everything around us.

I am for one looking forward to the upcoming fall meeting. It is always fun and interesting. I also look forward to the upcoming Spring meeting hosted by OTIS. The two big gardens in the valley and a new one we have not seen as yet. A most promising adventure.

I hope everyone stays hydrated as Summer rolls along and that you will be ready to travel to the Fall Meeting in Puyallup, WA. See you all there.

*Will*

# What is Region 13?

Region 13 of the American Iris Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of the public and the advancement of the genus Iris. Region 13 comprises the area's of Alaska, Oregon and Washington, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory and publishes a Newsletter twice yearly. The Newsletter fee, to defray printing and mailing costs, is \$6.00 per year, individual or family. Send any subscriptions (check payable to AIS Region 13) to the Circulation Chairperson: **American Iris Society, Region 13 Will Plotner, Circulation P.O. Box 250, Molalla, OR 97038-0250**

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We invite all residents of Region 13 to join the American Iris Society. Membership includes four excellent color Bulletins per year, and additional benefits for local societies. The membership rates per year are: \$30.00/single, \$35.00/joint membership. Send check (payable to American Iris Society) to Membership Secretary:

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360-573-4472

## **Cascadia Iris Gardens**

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P.O. Box 1062  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258  
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## **Chehalem Gardens**

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19105 NE Trunk Road  
Newberg, OR 97132  
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Robin Shadlow  
3769 Cordon Road NE  
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