



## President's Message

Happy New Year! Winter has finally arrived; I hope all have had time to get out during some good weather to take control of that pesky weed, Bittercress. You know, the one that sprays seeds all over

when you touch it.

This past year, ten GPIS members had perfect attendance at our evening meetings. Congratulations to (alphabetical order) Chad Harris, John, Kay Ludi, Gordon, Sue Piper, Will, Lynn Plotner, Rick, Lynn Stone, and Harry Wise.

A lot is happening in the next two months. First, at our Board Meeting on Saturday, January 20th, This date due to the forecasted ice storm is being changed to **Saturday 27th**. I will serve lunch lasagna and green salad at noon at Mt Pleasant Iris Farm. The two main focus items on the meeting's agenda are the budget for 2024 and changing the bylaws to read three directors instead of six.

We have hosted a Judge's Training (JT) open to all in February for many years. This year's guest teacher is Stephanie Markham of Massachusetts. She will be giving a two-hour JT on Tall Bearded Irises on Saturday, February 3rd, after which a program of her hybridizing will follow. The luncheon will start at noon, with signing in at 11:30; you must pre-register for the luncheon received by January 25th. Please use the form here or the printable form at the Greater Portland Iris Society's website/Calendar of Events. The club will also provide an anniversary cake, as we were founded 72 years ago on January 24th, 1952. Stephanie will be flying on Friday, February 2nd, and I would like to extend an invitation to a no-host dinner at Park Stone Wood Kitchen restaurant. The restaurant is at Cascade Station, Portland International Airport, 9921 NE Cascades Pkwy, Portland, OR. Meet at the restaurant at 5:15 PM. Please contact me (Chad Harris) personally to make reservations at 360-835-1016 on/by February 1st. Seating is very limited, and they usually do not take reservations.

On a sad note, I received word that a longtime friend and fellow iris hybridizer/grower, Denise Stewart of Snowpeak Iris, Lebanon, OR, passed away on December 31, 2023.

*Chad*



## *AIS National/Japanese Iris Convention* June 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Greater Portland Iris Society, of Portland Oregon, has hosted many AIS National Iris Society Conventions and numerous Sectional National Conventions. We are very pleased to be able to host this first-time-ever event. Save the dates from June 26th to June 29th, 2024. Hotel, for the special rate mention AIS National Convention, call 844-209-0741 or <https://Hotel online>. Special room rates are available three days prior to and three days after the Convention dates, standard room (2 queen) \$149.00, and premium room (2 queen or 1 king) \$159.00.

[2024-Convention-Registration-Form.pdf](#)

A proposed schedule of events can help with your timeline for travel to the Pacific Northwest.

[2024-Convention Schedule.pdf](#)

# GPIS

January 2024



**Next Meeting Saturday  
January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Board of Directors Meeting  
at Chad Harris's home.**

**JT Training Luncheon  
February 3rd  
Judges Training with  
Stephanie Markham  
on Tall Bearded Iris  
Followed by a  
program of her  
hybridizing efforts**

Greater Portland Iris Society

## Coming Events

**January 27, Saturday, GPIS Board Meeting, Harris Res. 12 Noon Lunch**

**February 3, Saturday, Luncheon /JT, Stephanie Markham-TB irises, 2hours**

March 5, Meeting –Patrick Spence,  
Sino-Siberians

April 2, Meeting – Bruce Filardi, Pictorial  
Review of Favorite bearded irises in  
2023

April 4-5, HPSO Plant Sale, Washington  
County Event Center, Hillsboro

May 5 – Sunday, - Early-Season Show –  
Canby Events Center

May 25, Saturday, Mid-Season Show,  
Clackamas Community Club

June 26 – 29 -AIS National Convention –  
Portland, OR

June 27 Region 13 Spring Meeting Portland,  
OR after National Welcome Dinner

August 10, Saturday, Potluck / Auction

August 24-25 Saturday/Sunday, Bearded Iris  
Sale – Portland Nursery

September 3 - Tuesday, Extended bloom on  
beardless irises – Terry Aitken

September 21-22 - Saturday, Sunday – Beard-  
less Iris Sale - Portland Nursery

October 26 Region 13 Fall Meeting, Seattle  
WA, Host KCIS

October 1 – Chad Harris – Hybridizing Pro-  
gram – Beardless Irises

November 5, Tuesday Meeting – Will Plotner  
– Spuria irises

December 7--- Saturday, Holiday Potluck,  
Sandy Grange

You are invited to come join us for a  
luncheon and a two hour judges train-  
ing session on Tall Bearded Irises pre-  
sented by...

**Stephanie Markham  
February 3rd, 2024**

**The location is...  
Radisson Airport Hote  
6233 NE 78th Court  
Portland, OR 97218**

**Check in at 11:30 AM  
Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00PM  
JT Session from 1:00 to 3:00PM**

**Cost is \$29.00 for Buffet Lunch of  
Mixed green salad  
Assorted meats and cheese  
Sourdough, wheat & rye bread  
And Dessert**

**Please register as early as possible but  
your registration must be received no  
later than January 25th**

**After January 25th attendees will be  
required to find your meal elsewhere.**

**Make your chacks payable to Greater  
Portland Iris Society (GPIS) and mail  
your registration form and check to...**

**John & Kay Ludi  
P.O. Box 956  
Sandy, OR 97055**

**Any questios at 503-668-9230 or  
[kludi@juno.com](mailto:kludi@juno.com)**

**REGISTRATION FOR February Judges Training  
Please register as early as possible, but must be received no later than January 25th.**

Make your checks payable to: Greater Portland Iris Society (GPIS) and mail to: GPIS  
John & Kay Ludi

PO Box 956  
Sandy, Oregon 97055  
Phone: 503-668-9230  
Email: [kludi@juno.com](mailto:kludi@juno.com)

Please register the following persons:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Luncheon - \$29.00 Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$29.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please annotate special diet concerns on back of form)