



GPIS Newsletter March 2026

President's Message

Chad Harris

First, you may have noticed that the format of this newsletter is different. Will Plotner, after decades of dutiful writings and formatting, has asked to be released from this responsibility.

I would like to deeply thank him for the time, energy, and service that he has provided.

What a great and fun Judges Training, presented by Dell Perry earlier this month (February). If you missed it, the title "Are These Rules?" set up the class to think about how to be aware of our own preconceived ideas of how to judge or conduct ourselves on the judging floor or garden. I, for one, and by the responses of some veteran judges in class, have seen these mistakes made or forced forward upon us. Judges Training is not just for judges; it is open to all as a learning experience, and everyone is invited to attend. The next local Judges Training for our area is scheduled for May 9th at the Region 13 Spring Meeting; details are still being finalized. After which, the King County Iris Society at Cascadia Iris Gardens is hosting instructor Jody Nolin on June 20th, covering Species Iris. These dates and registration forms, as they become available, will be posted on our website/events at <http://greaterportlandirissociety.org/>.



Greater Portland Iris Society Meeting

Our next meeting is on March 3rd at the Ainsworth House and Gardens, starting at 7 pm. We are fortunate to have Paul Black give a program on his hybridizing of irises. He has worked with and introduced Arilbred, Border Bearded, Intermediate Bearded, Miniature Bearded, Miniature Dwarf

Bearded, Siberian, Species Hybrid, Standard Dwarf Bearded, and Tall Bearded. He is the recipient of numerous Awards and Medals, both Stateside and International.

Hospitality: Last names starting with A-L

Corrections to the GPIS Members Handbook

Please take the time now to make these corrections

If you notice any other corrections to be made, please contact Chad Harris.

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