



Region 22  
Newsletter  
American Iris Society



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# Region 22-American Iris Society

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## Editor’s Note:

Region 22 Newsletter: This newsletter is published three times a year. Members are welcome and encouraged to submit articles. To meet the deadline, articles to be printed should be received by the Editor by February 15 (Spring issue), August 15 (Fall issue), and November 15 (Winter issue).

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The opinions expressed in specific articles within the Newsletter of Region 22 are those of the individual authors and are not necessarily those of the Editor, Publication Committee, or the Officers of Region 22.

# RVP Message

"Spring Break!"

That term has a whole new meaning to us these days, doesn't it? We iris lovers have traded in sandy beaches (with the smell of Coppertone and the feel of sand in every orifice) and snowy mountains for the magnificent fragrances and sights of iris gardens all over the world. Spring is a time for dressing up the garden and enjoying the fruits of our labor. From flower shows to regional conventions, or visiting our friend's gardens – yes, spring is definitely our season to make time for our “break”!

Spring is the season to enjoy local meetings, judging schools, pollen dauber seminars and iris shows. When the iris start Blooming, I hope you all can get out and enjoy, whether in your garden, a friends, a public garden or local iris grower. If you're real lucky, maybe take your break at the AIS Convention in Ontario, California. The thought of spring has me ready to jump out of my skin! It's not just about the flowers; it's about nature and the people who share your passion that make it all a memorable “Spring Break!”

A business note. We are going to need to replace our long time Region 22 editor, Paul W. Gossett. He has served long and faithfully and is need of a break. I hope you all will consider the job. Paul can fill you in on all it entails, if you are curious.

I look forward to seeing you soon at a show, tour or program somewhere. Bring friend and family wherever you go and help spread the love!

Happy gardening!,  
Hugh Stout Jr.

# Editor's Message

Dear Friends,

I have sent my letter of resignation to Hugh Stout, the current Region 22 RVP last Fall. I have held the position of Region 22 Editor since 2006 and I feel it is time for me to step down and let a new person with new ideas take the position. I have enjoyed being your Editor and will continue supporting Region 22 in any way I can. Thank you for your support and confidence in me as your Editor.

Paul W. Gossett

## 1974 Judges Choice Voting in Region 22

The top irises in the voting by judges in Region 22 on the Judge's Choice ballot were as follows:

**Lemon Mist** (Rudolph) 18 votes. This is a light lemon yellow with many ruffles and excellent branching.

**Angel's Art** (Humphrey) 13 votes. This is John Humphrey's blue and white plic with super branching. Very late.

**Going My Way** (Gibson) 13 votes. Another plicata, but this one is in deep violet on white. Super fine form, and one that will catch your eye.

**Cherokee Princess** (Munger) 12 votes. Another local iris; this one from Tom Munger and done up in ruffles. It's a bicolor.

**Blue Luster** (O. Brown) 11 votes. This is a violet blue with a startling blue beard. Appeared in several shows this year, proving that it has good branching.

**Bride's Halo** (Mohr) 11 votes. One I haven't seen, but it is a white with a very fine line of gold around the petal edges.

**Carved Cameo** (Rudolph) 11 votes. Perfection in creamy pink. I consider this one of the finest irises for form that is available.

**Sea Venture** (B. Jones) 11 votes. A reverse blue bicolor or amoena. Excellent growth habits.

**Michelin** (Hamblen) 10 votes. A lovely pink with very good form and branching.

**Misty Dawn** (Hamblen) 10 votes. Multi budded bicolor in an approach to pink and blue. Many ruffles and very fine branching.

Taken from the Region 22 News January, 1975 issue

# Region 22 Affiliates and Presidents

| Affiliate  | President  | Meetings  |
|--|--|---|
| Central<br>Arkansas Iris<br>Society (CAIS)         | Mark Shipp<br>104 Garden Lane<br>Malvern, AR 72104<br>(501) 249-2400<br>markshipp60@gmail.com                | 3rd Sunday, monthly,<br>2:00 PM-except Jan.<br>& May; Hillcrest Hall<br>Little Rock, AR                         |
| Hot Springs Iris<br>Society (HSIS)                 | James Bledsoe<br>271 Sparling Road<br>Hot Springs, AR 71913<br>(501) 767-4707<br>jboots3041@gmail.com        | 4th Sunday, monthly,<br>2:00 PM-except Apr.<br>& Dec.; 1st Lutheran<br>Church, Hot Springs, AR                  |
| Lawton Area<br>Friends of Iris<br>Society (LAFOIS) | Julie Hooker-Kyle<br>6710 SW Drakestone<br>Lawton, OK 73505<br>(580) 510-8049<br>cookietownkid@sbcglobal.net | 3rd Saturday, monthly<br>except Jan. & July;<br>Lawton, OK  |
| Norman Area<br>Iris Society<br>(NAIS)              | Betty Lou McMartin<br>8904 NW 89th Street<br>Okla. City, OK 73132<br>(405) 728-0839<br>lulu245@sbcglobal.net | 4th Monday, monthly,<br>7:00 PM-Reeves Park<br>Norman, OK   |
| North Central<br>Iris Society<br>(NCIS)            | Clyde George<br>5202 W. Rupe<br>Enid, OK 73703<br>(580) 234-0199<br>ceg5202@yahoo.com                        | 2nd Sunday, monthly,<br>2:00 PM-except Jan.,<br>May, July, Aug. &<br>Dec., Gants Bldg.<br>at NOC, Enid, OK      |
| Northern Oklahoma<br>Iris Society<br>(NOIS)        | Lynn Whitebay<br>4669 N. Prentice Road<br>Ponca City, OK 74604<br>(580) 765-2074<br>lwhitebay@poncacity.net  | 2nd Friday, monthly,<br>7:00 PM-except Jan.,<br>Aug., Nov. & Dec.<br>L.A. Cann Garden<br>Center, Ponca City, OK |

# Region 22 Affiliates & Presidents

| Affiliate                               | President  | Meetings  |
|---|--|---|
| Oklahoma Iris Society (OIS)             | Cynthia Wade<br>8316 NW 15th Street<br>Okla. City, OK 73127<br>(405) 603-5282<br>nursewade@cox.net or<br>enurcaw@aol.com | 1st Friday, monthly,<br>7:00 PM– except Jan,<br>Feb, Jul, & Aug; Will<br>Rogers Garden Center,<br>Oklahoma City, OK |
| Rolling Hills Iris Society (RHIS)       | Helen Jones<br>529 S. 12th Street<br>Clinton, OK 73601<br>(580) 323-1132<br>JonesIris2@aol.com                           | 3rd Saturday, 2:00 PM<br>Only in Mar., Aug.<br>Sept., & Oct.; CREC<br>Building,<br>Stillwater, OK                   |
| Southwest Oklahoma Iris Society (SWOIS) | Joyce VanDerPol<br>RR 1 Box 79<br>Roosevelt, OK 73564<br>(580) 639-2780<br>Countrybumpkin_73564@yahoo.com                | 1st Thursday, monthly,<br>2:00 PM, Oklahoma<br>Blood Bank Meeting<br>Room, Lawton, OK                               |
| Tulsa Area Iris Society (TAIS)          | Mike Blake<br>7416 East 3rd Street<br>Tulsa, OK 74112<br>(918) 760-1450<br>ma-blake@cox.net                              | 2nd Thursday,<br>monthly, 6:30 PM-<br>except Jan. & Feb.,<br>Tulsa Garden<br>Center, Tulsa, OK                      |
| White County Iris Society (WCIS)        | Alice Jewell<br>10 Mohawk Drive<br>Searcy, AR 72143<br>(501) 268-6634<br>ajewell@harding.edu                             | 2nd Sunday, monthly<br>2:00 PM-except Jan,<br>June, July, August<br>Lightle House<br>605 E. Race<br>Searcy, AR      |

Region 22 Website: [www.region22ais.org](http://www.region22ais.org)



# Sharing

By Nick Stewart, Region 22 Membership Chair

Just as we work all year for the spring bloom, and perhaps a show to prepare for and enter, we now prepare for the local societies fall rhizomes sales. These fall sales, so beneficial to our societies financially, are even more so for us as gardeners. We have this opportunity to sell off what our garden clumps have increased. These sales are a win-win for all of us.

Now, is also a good time to remember those friends and family whom you invited to the spring show. Having seen firsthand the wonder of so many colors, sizes, and shapes, they are more likely to purchase. Perhaps you helped them with a “shopping list” at the show. But even without that, the photos will be a reminder of what they saw, or just what they would like to have in their garden next spring.

Your friendship continues to be a catalyst for their interest in iris and maybe a membership in your society.

Remember as well that the Region meeting will be in September at the Fin and Feather Resort. It’s such a reasonable cost for such a beautiful setting there on Lake Tenkiller. The delicious meals we share together are second to only the valuable information we share with each other. Our speaker for the judges training will be Robert Treadway this year. The guest speaker will be Patrick O’Connor from Metairie, Louisiana who will be discussing Louisiana’s. The registration form is in the newsletter.

Hope to see you there. Happy gardening!

# **Region 22 Judging School - 2012**

## **September 8, 2012**

Robert Treadway lives 10 miles north of Carlisle, Arkansas and I-40 on the Grand Prairie. He works on the family minnow farm Where they raise minnow for fish bait. Besides Louisiana Irises, he grows Tall Bearded, Median Irises, and some Japanese Irises.

He has been interested in Louisiana Irises since the early 1990's when he began buying them to add to a water garden. He was growing them pretty unsuccessfully until meeting M.D. Faith at the Central Arkansas Iris Society meeting in 1997. He has been actively involved in the Society For Louisiana Irises, AIS Region 22, and the Central Arkansas Iris Society. Currently he is raising over 300 varieties of LA irises and many seedling that he is evaluating for possible future registrations.

He became an AIS judge in 2003 and has given several training sessions on judging Louisiana Irises with the largest class at the 2007 AIS Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. He is also the immediate past RVP for Region 22.

### **Region 22 Silent Auction**

YES, we will be having a silent auction at the Fall Meeting at Fin & Feather. Please bring your iris items or any items related to gardening. You may contact Nick Stewart at (580) 248-2755 or [nicostew@yahoo.com](mailto:nicostew@yahoo.com) for more information.

# **American Iris Society - REGION 22 Invites YOU to the**

American Iris Society Region 22 Annual Meeting  
September 7 & 8, 2012  
Fin and Feather Resort; Gore, OK

Judging School Instructed by Robert Treadway  
Guest Speaker Patrick O'Connor of Metairie, LA

## *Meeting Hotel*

**The Fin and Feather Resort on beautiful Lake Tenkiller;  
Gore, OK  
Telephone (918) 487-5148  
Room rate starts at \$ 59.40 + tax.**



**Please make reservations directly with  
Fin and Feather Resort & mention "AIS  
Region 22" to receive a 40% discount.**

# Region 22 ANNUAL MEETING

September 7 & 8, 2012

FIN AND FEATHER RESORT

GORE, OKLAHOMA on beautiful LAKE TENKILLER

Nestled among the rolling hills of Oklahoma's Green Country at the southern end of beautiful Lake Tenkiller, the **Fin and Feather Resort** is conveniently located 11 miles north of US Interstate 40, just west of the Arkansas state line. The area is widely known for its beautiful, clear water and surrounding lush greenery and is a favorite vacation destination for anyone who enjoys the beauty and serenity — not to mention adventure — of the great outdoors.

Whether you need to sleep 2 or 32 in the same unit, the Fin offers a wide selection of cabins and houses to accommodate virtually any size family or group. Best of all, our friendly expert reservations staff has many years of experience in helping groups and families select the proper lodging for the occasion and will gladly take the time to customize your accommodations.

All of our lodging facilities feature the charm of a lakeside resort, but with the comforts that camping simply doesn't afford. All are equipped with air conditioning and satellite TV, and our kitchen units have all the basic utensils needed for meal preparation.

**\*\* Please reserve your room or cabin early to receive the 40% discount and a spot at our Regional Meeting. \*\***

**Rates start at \$59.40 for normal rooms.**

**Call 918.487-5148 and tell them you're with the AIS Region 22.**

**[www.finandfeatherresort.com](http://www.finandfeatherresort.com)**

# Region 22 Schedule of Events

Friday, September 7, 2012

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3:00pm to 6:00pm  | Registration in Hotel Lobby |
| 6:00pm to 8:00pm  | Dinner                      |
| 8:00pm to 9:00pm  | Program                     |
| 9:30pm to 10:30pm | Board Meeting               |

Saturday, September 8, 2012

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 8:30am to 9:00am  | Registration            |
| 9:00am to Noon    | Judging School          |
| Noon to 1:30pm.   | Lunch on your own       |
| 1:30pm to 2:30pm. | Annual Business Meeting |
| 2:30pm to 5:00pm. | Rhizome Auction         |
| 7:00pm.           | Banquet                 |

## **Region 22 would like to Welcome New Members**

**Macy Crew - Walters, OK**

**Lilla Higdon - Fletcher, OK**

**Anthony Presley - Seminole, OK**

Reverse side of this page  
contains your Registration Form  
for the 2012 Region 22 Fall Meeting  
at Fin and Feather.

**REGION 22 Invites YOU  
to the American Iris Society Region 22 Annual Meeting  
September 7 & 8th, 2012 Gore, Oklahoma  
Fin and Feather Resort**

**Meeting Hotel:**

The Fin and Feather Resort on beautiful Lake Tenkiller, Telephone (918) 487-5148. Rates are \$59.40+ tax for Normal Rooms. Make reservations directly with the Fin and Feather and mention AIS Region 22 to receive a 40% Bargain Discount Rate. Rooms are limited so please reserve early.

**Schedule of Events**

*Friday, September 7th*

3:00pm to 6:00pm Registration in Hotel Lobby  
6:00pm to 8:00pm Dinner  
8:00pm to 9:00pm Program  
9:30pm to 10:30pm Board Meeting

*Saturday, September 8th*

8:30am to 9:00am Registration  
9:00am to Noon Judging School  
Noon -1:30pm Lunch on your own  
1:30pm to 2:30pm Annual Business Meeting  
2:30pm to 5:00pm Rhizome Auction  
7:00 p.m. Banquet

# REGISTRATION FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee @ \$45 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Evening

\_\_\_\_\_ Judging School @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Fees enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to AIS Region 22

(Credit Cards not accepted)

Mail completed form to:

Mona French

4521 NE 55<sup>th</sup> Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73121-6024

Contact Mona @

mona@eclectic-garden.com

(405) 424-6634



Reverse side of this page  
contains your Registration Form  
for the 2012 Region 22 Fall Meeting  
at Fin and Feather.

## Region 22 Welcomes Patrick O'Connor

Patrick O'Connor is from Little Rock, Arkansas and moved to Louisiana in 1970. He went to school at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and Indiana University in Bloomington, where he studied absolutely nothing that has anything to do with irises or plants. In 1970, he moved to Baton Rouge to teach at LSU. In the mid 70s, he bought a house in Baton Rouge that had been an overseers' house on a plantation and that had been owned by someone who had an interest in native plants. Among those growing there was *I. fulva*. He had to be told it was an iris, but he was amazed that there would be a red one. *I. vinicolor*" also grew in the yard and in a wet spot grew to about five feet tall.

About the time he discovered the *fulva*, Southern Living had an article on Louisiana irises and it gave the names and addresses of some contacts in Lafayette. He called on Dick Goula, joined SLI, and ordered his first irises from Bay View Gardens in about 1975. He also checked out some SLI publications from the LSU library and read something by Frank Chowning as well as many fascinating tales of collecting irises in South Louisiana. On a trip home, he called and arranged to visit Mr. Chowning, and bought some things to put at his parents' home. He wishes he still has those — things like 'Ashes of Roses' and others no longer around.

After that, he visited Frank Chowning on every trip back to Little Rock. Guess you could say Frank Chowning was a mentor. He had decided to hybridize as soon as he got to know Frank Chowning and Frank Chowning gave him some plants to work with, and lots of encouragement.

## Patrick O'Connor, cont'd.

Patrick made his first successful crosses in the late 1980s, having failed to set seed prior to that, but nonetheless getting a few nice irises from bee crosses, including 'Feliciana Hills', a nice clear pink. Patrick has registered around 70 irises to date. His program was interrupted a bit by a move to New Orleans about 15 years ago and by Hurricane Katrina, which required him and his wife to move out of their house for six months.

Patrick still works at a real job (for the LSU Health Sciences Center), but also has operated Zydeco Louisiana Iris Garden for about 8 years. He grows plants at his home and two locations in New Orleans. It is very much a part time effort that requires full time attention.

Patrick has been an officer and Board member in SLI and was a founder of the Greater New Orleans Iris Society. He is currently president, but happily on his way out of office. Since Hurricane Katrina, there has been a huge upsurge in iris interest in New Orleans, and Patrick is very happy to have been a part of it. He is not responsible for it, however, but has enjoyed riding the wave.

### **2013 SLI Convention**

The Society For Louisiana Irises 2013 Convention will be in Dallas, Texas immediately following the AIS Convention. The dates will be Sunday, April 21 through Tuesday, April 23. Sunday we will visit some gardens, we will have a judges training session on Louisiana irises in the Addison Garden, SLI Board Meeting, and a welcome mixer. Monday will be more garden tours, followed by dinner and a slide show presentation. Tuesday we'll have a Louisiana Iris Show, General Membership Meeting, a scientific presentation, silent auction, exhibition judges training and an Awards Dinner followed by a live auction.

# 2013 AIS CONVENTION DALLAS, TEXAS

**April 15 - 20, 2013**



The IRIS SOCIETY OF DALLAS members have been busy planting thousands of irises for the upcoming April 2013 American Iris Society National Convention. Over 3,100 plants have been received from over 100 hybridizers. The Iris Society of Dallas hosted the 2000 American Iris Society Convention and was so pleased with the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison that we

chose the same hotel again for the 2013 convention. The Town of Addison has been kind to provide us with garden space for a planting of over 600 irises within walking distance of the hotel. The garden will be open to the public as well as convention guests, allowing everyone opportunities to see the garden various times.

There will be a total of 8 gardens on tour for the convention. The convention begins on April 15-17, 2013 with board meetings followed by section meetings. Section meetings host programs that focus on Spuria irises, Louisiana irises, Median irises, Tall Bearded irises, Dwarf irises, Historical irises, Species irises, and many more. Wednesday evening April 17, there will be a Welcome Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison. Foreign guests along with each of the American Iris Society regions will be introduced. Special youth functions are planned throughout the convention.

There will also be an iris show at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There should be hundreds of cut flowers plus artistic arrangements. The flower show will be open to the public.

## 2013 AIS Convention cont'd

April 18-20, 2013 are dates of the garden tours. Garden refreshments are always a special treat. On Thursday, April 18, busses will load convention guests and travel to The Clark Botanical Gardens in Mineral Wells, The Carver Garden in Weatherford and The Burseen Garden in Grand Prairie. The Clark Gardens is a Master Planting that includes one of each of the irises sent to the convention. Lunch will be served in the Clark Gardens.

On Friday, April 19 guests will tour the Town of Addison iris planting and The Nichols Garden in Mesquite. All convention guests will enjoy lunch at the Dallas Arboretum and tour the gardens that include irises hybridized by Texas growers. The Arboretum has a beautiful gift shop that everyone enjoys for shopping time.

On Saturday, April 20 guests will spend a little more time on the road traveling north to two beautiful gardens in the Sherman and Dennison area. The Brown and Thompson Gardens will be on tour. Some guests will travel back to the Addison garden one last time before casting their votes for their favorite irises seen on tour. During the convention, there will be several opportunities for people to attend in-garden judges training sessions including bearded and beardless irises.

The convention will conclude on Saturday evening with an Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

This beautiful opportunity is right in your own backyard. Plan your vacation time and mark your calendar!

For more information contact:  
Convention Chair, Bonnie Nichols [bjnhtn@aol.com](mailto:bjnhtn@aol.com)

# 2012 Calendar of Events

- June 30, 2012      White County Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Farmers Market at Spring Park Downtown  
Searcy, AR  
7:00am -Noon  
Contact: Alice Jewell (501) 268-6634
- July 7, 2012      Norman Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Cleveland County Fairgrounds  
Next to Farmers Market  
Norman, OK  
8:00am -1pm  
Contact: Betty Lou McMartin (405) 728-9839
- July 14, 2012      Tulsa Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Tulsa Garden Center  
2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, OK  
8:00am-Until Sold Out  
Contact: Peggy Meekins (918) 486-2383  
Earl Tuers (918) 743-9181
- July 27, 2012      North Central Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Oakwood Mall  
4125 West Owen K. Garriott Road  
Enid, OK  
9:00am- 6:00pm  
Contact: Bill McVicker (405) 375-3115
- July 28, 2012      North Central Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Oakwood Mall  
4125 West Owen K. Garriott Road  
Enid, OK  
9:00am- 6:00pm  
Contact: Bill McVicker (405) 375-3115

# 2012 Calendar of Events cont'd

Northern Oklahoma Iris Society  
NO RHIZOME SALE THIS YEAR

- August 24, 2012      Oklahoma Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Will Roger Garden Center  
3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma City  
Open to Public: 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Contact: Cynthia Wade (405) 603-5282
- August 25, 2012      Oklahoma Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Will Roger Garden Center  
3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma City  
Open to Public: 8:00am -4:00pm  
Contact: Cynthia Wade (405) 603-5282
- August 25, 2012      Central Arkansas Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Fellowship Hall  
Grace Lutheran Church  
5190 Hillcrest Avenue  
Little Rock, AR  
Open to Public: 8:00am-Sold Out  
Contact: Mark Shipp (501) 249-2400
- September 1, 2012      Hot Springs Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Farmers Market  
Hot Springs, AR  
Open to Public: 7:00am - Sold Out  
Contact: James Bledsoe (501) 767-4707
- September 7, 2012      Southwest Oklahoma Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Central Mall  
Lawton, OK  
Open to Public: 10:00am - Sold Out  
Contact: MaryAnn Holman (580) 875-3720

Region 22 Website: [www.region22ais.org](http://www.region22ais.org).

# 2012 Calendar of Events cont'd

- September 15, 2012    Tulsa Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Tulsa Garden Center  
2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, OK  
9:00am-Until Sold Out  
Contact: Paul W. Gossett (918) 853-6204
- September 15, 2012    Lawton Friends Of Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Cache Road Square  
3801 NW Cache Road  
Lawton, OK  
Open to Public: 8:00am - 3:00pm  
Contact: Julie Hooker-Kyle (580) 704-6595  
okiəkyles@gmail.com
- September 22, 2012    Lawton Friends Of Iris Society Rhizome Sale  
Cache Road Square  
3801 NW Cache Road  
Lawton, OK  
Open to Public: 8:00am - 3:00pm  
Contact: Julie Hooker-Kyle (580) 704-6595  
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**REGION 22 SENDS GET WELL WISHES TO**

**Bill Goldsberry - Ponca City, OK**

**Kitty Lack - Tulsa, OK**



# NEWS FROM AIS

## **Milestones:**

If your society is having a special event or project this year: Jim Morris, compiler of the Milestones column in the AIS Bulletin, would like to know. The Milestones column is the place for your society to promote your events, special occasions, and anniversaries. Please send your article to Jim at MORRISJE1@aol.com

## **2012 AIS Calendars**

The 2012 AIS Calendars are here. These calendars are beautifully done. They make great gifts for family and friends and can also be used as door prizes at your society meetings. They can be ordered through the AIS Storefront, John and Kay Ludi, P. O. Box 956, Sandy, OR 97055. They are priced at \$7.00 each plus S&H of \$2.00 or \$50.00 plus S&H of \$5.00 for a package of 10.

**2009 TEN-YEAR CHECKLIST:** compilation of registrations 2000-2009, 941 pages, available in a Soft Cover Book or a Hard Cover Book. Price: Soft Cover - \$18.00 each plus S & H (USA \$7.00). Hard Cover \$27.00 each plus S & H (USA \$7.00).

## **AIS Slide Show Committee**

Looking for resources for your programs? The AIS Program Resources Slide Committee is busy developing new presentations, both in slides and digital format. Please contact Janet Smith at AISSlides@irises.org for full selections.

## **DONATIONS TO AIS**

Donations to AIS may be sent to  
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701 Old Cheney Road  
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### **AIS CONVENTIONS**

|      |               |     |       |
|------|---------------|-----|-------|
| 2013 | Dallas, Texas | Apr | 15-20 |
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| 2015 | Portland, OR  | May | 18-23 |

### **FALL BOARD MEETINGS**

|      |                 |     |     |
|------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 2012 | Columbus, OH    | Nov | 4-5 |
| 2013 | New Orleans, LA | Nov | 1-2 |

# AIS Membership

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Single Annual                               | \$ 25.00  |
| One Member, one year                        |           |
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| Two members, one bulletin                   |           |
| Single Triennial                            | \$ 60.00  |
| One member, three years                     |           |
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| Two members, three years                    |           |
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