HELLO….

Greetings from your new RVP! Welcome, new members! Continuing members, thank you for remaining with us. It is my fervent hope that the next 3 years will be ones of growth for our Region, and most importantly, rewarding for all of us. I ask your help in achieving these goals. Please contact me by e-mail, telephone, or snail mail if you have any concerns or ideas to help us along the way.

One important opportunity is approaching in 2016. I am speaking of the AIS National Convention, which will be held in Newark, N.J., and feature the famous Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. This is the closest the convention has been to us in years. No need to hassle with airports and all the joys therein! Our region should certainly support a convention “in our own backyard.” It will be an enjoyable, rewarding experience!

Everyone should have received their Fall 2015 *Irises* by now; you will find a brief article about Presby on p. 51. The convention registration form is on the back of that page, also in this bulletin, and you will find more information at: [www.ais2016convention.com](http://www.ais2016convention.com). Dedicated AIS members are planning this convention as you read this. Please spread the word, and register early…save on the fee.

Our Region will once again be contributing a “Region Basket” for the silent auction. Now is the time to think about what you can contribute to it. Items should be useful, not terribly large or heavy due to transportation issues, have an iris/garden theme, or be a product of our state/province. Think creatively!

Sincere thanks to our able editor, Betty Schnellinger, for the extra effort and time required to put together this special bulletin. Last but not least, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Convention,

*Dorothy Stiefel*
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PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROGRAM WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
New AIS Members who joined during 2015 will not be eligible.

Goal: To increase Region 2 membership by 50% by year-end

Cost: Up to $300 for 2016, Contest winner reimbursement will affect 2017 budget

Dates: January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Description: By sharing the costs of promoting AIS membership, we hope to get 30 new AIS members in Region 2 during 2016. New AIS members (no membership in the last 10 years) will pay only $10 for their first year of general membership; their other costs will be split between Region 2 and their AIS Region 2 Affiliate; the highest achieving AIS Region 2 Affiliate will have an additional incentive.

During 2016, all new AIS members who join a participating Region 2 Affiliate will pay only $10 for their first year of AIS membership. For each new regular member, Region 2 will reimburse the club $10 toward that membership, when the affiliate provides an additional $10 toward that same membership.

• “New” members are defined as those that have not been AIS members in the past 10 years.
• The Region 2 contribution counts toward AIS dues only, and does not affect local dues.
• Each affiliate will need to show proof of their contribution toward the membership, to be reimbursed for the regional promotion.
• This offer includes AIS general memberships ($10 off from affiliate, $10 off from region; new member pays $10 or more toward 1-year, 3-year or life AIS membership, single or dual) OR AIS e-memberships ($5 from affiliate, $5 from region, $5 from member). One person gets one discount, even if they join both ways.

Contest

All Region 2 Affiliates will receive the matching incentive funds ($5 or $10 when matched by the affiliate). The affiliate with the most new AIS members in 2016 will be reimbursed for their $10 or $5 contributions in 2017 so there will be no cost for this promotion for the winning affiliate.

For the purposes of the contest each new member, regular or e-member, will be counted as one person but no one will be counted twice. That is to say that any single membership will constitute one person and any dual membership will be counted as 2 people. A person who joins as both a regular and an e-member will be counted as 1 new member.

The appropriate officer of each Region 2 Affiliate will identify new members aligned with their affiliate. For AIS general membership the affiliate will submit $20 toward the membership to AIS with a payment of $10 or more from the member ($10 and $5 respectively for AIS e-membership). When the AIS monthly report from their Membership Secretary reflects the new membership, the AIS Region 2 treasurer will send reimbursement to the affiliate.
On the Weekend of October 2nd, the Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society (HVIDS) hosted the 2015 Fall Meeting for Region 2 of the American Iris Society. The event took place at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill, NY. The members of the HVIDS did an excellent job of hosting, selling raffle tickets, and sponsoring the Silent Auction.

The guest speaker for the event was Chuck Chapman of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Chuck delivered an informative presentation on Rebloom Iris and provided judges training on Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris and Spurias.
HVIDS also provided door prizes for those in attendance. A nice selection of potted iris grown by the Sorbellos and the Koscharas was available for participants.

Cara Hutchings, Wendy Roller, and Kathryn Mohr
Award of certificates to Michael and Cora Roller

Potted iris door prizes

Region 2 Members

In addition to the board of directors and general membership meetings, the Region 2 Iris Show Awards and local awards for various affiliate iris shows were presented. Kathryn Mohr, Awards Chairperson, coordinated the presentations.

Wendy Roller, Kathryn Mohr and Carolyn Schaffner
Award of Wendy’s Best Specimen of Show, WNYIS

Dorothy – silver medal recipient, Wendy – bronze medal recipient, GRIS Show, and Kathryn

Wendy receiving the William McGarvey Beardless Award for the Siberian ‘Crème Caramel’
All too soon, the meetings and presentations were over and it was time for the final judges training. It was a productive and enjoyable Region 2 Fall Meeting. As we drove away in the rain I’m sure most of were glad that we were able to participate.

The Region 2 Fall Meeting hosted by HVIDS went well and our thanks go to the members and Affiliate Chairperson Jim Robinowitz for their efforts. In addition to raising a significant amount of money they made us feel welcome and provided us an opportunity to reaffirm old friendships and make new ones in addition to conducting the business of Region 2.

Jim taking a well-earned break!

Thanks Jim and the members of HVIDS!

‘Creme Caramel’ ( Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2002)
Winner of the William McGarvey Beardless Iris Award
Exhibited by Wendy Roller at the WNYIS 2015 Show

*Photo from the AIS Iris Encyclopedia*
Going East in 2016
The American Iris Society Convention Registration
May 23-28, 2016
Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
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1 Hotel Road, Newark, NJ, 07114
Phone: 973-623-0006

Contact the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
1-800-MARRIOTT (1.800.627.7468) and ask for the “American Iris Society event” rate of $114. Reservations must be made by Monday, May 2, 2016. Hotel room reservations are separate from Convention Registrations!

Please complete and mail this form so that it arrives no later than May 15, 2016. Registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and event tickets at check-in.

PLEASE PRINT – Fill out one form per person attending.
Name to appear on name badge: __________________________________________________
Address:_______________________________________________
City: ________________________________ State: ________ Zip: ___________
Phone: __________________  E-mail:___________________________________________  AIS Region _______

IF POSTMARKED BEFORE Feb 1-Apr 30, AFTER TOTAL
Feb 1, 2016 | Feb 1-Apr 30, 2016 | Apr 30, 2016
Full Adult Registration $299 | $310 | $325 = ______
Includes Welcome Reception, Awards Banquet, Garden Tours, Judges Training and Convention Book

Garden Tours ONLY (May 26, 27, and 28) $195 | $205 | $215 = ______
Full Youth Registration (18 and under) $150 = ______
Dinners ONLY (No garden tour, judges training or convention book)
  Welcome Reception (May 25) $40 = ______
  Awards Banquet (May 28) $73 = ______
Please select from the following choices:
  _____ Sliced Tenderloin of Beef  _____ Roasted Tuscan Chicken

Optional Tour to The U. S. Independence National Historic Park &
  Morris Arboretum $60 (includes bus, admission and lunch) = ______
Payment Method: CHECK - Make Payable to AIS Convention 2016
  TOTAL Enclosed = ______

CREDIT CARD (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)
  CC# ____________________________ MM/YY ________ CVV ________

Send Registration & Payment to:
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NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER MAY 10, 2016 unless there has been a death in the family.
Cancellations after May 1, 2016 but before May 10, 2016 are at the discretion of the Registrar.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:
  _____ Gluten Free  _____ Lactose Intolerant  _____ Diabetic
  Other: ____________________________________________________________________

GEEK DINNER: Registration for the Geek Dinner should be made to Joanne Prass-Jones, 35572 Linda Drive, Fremont, CA 94536 joanne@usjoneses.com.