

Novelty Iris Society

Announcement – June 2015

In Portland, Oregon, at the American Iris Society convention last month, the Board of Directors of the AIS unanimously approved the Novelty Iris Society (the “Society”) as a section of the AIS. Prior to AIS approval, the Society was incorporated as a domestic non-profit corporation and received its EIN from the IRS.



At the Novelty Iris Society meeting held May 22, 2015, by-laws were approved as published in the April 2015 Society newsletter. Officers and three of the directors of the Society were also approved.

The officers approved include:

President - Bonnie J Nichols

bjnhtn@aol.com

Vice President - Don Rude

don.rude@comcast.net

Secretary - Shirley Trio-Probst

shirleytrio@gmail.com

Treasurer - Debra Bilberry

treasurernoveltyiris@yahoo.com

Vicki Howard – Historian

vickihoward70@yahoo.com

Kathy Wade has agreed to continue as our Newsletter Editor. nisnewsletter@yahoo.com

Directors approved were:

Northwest (Regions 11, 12, 13, 20)

Steve Spreight smspeights@q.com

Southwest (Regions 14, 15, 23)

Riley Probst rprobst02@earthlink.net

South Central (Regions, 10, 17, 18, 22)

Mary Ellen Reed mereed@drs-rsta.com

Directors for the following regions will be open until the next general membership meeting:

Northeast (Regions 1, 2, 3)

Southeast (Regions 4, 5, 7, 24)

North Central (Regions 6, 8, 9, 21)

Note: Persons interested in more information about the role of a director for The Novelty Iris Society can contact Bonnie J Nichols at bjnhtn@aol.com.

One committee chairman was approved at the meeting. **Don Rude** will chair the committee to review and recommend updates to the AIS Judges Training program. Other committees under consideration include:

- Display gardens
- Photography
- Fund Raisers
- Logo
- Electronic communications (website and Facebook)

Our first fundraiser was a live auction during our Society meeting. A big thanks to **Cheryl Deaton** and **Hooker Nichols** for donating space-age and flattie irises for our fundraiser.



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Dues were set as follows:

SINGLE (annual) \$ 15.00

DUAL (annual) \$ 20.00

SINGLE (triennial) \$ 40.00

DUAL (triennial) \$ 50.00

INTERNATIONAL (single & electronic) \$ 15.00

LIFE (single) \$150.00

Membership Information form is on the last page of this announcement.

***NOTE: Please include your email address to receive communications and newsletters from the Society.**

Advertising rates have been set for ads in the newsletter. All ads will be in color and would need to be preformatted so they could be dropped into the publication. Ads must be submitted two weeks before the newsletter is to be published.

Full Page \$85.00

½ Page \$50.00

¼ Page \$25.00

Please send your dues and/or advertising payment to:

*Kathy Wade, Newsletter Editor
4304 Vista Ridge Lane
Alvarado, Texas 76009*

We would appreciate articles for our newsletter. Examples of articles include discussing your hybridizing program, a friend's hybridizing program, discussion of your iris

collection, and gardens you have visited. Do you have pictures of novelty irises (introduced or seedlings)?

Did you attend a spring regional or national convention and have pictures to share? Did a Novelty iris win Best of Show at your iris show? If so, we would love to include names and pictures in our newsletter.

What were the best performing novelty irises in your garden this bloom season?

If you don't have computer access to scan pictures or write an article – that isn't a problem. We will be happy to help. You may send your written article and pictures to:

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Be watching for our next newsletter this fall. **Until then - enjoy seeing the flowers bloom, the weeds grow, and seeing life each day as a new opportunity to share our favorite flowers with friends.**

Bonnie J Nichols, President
The Novelty Iris Society

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Membership Information

Date: _____

NAME: _____

Address : _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Type of Membership (please check one):

Single (annual) \$15.00 Dual (annual) \$20.00 Single (triennial) \$40.00

Dual (triennial) \$50.00 International (Single & electronic) \$15.00 Life (Single) \$150.00

Please make check to NOVELTY IRIS SOCIETY and send to:

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