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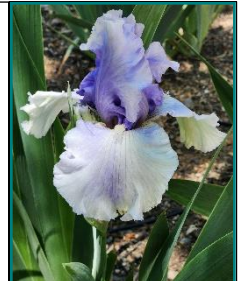
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**September 2024** – Photo: ‘Jurassic Park;’ Meeting Minutes and photos; **Damselflies** article and photos; **Photos from Iris Dig at Marie Valenzuela’s** by Lois and Terry; **Rhizome Preparation Pre-Sale; Photo Contest rules and how-to’s;** blurb on **rhizomes are underground stems and not roots; Tips: Plant new irises right away and how and why to divide irises;** What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; **History: AIS Checklists and Iris Registration;** Haiku; Quotes: “O month of fairer, rarer days Than Summer’s best have been; When skies at noon are burnished blue...” by Hellen L. Smith, *September Days* and “Plant so your own heart will grow.” by Hafiz



**October 2024** – Photo: ‘Bryce Canyon;’ **Report and Photos from the Sale; Ground Beetles** article and photos; blurbs on **Marcusen Sculpture Garden Damaged, Extra Plant Labels for Sale, and ‘Tobacco Road;’ Tips: the Bti (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis) in Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Bits may prevent soft rot in rhizomes;** What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; **History: Dr. Rudolph Kleinsorg and his Brown Irises;** Limerick; Quotes: “There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October...” by Nathaniel Hawthorne and “Every leaf speaks bliss to me, Fluttering from the autumn tree.” by Emily Brontë, *Fall, Leaves, Fall*



**November 2024** – Photo: ‘Clown Around;’ Meeting Minutes; **Region 15 Fall Conference (Trek) - article and photos** by Lois; **Some Tips from Dr. Walworth’s Fertilizing Presentation; Praying Mantis - article and photos; Winning Entries in our 7<sup>th</sup>-Annual Photo Contest;** blurb on **Ornamental Grasses for the Garden; Tips: My attempts at over-summering my irises were not successful** by Sue; What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; **History: Dr. Phillip Loomis, hybridizer of pink irises and other colors;** Haiku; Quotes: "The wind that makes music in November corn is in a hurry. The stalks hum, the loose husks whisk skyward in half-playing swirls, and the wind hurries on...A tree tries to argue, bare limbs waving, but there is no detaining the wind." by Aldo Leopold and “The soft November days are here, The aftermath of blossom’s year.” by Sara Louisa Oberholtzer



**December 2024** – Photo: ‘Solar Fire;’ Meeting Minutes and photos from the Potluck; **Fertilizer Information from Dr. Walworth’s Presentation; Soldier Beetles, Assassin Bugs, and Robber Flies - article and photos; blurb on AIS’ two lists from 1925: Irises Worthy of Planting and Irises Unworthy of Planting; Tips: reference to a scientific paper that has photos showing irises grown without specific key nutrients;** What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; **History: Japanese Irises;** Limerick; Quotes: "That’s no December sky! Surely 'tis June Holds now her state on high, Queen of the noon. Only the tree-tops bare Crowning the hill, Clear-cut in perfect air, Warn us that still Winter, the aged chief, Mighty in power, Exiles the tender leaf, Exiles the flower..." by Robert Fuller Murray, *A December Day* and “In seed-time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.” by William Blake

