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January 2025 – Photo: ‘Bold Statement;’ Ideas for TAIS’ 60th Anniversary celebration; **Irises that Can Be Grown in Tucson** - article and photos; 2024 Meeting Schedule; **Parasitoid Wasps** - article and photos; Index to 2024 issues; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; blurb on Terry growing **Japanese Irises in Tucson**; **Tips: water, feed, and water again** by Terry; **History: William Arlie Payne and Japanese Irises**; Haiku; Quotes: ‘You’d be so lean, that blast of January Would blow you through and through. Now, my fair’st friend, I would I had some flowers o’ the spring that might Become your time of day.’ by William Shakespeare and ‘Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle.’ - Barbara Winkler



February 2025 – Photo: ‘Vance George;’ Meeting Minutes and photos; **Beneficial Spiders, Part I: Orb Weavers** - article and photos; **Broken Colors in Irises** - Notes from Chuck Chapman’s presentation; **Photos: Patio Garden Club meeting and Sogetsu Ikebana arrangements**; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; blurb on **Mandala Gardens**; **Tips: Granite Dells Iris Garden open in Prescott**; **History: Japanese Irises** – photos and descriptions of the three types – Ise, Higo, and Edo; Limerick; Quotes: ‘When February sun shines cold, There comes a day when in the air The wings of winter Slow unfold, And show the golden summer there.’ by Philip Savage and ‘February makes a bridge and March breaks it.’ By George Hebert



March 2025 – Photo: ‘Sneezy;’ Meeting Minutes and photos; **Beneficial Spiders, Part II: Tarantulas** - article and photos; **Notes from Cindy Grimm’s Floral Arranging Presentation**; **Tips from Diane Pavlovich for Anyone Planning to Enter Artistic Arrangements in the Show: Supplies - Where & How to’s**; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; blurb on **Seed Saver’s Exchange**; **Tips: TAIS embroidered shirts at RC Stitch & Sew on Craycroft**; **History: how the opening up of Japan in 1853 led to eventual export of Japanese irises**; Limerick; Quotes: ‘The brown buds thicken on the trees, Unbound, the free streams sing, As March leads forth across the leas The wild and windy spring.’ by Elizabeth Akers Allen and ‘March in the garden - my hostess shows me brown sticks and speaks of flowers.’ - Sister Benedicta



April 2025 – Photo: ‘Babbling Brook;’ Meeting Minutes and photos; **Artistic Arrangement Tips**; **Beneficial Spiders, Part III – Stalking Spiders** (wolf spiders and jumping spiders) - article and photos; **Pat’s Best Tips for Preparing Irises for the Show**; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; blurb on **the Philadelphia Flower Show**; **Tips: how to identify snail and slug damage, and prevent it using crushed eggshells or Sluggo** by Sue; **History: Early Importers of Japanese Irises: Bertrand Farr and J F Lovett**; Limerick; Quotes: ‘I went out on an April morning All alone for my heart was high, I was a child of the shining meadow, I was a sister of the sky.’ by Sara Teasdale and ‘Flowers...are a proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world.’ by R. W. Emerson



May 2025 – Photo: ‘Spring Elegance;’ **Notes and Photos from the Iris Show**; **A Few Things I Learned at the Show and A Few Ideas for Next Time** by Sue; **Photos from Dan’s Garden**; **Photos of Irises and Roses in Terry’s Garden**; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; blurb on two iris locations in Denver; **Tips: aphids and three ways to remove them**; **History: George Reed, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Farmingdale Iris Garden, and the beardless irises there**; Limerick; Quotes: ‘Oh! fragrant is the breath of May In tranquil garden closes, And soft yet regal is her sway Among the springtide roses.’ by William Hamilton Hayne and ‘Happiness? The color of it must be spring green.’ by Frances Mayes



June 2025 – Photo: AB ‘Eye of Excellence;’ **Report and Photos from the 60th Anniversary Luncheon; Our Logos Were Designed by Shane Smith**; **Marcusen Sculpture Garden in Prescott** - article and photos; **More Photos from the Iris Show**; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; blurb on **Creating a Chocolate Garden**; **Tips: visors with logos? And drippers for irises in summer**; **History: Swan Lake Iris Garden in SC**; Limerick; Quotes: ‘It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses, When pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses.’ by Nathaniel P. Willis and ‘I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June.’ - L. M. Montgomery



July 2025 – Photo: ‘My Little Wagon;’ **Photos from the Artistic Division of the Iris Show; A Visit to Bloomer-Rang Iris Farm** - article and photos by Diane Pavlovich; **AIS 2025 National Convention** – article and photos by Joyce Knill; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; **blurb on irises with chocolately names; Tips: Using paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls in compost or burying in garden for worms** by Sue; **History: Arlie Payne and 40 years of Japanese Irises**; Limerick; Quotes: “A babble of brooks that deliver Their flower-purpled waves to the river; A moan in the marshes; in thickets A dolorous droning of crickets, Attuned to a whip-poor-will’s cry - And that is July!” by James Newton Matthews and “Summer has set in with its usual severity.” by Samuel Taylor Coleridge



August 2025 – Photo: ‘Artistic Web;’ **Photos of TAIS Member Gardens - Joyce’s and Kevin’s; Wheel Bugs** - article and photos; **Seedling Photos and More Highlights from the AIS Convention** by Joyce; **What to do in the Iris Garden this Month**; **blurb on Arizona hummingbirds and that hummingbirds have exceptional special memory; Tips: try growing something new – a list of iris types grown in Tucson; History: Walter and Louise Marx and his Marhigo Japanese irises**; Limerick; Quotes: “Buttercup nodded and said good-bye, Clover and daisy went off together, But the fragrant water lilies lie Yet moored in the golden August weather.” by Celia Thaxter and “The English winter, ending in July To recommence in August.” by Lord Byron



September 2025 – Photo: ‘Private Treasure;’ **Meeting Minutes and Auction Report and photos; 2026 Trek Information; Rove Beetles - article and photos; Dividing and Planting Tall Bearded Irises; Rhizome Preparation Pre-Sale; Guidelines for Photo Contest; What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; blurb on food items native to the Americas; Tips: Dry rhizomes for a few days if from Oregon and dust rhizomes with mycorrhizae by Joyce and divide crowded irises by Sue; History: Japanese iris hybridizers: Swarengen, Maddocks, and Rich; Haiku; Quotes: “O sweet September rain! I hear it fall upon the garden beds, Freshening the blossoms which begin to wane.” by Mortimer Collins and “Fair on September first, Fair for the month.” – weather folklore**



October 2025 – Photo: ‘Golden Panther;’ **Report and Photos from the Sale; Garden Helpers: Bats - article and photos; News about the 2026 Fall Trek; Guidelines for the Photo Contest; What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; blurb on irises representing success in Japan; Tips: Reasons to Keep Outdoor Lights off at Night; History: Arthur Hazzard, Japanese Iris hybridizer; Limerick; Quotes: The trees are in their autumn beauty, The woodland paths are dry, Under the October twilight the water Mirrors a still sky.” by William Butler Yeats and “Autumn glows upon us like a splendid evening; it is the very sunset of the year.” by Mary Russell Mitford**



November 2025 – Photo: ‘Magic Show;’ **Meeting Minutes and photos; Notes from Lynda Miller’s Presentation with photos; Trek Update; Harmful Garden Insects, Part I: Aphids – article and photos; 2025 AIS Convention Tablescape - photos by Joyce and Pat; blurb on beginnings of Space-Age irises; What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; Tips: How to have irises blooming year round; History: Four Types of Median Irises with diagram; Haiku; Quotes: “Flowers speak to us if we listen. Appreciating the blossom in hand or pausing in the garden to admire the beauty quiets our outer selves till we hear something new, something we did not hear before - the still, small voice of Nature herself.” by Jean Hersey and “There is a calmness to a life lived in gratitude, a quiet joy.” Ralph H. Blum**



December 2025 – Photo: ‘Babbling Brook;’ **Potluck Meeting Minutes and photos; Trek Update; Iris Photos from New Hampshire and Beaver, PA; Aphid-eating Insects, Part I - article and photos; Winning Photos from the TAIS Photo Contest; blurb on *Coeligena iris*, the Rainbow Starfrontlet hummingbird; What to do in the Iris Garden this Month; Tips: fill bottoms of large pots with plastic water bottles to save on potting soil and weight, and large pots insulate roots; History: Beginnings of Median Irises, including information about *Iris pumila*; Haiku; Quotes: “Frost upon a windowpane and softly falling snow, warmth beside a crackling fire while biting north winds blow. Books and blankets, steaming tea, The soft glow of an ember. Candlelight and cozy nights – the magic of December.” By Laura Jaworski and “Shivering - grey clouds darken mountain snow.” by Michael P. Garofalo, *Cuttings***

