



Encompassing the Greater Seattle/Metro area, the *King County Iris Society* is a group of active gardeners growing many kinds of irises. We are affiliated with the *American Iris Society*, meet monthly (except in the summer), and have great flower shows and plant sales. If you like to grow irises, want to learn more about them, and meet other iris fans, we invite you to join us. For more information, contact us as **kcisinformation@kcis.org**, check our website at **www.kcis.org** or join us at one of our meetings. Our regular meetings are held September thru April, at 7:30pm at The Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, on the first Monday of the month, or the second Monday if the first is a holiday. **Visitors are welcome!**

Our membership consists of “irisarians” ranging from novice to expert, along with commercial growers and hybridizers. Our meetings are relaxed and fun generally beginning with a short business meeting to discuss future events and educational opportunities. After the business meeting has concluded, we have a brief social and refreshment break; members take turns providing refreshments. Following the break, the program for the evening begins. Programs vary, including notable speakers, slides of recent irises, judges' training sessions, or activities. The May meeting is usually held in a member's garden, as a session for judges training is customary. We wind up the meeting and show season with a weekend picnic in a member's garden in June or July. A lively Holiday Party is hosted by one of our members in December. There is usually no meeting in July or August, but we have work parties for the iris sales!

The Society hosts one or two Shows in the spring, complete with various awards. Our iris Shows are an opportunity for us to share our joy of iris as well as offer education to the public. The Shows generally focuses on whatever iris are in bloom and are a magnificent display!

As KCIS is a non-profit organization, our income for our educational endeavors is generated primarily through our Sales. Depending on member iris availability, a Sale in August for Bearded varieties and a Sale in September for Beardless varieties is held, or one Sale in September offering both Bearded and Beardless varieties. Our sales include iris donated by members in addition some grown commercially. No member is required to do anything, but *all are encouraged* to participate because it's more educational and many hands make the events cheerful and fun!

All of the mentioned events, plus cultural tips, are covered in our fine monthly newsletter. King County Iris Society membership includes a subscription to the semiannual newsletter of AIS Region 13, a subdivision of the American Iris Society. A large number of the club's members are also American Iris Society members and enjoy various Regional Conventions as well as AIS National Conventions!

For those living the **Greater Tacoma** area contact Rita Butler at 253-565-0485 or:

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Membership in the *American Iris Society* (<http://www.irises.org>) brings you four illustrated, informative bulletins each year. Contact KCIS or go to <http://www.irises.org/member.htm> for current membership information.

If you would like to become a member of KCIS, complete the application below and send to:

KCIS Membership Chair
PO Box 45594, Seattle, WA 98145-0594

King County Iris Society Membership Application

(All information for King County Iris Society use and will not be shared outside of KCIS Membership)

Please enclose the \$10.00 Membership fee with this application form.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip+4: _____ - _____

Daytime phone number: (_____) _____ Evening phone number: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Computer Type (please circle): PC MAC Operating System (ie: Windows 98 / OS10): _____

Please circle the types of irises that you grow:

MDB SDB IB MTB BB TB JI LA SIB SPU PCN AR/AB SPECIES OTHER _____

How many irises do you grow? _____ Would you like visitors to your garden? (Yes) (No)