

# Iris Projects in the Pacific Northwest

## January

- Trim Japanese and Siberian Iris foliage
- Plan for upcoming projects: possible moves, additions or donations
- Iris unguicularis in bloom
- Bait for slug control

## February

- Look for Iris reticulata in bloom
- Begin controlling leaf spot and weeds
- Check for soft rot in bearded iris rhizomes
- Slugs- bait for them while they are young

## March

- Start of the growing season
- Fertilize in early March or late February
- Control aphids and help prevent the spread viral disease and deform buds
- End of March and beginning of April- first MDBs in bloom

## April

- First SDBs in bloom
- Siberians, Japanese, and PCNs can be transplanted

## May

- First TB's and Siberians in bloom
- Consider plans for next year's garden
- Pick companion plants for putting into your garden later in the year
- Check out catalogs, create wish list(s)

## June

- Japanese iris begin to bloom
- Fertilize - Iris have a growing spurt after bloom
- Water develops plump rhizomes for next year

## July

- Don't neglect the water
- Early division and planting of Bearded Iris

## August

- Various reblooming cultivars can begin showing signs of second bloom
- Divide Bearded Iris if needed and donate excess rhizomes to the KCIS Sale
- If not dividing, remove fan-less rhizomes in the center of the clump

## September

- Divide and/or transplant Beardless iris and donate extra to the KCIS Fall Sale

## October

- Transplant PCNs if white roots are showing

## November

- Plant bulbous iris now
- Lightly mulch any beardless or bulbous iris if winter protection is desired, especially new transplants

## December

- Relax and enjoy the Holidays- you've earned it!!

~ ~ Recurrent projects ~ ~

**Slug control ~ Weed control ~ Removal of diseased leaves**

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# American & World Iris Societies

American Iris Society - Information regarding iris and the various  
American Iris Society sections: <http://www.irises.org/links.htm>.

- Aril Society International (ASI) - Official website and information on Aril and Arilbred irises: <http://www.arilsociety.org/>
- British Iris Society (BIS) - Official website of the British Iris Society: <http://www.britishtirisociety.org.uk/>
- Canadian Iris Society (CIS) - Official website of the Canadian Iris Society: <http://www.cdn-iris.ca/>
- Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS) - A society specializing in historic iris: <http://www.hips-roots.com/visitors/v-main.html>
- Italian Iris Society - The Italian Iris Society, organizers of the annual International Iris Competition in Florence, Italy. <http://www.irisfirenze.it/>
- Median Iris Society - A society specializing in BB, IB, SDB and MTB irises: <http://www.medianiris.com/>
- Reblooming Iris Society (RIS) - a society focused on reblooming iris: <http://www.rebloomingiris.com/>
- Society for Japanese Irises - A society specializing in Japanese iris: <http://www.socji.org/>
- Society for Louisiana Iris - A society specializing in Louisiana iris: <http://www.louisianas.org/>
- Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises - A society specializing in Pacific Coast iris: <http://www.pacificcoastiris.org/>
- Society for Siberian Irises (SSI) - A society specializing in Siberian iris: <http://www.socsib.org/>
- Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA) - A society specializing in species iris: <http://www.signa.org/>
- Spuria Iris Society - A society specializing in Spuria iris": <http://www.spuria.org/>
- World Iris Society - A proposed World Iris Society.
- [http://www.worldiris.com/public\\_html/WIF/WI\\_level1/TOC.html](http://www.worldiris.com/public_html/WIF/WI_level1/TOC.html)
- Société Française des Iris et plantes Bulbeuses (S.F.I.B.) (French Iris and Bulbous Plant Society): <http://www.iris-bulbeuses.org/>
- Official website of the AIS Foundation: <http://www.aisfoundation.org/>