

Orientation for SDIS members

1. Membership

- The SDIS Directory contains the membership roster, list of officers, mission statement, bylaws, schedule of events and lots of other iris information.
- Annual dues are \$5 per family and renewals are due by July 1. Fees are collected by the Membership Chairman.

2. Meetings

- Regular meetings are held at the Lakeside Historical Center on the second Sunday of the month in October, November, January, March, April and June. Special events occur in September, December, February and May. We have a hiatus during the summer months of July and August. Visit our website at www.sandiegoirissociety.org or read the monthly newsletter for details.
- Programs for the regular meetings usually consist of speakers, roundtable discussions and other iris activities plus door prizes with a potluck luncheon.

3. Two major fundraising events

- The SDIS Fall Rhizome Sale is scheduled for the second and third Sundays of September, at the Casa del Prado Patio in Balboa Park from 10 AM to 5 PM.
- The SDIS Spring Show and Potted Iris Sale usually occurs on the first weekend in May in room 101 of the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. See the newsletter for details.

4. Newsletter and website

- With a paid membership you will receive our newsletter. Email version of the newsletter is in color while snail mail version is printed in black and white.
- Our website www.sandiegoirissociety.org contains informative articles about growing irises. Past issues of newsletter are available in the members-only section of the website.

5. Opportunities to participate

- Bring a dish that will serve 6 to 8 people to the regular meetings for the potluck meals.
- Volunteer at the Fall Rhizome and Spring Show events.
- Pot-sit iris that will be used for the door prizes and sold at the SDIS Spring Iris Show.
- Submit photos and articles for publication in newsletter.
- Attend meetings and garden tours hosted by Region 15 and the AIS.
- Become a club officer or a certified AIS judge.

6. Organization of iris societies

- SDIS is one of ten affiliate clubs in [Region 15](#) of the [American Iris Society](#).
- Region 15 covers California south of Lompoc and all of Arizona and is one of twenty-two regions in the American Iris Society (AIS). Visit their website at www.region15AIS.org
- Benefits of membership in AIS: magazines, newsletters, garden treks, speakers and judge's training. (Annual membership \$25/year or \$15/year as e-member). Visit the AIS website: www.irises.org

7. Cooperating iris societies

[Tall Bearded Iris Society](#), [Reblooming Iris Society](#), Novelty Iris Society, [Median Iris Society](#), [Dwarf Iris Society](#), [Spuria Iris Society](#), and [Society for Louisiana Irises](#). Search Google for each of their websites or check the SDIS Membership Directory

Welcome to the San Diego Iris Society!