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Greetings,

I'm delighted to welcome you to The American Iris Society.

You will discover that we are a diverse and interesting group. AIS includes iris fanciers of all ages and all levels of expertise, from novice to seasoned judges and hybridizers. We all enjoy sharing our love and knowledge of the rainbow flower. We take pride in being a friendly group and as you get to know us you will find many new friends among our members.

AIS consists of 24 geographically defined regions containing nearly 200 local iris societies. To see which one you're in go to the AIS website www.irises.org. Feel free to contact your **Regional Vice President** for information on regional activities and local iris societies. Local clubs offer many interesting seasonal activities that may include iris shows, plant sales and talks by noted irisarians.

The Bulletin of The American Iris Society is published in January, April, July and October. Normally you can expect to receive those Bulletins late in the month of issue, but occasionally there may be a week or so delay. You will be receiving the next Bulletin in the cycle following activation of your membership.

The booklet, **Basic Iris Culture** will be sent shortly as a welcoming gift. It contains everything you need to know about how to grow and care for the various types of iris. If I can be of assistance in any way, now or in the future, I cordially invite you to contact me at the Membership Office.

Your Membership Identification number will be printed on the address label of the next Bulletin you receive along with the expiration date of this membership. Approximately four to six weeks before expiration you will receive a dues renewal notice to remind you that your membership is expiring. We hope you enjoy your membership in our society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Gormley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the last letter.

AIS Membership also brings you:

- A national judges training program offering special training at the national, regional and local level, not only for the student judge but open to and very popular with all AIS members interested in learning more about growing and exhibiting irises.
- A publication sales office, the AIS Storefront, offers various AIS books and publications such as The World of Irises, the annual list of iris registrations and introductions as well as other iris related items.
- A Youth program which in addition to reduced membership rates, offers its own books, newsletters and special youth activities.
- Electronic sites which give on-line access to both Iris pictures and to registrations and introductions.
- Checklists of registrations and introductions, which are received each year, are published annually. These are then cumulated every ten years and are available through the Store Front.
- A round robin program for those who enjoy writing and receiving letters from friends with like interests. There is also an electronic version for those who prefer using their computer.
- Life memberships available, \$450 for a Single Life and \$545 for a Dual Life. For those members 65 or over, there is a 15% discount.

Sections and Cooperating Societies

For those with interests in specific areas of the genus Iris, joining a Section or a Cooperating Society is an excellent way to acquire additional specialized information.

SECTIONS:

DWARF IRIS SOCIETY
<http://www.zyworld.com/DISoA/>
MEDIAN IRIS SOCIETY
<http://www.medianiris.com/>
REBLOOMING IRIS SOCIETY
<http://www.rebloomngiris.com/>
SOCIETY FOR SIBERIAN IRISES
<http://www.socsib.org/>
SOCIETY FOR JAPANESE IRISES
<http://www.socji.org/>
SPURIA IRIS SOCIETY
<http://www.spuria.org/>
SOCIETY FOR PACIFIC COAST NATIVE IRISES
<http://www.pacificcoastiris.org/>
SPECIES IRIS GROUP OF NORTH AMERICA (SIGNA)
<http://www.badbear.com/newsigna/>
HISTORIC IRIS PRESEVATION SOCIETY
<http://www.hips-roots.com/>

COOPERATING SOCIETIES:

ARIL SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
<http://www.arilsociety.org/>
SOCIETY FOR LOUISIANA IRISES
<http://www.louisianas.org/>