

## AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

### HAGER DUBOSE AIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY TOUR

**November 4, 2018**

Following the Fall AIS Board Meeting in Portland, OR, Chad Harris drove a van full of AIS Board and Committee members to view the new AIS Library location in Molalla, Oregon.

The Library is now housed in larger space, Suite #5, in the same location as before. It is in a 2 – story streetfront building that includes street parking and a side stairway access directly to the AIS Library space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Other business and shops occupy the first and second floors. Rent went from \$7,750 a year to \$12,000 but the AIS Foundation Board approved the larger space and expense. **A big THANK YOU goes to Dave Silverberg and Will Plotner who took care of the move from the old space and set up the new space over the summer and early Fall of 2018.** During the move, Dave found two boxes of medals we didn't know we had! We now have 45 Hybridizer Medals and 46 Warburton Medals ready to be engraved for the next winners.

#### **Area now includes:**

- \*\* **Bookshelves** floor to ceiling around 2 1/2 walls. These contain bound copies of the AIS Bulletins, Annual and Ten Year Registration books, collection of historical iris books, copies of Regional, Section and international Bulletins and newsletters etc. Includes copies of the Medianite from 1960-1999. On top of the bookshelves are **assorted trophies and cups** won by irisarians that have been willed to the Library.
- \*\* **Filing cabinets** (2 rows back to back) in the middle of the room for research. These include hybridizer records, catalogues going back many decades, and registration records going back to 1960 among other things.
- \*\* There are also **numerous boxes of slides** that are being digitized by Janet Smith. Also other boxes of AIS operation records that still need to be sorted and organized. The Larry Harder slides, which were willed to the Library a few years ago, have been digitized through the 1960's and 1970's. Janet is working on the 1980's at present.
- \*\* A large **glass display** case with the medals and certificates from the Ben Hager Estate.
- \*\* On a third wall is a large window looking out on the street. Under this is the desk, computer, printer and **office area for Dave Silverberg, Librarian and Curator.**
- \*\* **A working bathroom and sink!**
- \*\* A back **storage area** that could be reworked for future donations and display.

Please review the attached photos from the tour. **We now have a working Library!** The Library Ad Hoc Committee will be working on strategic plans for how to best use the Library in its current form and what should be its future.

\*\* Will there be traveling exhibits?

\*\*Security needed to protect collection?

**\*\*Determine who has access to materials and when?**

**\*\*Should it move to another location in the United States more centrally located?**

**\*\*How long will Dave Silverberg continue as the Librarian and how to plan for a successor ?**

**\*\*Should this be the depository for all past and future AIS operation records (Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, etc)?**

Let us know your thoughts and comments on these and any other Library related topics.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Bonino, April 10, 2019



Andi Rivarola, Janis Shackelford, and Phyllis Wilburn at the Entrance



Dave Silverberg in front of bookshelves and trophies



Howie Dash in front of Display Case



Wayne Messer does research