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TB 'Roll the Dice'
Photo by Stephanie Jennings

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The RVP's Garden

It's hard to believe that I'm sitting down to write my last RVP message for the regional bulletin. What a wild ride these last three years have been! We've persevered together through national conventions, smoke and wildfires, budget crises, and pandemics, and I'm very proud of the way folks throughout the Region have pulled together and thought outside the box to come up with innovative ideas to keep the Region and its affiliate clubs functioning as normally as possible in these very non-normal times. Let's hope that this fall we can have a reasonably normal fall regional - it'd be nice to have one during my tenure as RVP!

Despite all the setbacks and roadblocks these years have given us, I think I have managed to leave Region 14 in a pretty good place, both financially and functionally. I am very grateful for those of you who have stepped up to fill the many vacancies that opened in Regional positions during my tenure - I couldn't have done it without you!

My one regret is that the pandemic threw a wrench into my plan to visit each club in the Region. For those clubs that I was not able to visit in person, please be assured that you were in my thoughts, and I value the role that each club plays in our organization.

While I'm happy to pass on the mantle of leadership to the next RVP (and I wish them a very peaceful and uneventful tenure!), it was truly an honor and a pleasure to serve Region 14. I want to thank each and every member of Region 14 for doing their part to help us get through these last few years.

Sincerely,

Jean



October 20th, 2018 - Outgoing RVP Phyllis Wilburn (right) passes the gavel to Jean Richter (left) at the Region 14 Fall Regional

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Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family and a very happy end of Iris season 2021 to you! I hope this finds you all well, and continuing to navigate these unprecedented times (which seem to be repeating themselves) with humor and grace. I'd like to congratulate all the Region 14 clubs for a *highly* successful sale season! In a lot of cases, there was quite a bit of additional inventory this year as a result of fundraiser sales being cancelled last year. However, hardworking members dedicated a noteworthy amount of time & energy to find loving new homes for all of it across the region. Great job!!

2022 AIS Convention April 11-16, 2022, Las Cruces, NM (Postponed from 2021)

2023 AIS Convention April 2023 dates to be determined - Dallas, TX

The next Bulletin will come out in February 2022. The deadline for submitting items is Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Remember - This is YOUR newsletter, so what's important is including and showcasing the information that you'd like to share. Reminder - if you'd like to print this issue but don't want to use the volume of colored ink it requires, simply set your printer setting to print in black & white.

Items for Submission - thank you for keeping the following in mind; as it will help me a lot:

- ◆ Please send articles/text in any MS Office application
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- ◆ Please provide photos in jpeg format
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Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, ideas, etc.

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TB 'Cranberry Swirl'



TB 'Dracula's Kiss'

Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report for Spring Bulletin 2021			
Current monies:	Checking account	32192.22	
	PayPal account	1937.82	
Total Monies:		34130.04	
			Notes
Recent Expenses:		1500	Seed money-NM for next year's national
		1500	Scholarship award
		20	Sales tax-State of CA for Q1 & Q3, 2021
		17.49	Dotster website renewal
Recent Income:		260	Clubs paying dues
		200	San Joaquin rhizome buy
(recent expenses and income are already figured into current monies)			
Budgeted Expense items for upcoming year 2021 (not yet spent)			
	Bulletin editor expenses	30	
	Bulletin-reimbursing club presidents for printing & mailing	100	
	Beardless iris purchases for Fall Regional	425	
	Miscellaneous expenses for auctions, raffles, etc.	100	
	Sales taxes on items sold from regionals, etc.	150	
	Judges' Training Chair expenses	125	
	Awards and Trophies for Spring Regional	650	
	Honorary awards	300	
	Treasurer office/legal/CA state filing expenses	200	
	Historian Chair expenses	100	
	Scholarship committee expenses	250	
	Youth committee expenses	500	
	Membership chair expenses	30	
	Internet services (Region 14 website)	200	
	Donations	200	
	Fall Regional	500	
	Total Projected Expenses for 2021	3860	
Budget Expense items that are unlikely to occur specifically in 2021			
	RVP allowance	2500	Will definitely not be spent by RVP
	Science fund	500	
	New club Startup funds	500	
	Total of other expenses that are not likely to happen in 2021	3500	

Prepared & Submitted by Bonnie Petheram

Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

Budgeted Revenues for 2021:				
Sales/Raffles			500	
Bulletin advertising			20	
Dues from societies			1000	Dues from Societies-\$4/member-due in July
Judges' training			200	
Registration fees from Fall regional			200	
Rhizome Sales from Spring Regional			500	
Fall Regional fundraising			800	
Donation received from Sacramento club for scholarship fund			500	
Donation received from High Desert club for scholarship fund			1200	
Total Projected Revenues for 2021			4420	
Total projected revenues				4420
Total projected expenses				3860
Projected Funds needed from reserve				0

Prepared & Submitted by Bonnie Petheram

Region 14 Spring Meeting Minutes-Preliminary

Minutes to be Presented and approved at 2021 Fall Regional

AIS Region 14

Spring Regional May 8, 2021

Online via Zoom

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Jean asked for any correction to the minutes from the 2020 Fall Regional. Phyllis Wilburn noted that she had been on the Region Board for 9 years, not 8 as written in the minutes. Stephanie Jennings moved that the minutes be approved with the above correction. Carol Cullen seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Judges Training Chair, Carol Cullen reported that Judges Activity Reports have been mailed.

The reports are due June 1, 2021 and should be sent to both the JT Chair and the RVP. Region 14 judges have earned 290 hours of online classroom and garden training since August 1, 2020. Carol thanked the judges who provided garden training and 1:1 training for apprentices and students.

AIS Training Chair, Bonnie Nichols, sent a letter to all judges announcing that an additional year has been granted to complete the requirements to maintain judges status, including a grace period of a year for apprentices and students to complete their requirements.

The AIS Board is working to complete the “new” revised Handbook for Judges by late summer. There will be training sessions scheduled to update everyone on the changes.

Secretary, Jane Jordan, reported that there was no online board activity since the Fall Regional.

Treasurer, Bonnie Petheram, reported that the Checking account has a balance of \$35,961.38 and the Paypal account has \$1,937.82. The Region is still overspending. But there was less spending due to the pandemic. The sale of the Dry Creek Rhizomes brought in around \$5,600. Jeff Bennett thanked Bonnie and Jean for shipping all the Dry Creek rhizomes to the buyers. Carol Cullens thanked Bonnie for all her work on this Regional. Shirley Trio-Probst moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted. Lynn Williams seconded. The motion was passed.

Editor, Stephanie Jennings, reported that the Spring Bulletin was published on February 28, 2021.

The next deadline for articles for the Fall Bulletin is July 1, 2021.

She noted that the last two Bulletins have not been posted on the Region 14 website. She recommended that additional help be found to maintain the website.

Central Director, Jeff Bennett, reported on the activities of Clara B. Rees, Monterey Bay, Sydney B. Mitchell, and Mount Diablo Iris Societies. All societies are having virtual shows in various forms. The meetings have been online or not at all.

Southern Director, Linda Hood, sent a report for the Yosemite Iris Society and the James M. Gibson Iris Society. Terry Toney reported on the Fresno Iris Society.

Northern Director, Cindy Eastman, was not present and sent no report.

Carol Cullen reported for Leo T. Clark Iris Society. Kathy Braaten reported for Sierra Foothills Iris Society. Phyllis Wilburn reported for the Sacramento Iris Society. Jeff Davis reported for Santa Rosa Iris Society. Patricia Eisenberg reported for the High Desert Iris Society.

Honorary Awards Chair, Linda Hood, was not present and sent no report.

Fundraising Co-Chairs, Marilyn Kaplan reported that 8 “Shoe Boxes” were created from donations. The boxes are at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden. Raffle tickets are for sale. Some of the online auction items were sold at the judges’ Trainings at Riley and Shirley’s and Mary Ann Horton’s. The sales netted \$300.

Fundraising Co-Chair, Patricia Eisenberg, proposed that she engage in grant writing as part of the fundraising effort. Patricia entertained a motion that the Finance/ Fundraising Committee be renamed the Funding Committee. There would be a Fundraising Chair, a Program Resource Development Chair, and a Regional Event Coordinator Chair. The website would need to be upgraded to support this effort.

Lynn Williams so moved, Shirley Trio-Probst seconded. The motion was passed.

Historian, Jean Richter, reported that she is reviewing a donation of historical items from Philippa Alvis.

Past RVP, Phyllis Wilburn, commented that Region 14 received good coverage in the AIS Centennial Bulletins.

Internet Chair, Ann Pike, was not present and sent no report. There were concerns raised that the last two Region 14 Bulletins have not been uploaded to the website. Jean will approach Ann to offer to have Kitty Loberg assist with keeping the website current.

Membership Chair, Shirley Trio-Probst, reported that she is new to the job and has not received updated information from the national membership chair who is also new to the job. There are currently 303 AIS members in the region, 52 judges, 15 affiliates, and 2 botanical gardens. Shirley suggested that each affiliate have a drawing for a free AIS membership for the non-members twice a year. The memberships would come out of the Membership Chair's budget. Also, Shirley will ask AIS to donate 2 free memberships.

Scholarship Chair, Lee Dickey, was not present and sent no report. Jean Richter announced that there was only one applicant. Remote schooling hampered the application process. Affiliates are asked to prepare a list of schools in the region for next year.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, reported that he received no questions to research. Please send Riley your questions.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, sent a report stating that there were no garden awards for 2019 because of the National nor for 2020 because of the pandemic. There will be awards for 2021 from the Bluebird Haven Guest iris garden. Phyllis Wilburn raised the issue of bringing the big, heavy trophies to the regionals. AIS no longer transports their trophies to the National Conventions. The issue of whether to transport the trophies will be revisited in the Fall.

Youth Chair, Carolyn Hoover, reported that there are 27 youth members. It has been difficult to meet with youth since the schools have been closed for the last year because of the pandemic. As soon as the schools are open, there will be an effort to increase the youth membership. She noted that 4th and 5th graders are the best ages. Shirley Trio added that the AIS youth membership needs to be updated.

Old Business

Fall 2021 Regional, Carol Dahout of Clara B. Rees Iris Society will check with Gamble Gardens for availability.

Spring 2022 Regional. Jeff Bennett of Mount Diablo Iris Society said the event is planned for April 30. The beds are very dry. We need rain.

Fall 2022 Regional, a host is needed.

Spring 2023 Regional, a host is needed. The guest iris need to be planted by next fall.

New Business

Phyllis Wilburn as guest iris chair for the Spring Regional at Bluebird Haven announced that the dig dates for the guest iris are July 31 and August 1. She will contact the affiliate presidents asking if their club wants to participate in the dig and if they want to purchase any iris. The rhizomes are \$1 each payable to Region 14. There is an agreement with the hybridizers that we not sell any of these iris on the internet.

Phyllis Wilburn as past RVP headed the nominating committee for the next RVP and ARVP. The committee includes Phyllis Wilburn, Chair, the 3 directors –Linda Hood, Cindy Eastman, and Jeff Bennett, plus Anna Cadd as a judge, Sandra Saelens as a Club President, and Mikey Lango as a member-at-large. Phyllis announced that the committee nominates Carolyn Hoover as Regional Vice President and Carol Cullen as Assistant RVP and Judges' Chair. The nominations will be voted on at the Fall Regional in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

AIS Region 14 Fall 2021 Meeting

AIS Region 14 Fall Meeting

Iris @ Gamble Garden

Saturday, October 2, 2021 9 am – 5 pm

Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden
1431 Waverly St., Palo Alto, CA 94301

Featured Judges' Trainer – Debbie Strauss, AIS Emeritus Judge, will give a 1 hour training on Ethics

Registration includes continental breakfast, boxed lunch from Panera, business meeting, judges training, rebloomer show and access to Gamble Gardens.

Attendance is limited to the first 50 to register.

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Iris Club Member Y _____ N _____ Local Iris Society _____

Likely to enter blooms into Rebloomer Show? _____ Y _____ N _____

Registration fee if paid by September 15th \$50 x _____ person(s) = Total _____

Registration fee if paid after September 15th \$55 x _____ person(s) = Total _____

Lunch choices: _____ Napa Almond Chicken Sandwich
Sandwiches come with bag of chips, pickle and cookie

_____ Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich
Sandwiches come with bag of chips, pickle and cookie

_____ Green Goddess Cobb w/chicken salad
Salad comes with baguette slice and cookie

For questions regarding the regional, please contact Carol Dahout (408) 981-6209.

Checks payable to CBRIS. Mail to Mary Collins, PO Box 610906, San Jose, CA 95161

Region 14 2021 Spring Regional Award Winners

Co-winners of the Knopf Cup (Best Numbered or Named Seedling by a Region 14 Hybridizer)



**Intense Farewell, Bob Annand
Photo by Jean Richter**



**10-16-2, Bill Tyson
Photo by Jean Richter**

Winner of the Clara B. Rees Cup (Best Past Introduction by a Region 14 Hybridizer)



**'Arizona Cave Painting' (Doug Kanarowski, 2020)
Photo by Kitty Loberg**

Winner of the Out of Region Award (Best Iris from a Hybridizer Outside of Region 14)



**'Rise Like a Phoenix' (Paul Black, 2017)
Photo by Jean Richter**

**Winner of the Gibson Cup
(Best Plicata, Fancy Plicata, Luminata, Broken Color Iris or Visual Plicata)**



**'Magic Ring' (Keith Keppel, 2020)
Photo by Mikey Lango**

Winner of the Hager/DuBose Memorial Cup (Best Bearded Iris Other than Tall)



**Honey Way, Bob Annand Seedling
Photo by Mikey Lango**

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Remembering Friends

The Iris world is deeply saddened by the loss of Bob Plank, former AIS Legal Counsel, and AIS Librarian Dave Silverberg. Their contributions were significant and they will be missed.



Bob & Jeanne Plank, July 2007
Photo by Mikey Lango



Dave Silverberg in the Cummins Garden
April 2019 Photo by Mikey Lango

Judges' Training Report – Fall 2021

So Many Challenges

So Many Obstacles Overcome

Congratulations to all Region 14 Judges for rising to the many challenges presented to each of them as they worked to complete requirements to retain or advance their judging status.

From August 1, 2020 thru July 31, 2021, AIS and Region 14 offered sixteen (16) trainings that were attended by Region 14 Judges. Seven (7) were Garden Trainings and nine (9) were Classroom Trainings held via AIS Webinar or Region 14 Zoom, and six (6) were in- person Garden Training Classes.

The total hours of Region 14 training participation was an outstanding 350! Congratulations to all.

In addition to completion of Judges Training hours, two Region 14 members are to be commended for advancing their status. Elaine Fischer will advance from Student to Apprentice, and Dan Williams will be recommended to the AIS Board for advancement from Apprentice to G/E Judge at the November AIS Board Meeting. Congratulations to both.

A big Thank You to Jean Richter, Phyllis Wilburn, Riley Probst, Lorraine Nicholson, Rick Tasco, Anna Cadd, Kathy Braaten and Bill Fink for providing training sessions . We couldn't do it without you!

Last but not least, kudos to Jean Richter and Bruce Filardi for their production of the very first In Garden Zoom training.

So many things are possible when we work together. Thank You All!

Carol Cullen. Region 14 Judges Training Chairman

Written & Submitted by Region 14 Judges' Training Chair Carol Cullen

Nominating Committee Report

It is the committee's unanimous decision to select Carolyn Hoover, from Yosemite Iris Society, as the candidate for next RVP. The Assistant RVP/Judges Training Chair (ARVP) candidate is Carol Cullen, who is currently in the position.

The Nominating Committee is made up of 6 members and the Chair, Phyllis Wilburn, Past RVP. The other six, as set out in the Region 14 By-laws, are the 3 Region 14 Directors, an AIS Judge, a club president and a member at large. The committee members are Jeff Bennett, Anna Cadd, Linda Hood, Mikey Lango, Sandy Saelens, and Cindy Eastman.

In Lieu of action to nominate other candidates, in accordance with the Region 14 By-Laws, these two candidates will be formally voted into office at the Fall Region 14 meeting and will take their places on the board. The election must be approved by the AIS Board at their Fall Meeting, November 6, 2021.

I want to thank the committee for their hard work, and those members who made suggestions for qualified candidates.

Phyllis Wilburn, Past RVP

Moving Forward at Dry Creek Garden

By Jeff Bennett

As most of you I'm sure are aware of by now, hundreds of iris varieties were stolen from Dry Creek Garden Iris area over the 4th of July weekend. Guest iris, Mt. Diablo door prize iris, and my personal iris were all victims of this unfortunate event. The persons that took these irises were plant thieves, not iris people. If these were daylilies, they would have taken them too. They didn't care about the associated names of the iris; as they did not take the tags. They also cut the leaves of many off down to the rhizome, so they really aren't sellable until the leaves grow back. We have to assume that they did that to be able to get more in their duffle bags or whatever they used to cart them off. Any irises that were in pots were removed from the pots, dirt shaken off, and tags also left strewn on the ground

The only way we can figure they got in was to climb the 8 foot pasture fence next to our newer cyclone fence and swing their legs over the cyclone fence and drop in. No locks, chain or fencing was cut. My thoughts is that they are going to grow them out and maybe take pictures of the flowers in the spring and try to sell by pictures and not names. We'll see and keep our eyes open for that.

As you can imagine how devastating this or any theft can be, we recover and move forward. Initially my pride was hurt and the cleanup and inventory accounting seemed overwhelming. As time has passed, and the outpouring of offers to help replace what was stolen, I am hopeful we will have a decent display of 1st year guest irises to see along with the other 1200 plus iris clumps that are still intact. Our established clumps only had a few irises removed from some random varieties. None of our beardless irises including, Spuria, Siberian, Pacific Coast, Louisiana and Japanese were touched at all.

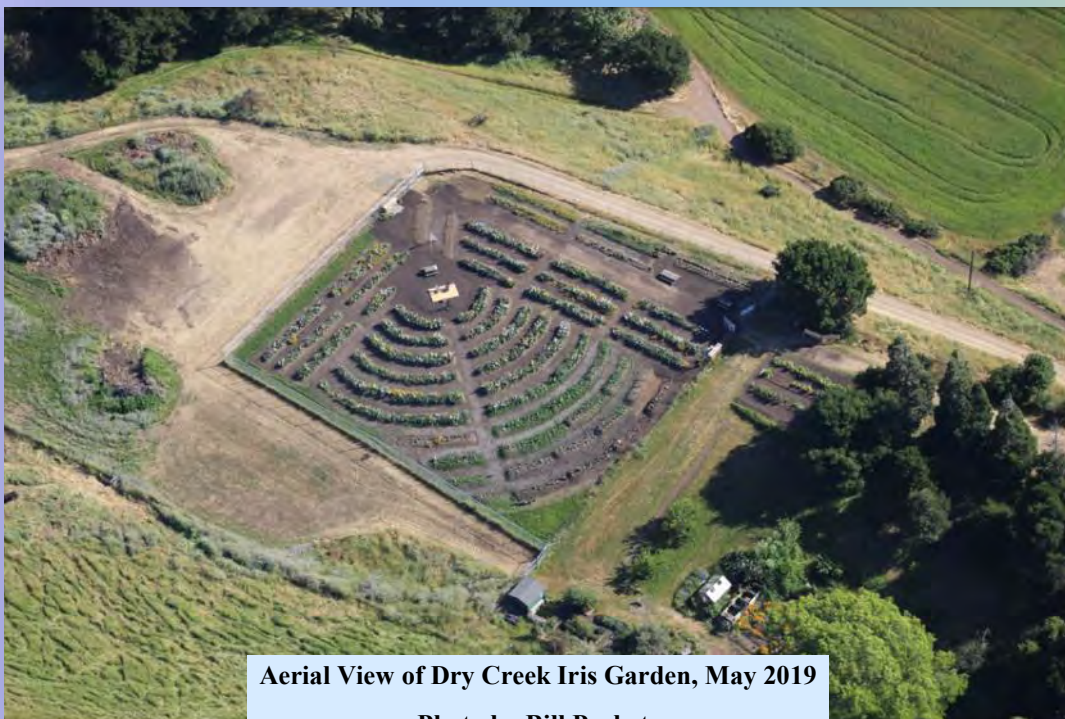
I've have met with Park District management and our police department multiple times about additional steps we can take to increase security for the iris area and the garden in general. I dislike the thought of cameras in the garden, but we have been pushed to do so since an 8 foot cyclone fence is not enough. I am humbled and would like to thank all of those that have reached out to help and offer their rhizomes in replacement of what was stolen. Individuals, hybridizers, and the Regional Dig have all been resources that have replaced almost 100 guest irises so far. HIPS has also offered to replace any historical iris they can through their Guardian Gardens Program. This program gets historical irises planted in multiple places in case something happens at one location and wipes them out, they can resource from other gardens to get them re-established.

So, as we get our security installed in the upcoming weeks, we will re-plant the Irises on The Hill. Thank you ALL for your help and wishes as we move ahead in from this despicable crime.

Hope to see you at OUR Spring Regional on April 30th and May 1st 2022!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bennett



Aerial View of Dry Creek Iris Garden, May 2019

Photo by Bill Proberts

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Our zoom meeting in February 2021 featured a presentation by Jean Richter, Region 14 RVP, on novelty iris. Jean traced the history and development of novelty iris from their beginnings in 1946, when Lloyd Austin started hybridizing them.

At our March meeting, we received a lesson in photographing iris from Noella Vigeant in preparation for our virtual show in April. In March, CBRIS members also volunteered to help clean up the Triple Creek Trail iris garden, a San Jose city park.

Our April meeting featured a zoom presentation by Bob Van Liere of Iris4U Iris Garden in Denver. Bob shared his experiences growing and hybridizing irises as well as showing pictures of the irises he has introduced and the seedlings he is working on currently. In April, our club members submitted photographs of the irises in their gardens to our virtual show. We also sold potted iris at the Gardeneur Plant Market in Palo Alto.



Article & Photos Submitted by Andrea Clague
Secretary, Clara B Rees Iris Society

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

At our May meeting we zoomed with Howie Dash of Picacho Mountain Iris. After retiring, Howie moved from New York to Las Cruces, New Mexico. He began hybridizing in 2010 and introduced his first cultivar in 2016. He is especially interested in arilbreds, which thrive in his desert conditions. Howie also gave us a preview of the gardens that will be featured in the 2022 AIS National Convention in Las Cruces.

Our June meeting featured a lecture on non-toxic gardening from Diana and Steve Steps which emphasized encouraging the population of beneficial insects to control destructive ones.

The members of CBRIS were delighted to meet again in person in July for our annual rhizome auction and picnic. It was our first in person meeting since January 2020.



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Secretary, Clara B. Rees Iris Society

High Desert Iris Society

Like all clubs, we are and will continue to navigate the unknown and plan accordingly. We're especially appreciative of longtime partner Moana Nursery. We had a successful show there in May, and had our annual rhizome fundraisers on two consecutive weekends in July at their Reno and Sparks, NV nursery locations. We thoroughly enjoyed all the people we met and were honored to help them create their gardens, finding new homes for close to 2,000 rhizomes!

Stephanie Jennings
President
High Desert Iris Society

James M. Gibson Iris Society

As we all know, this year has been a challenging one, to say the least! All events and most of our meetings were cancelled including the City of Porterville Annual Iris Festival. This was our major fundraiser.

We are currently planning our rhizome sale for August 21st and again on the 28th of this month. Our sale will be at the Farmer's Market on the back parking lot off Mooney and Caldwell Ave., Visalia, Ca

So I hope everyone has a good year end, and we can get back to some semblance of normalcy in 2022.

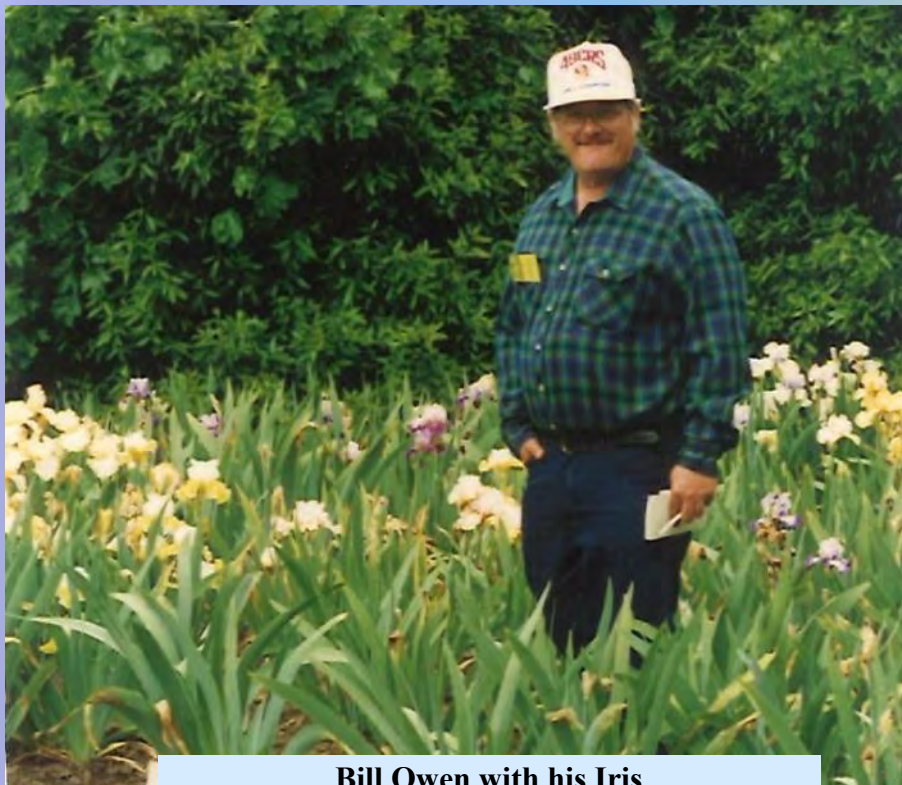
Linda Hood
President
James M. Gibson Iris Society

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Greetings from Leo T. Clark Iris Society. We hope everyone (and their iris) are doing well and tolerating the heat waves most of us have been having. It only takes a few days with temperatures of 100+ degrees to remind you that the poor iris aren't immune to sunburn. Good thing they're tough!

The iris are a bit sunburnt and sulky right now, but they sure were glorious this past spring. Our club's potted iris were beautiful for our spring sale at Carol Cullen's home, in which we sold 150 pots in 55 minutes, a huge success for us.

Another success was our Spring 2021 iris show at the Chico Mall. It was so nice to be able to have a show after all the cancellations of 2020. The show was dedicated to the memory of Bill Owen (1947-2019), one of the founding members of Leo T. Clark Iris Society. Bill was a dedicated irisarian who lived and gardened in Chico, CA. Along with his wife, Cloudia Owen and several others, was instrumental in forming the club, in which he was an active member for many years.



**Bill Owen with his Iris
Photo courtesy of Cloudia Owen**

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**L-R: Carol Cullen, Ted Hawkins, and Barbara Hawkins at the show
Photo by Deb Rojas**



Winner Deb Rojas with TB ‘Magical’
Photo by Lee Dent

The show was small, but beautiful. The grand prize was taken by Deb Rojas with the TB “Magical.” Deb also won the silver medal for the most blue ribbons, followed VERY closely by Carol Cullen, who won the same number of blue ribbons but took the bronze only because of Deb’s second place ribbon versus her third. Very close, indeed. Mary Kooi took top honors in floral design. Much thanks to Barbara and Ted Hawkins who acted as judges for horticulture, and Susi Gillum for floral design.

Bob Annand was a long-time club member who sadly passed away a few years ago. But his iris live on, and several have been introduced by his son Rob Marshall. Two of these won prizes at the last Regional: “Intense Farewell” tied for the Knopf Cup for the best numbered or named seedling by a Region 14 member, and “Honey Way” (IB) won the Hager/DuBose Memorial Cup for best bearded iris other than TB. I’m sure Bob would be proud, and I know we are.



**Mary McCune (L) and Carol Cullen (R)
enjoying the potluck at a meeting at Carol's**

Our club will be having its annual rhizome sale in Chico on September 11. Time to get out the Sharpies and sharpen the tools. And for the time being, Carol Cullen has offered the continued use of her beautiful home to hold club meetings on the first Saturday of every month. It’s good that things are getting back to normal after all this time. Happy Gardening!

Deb Rojas

Co-President, LTCIS

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society has had a quiet Fall and Spring. We did not have any Zoom membership meetings. We did, however, have our first in-person meeting in May and June. Garry Knipe spoke at our June meeting on Pacific Coast Irises he hybridizes. It was a great presentation.

Our Club auction was August 7th at the Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek from 1pm to 4pm.

Our street sale was August 14th at the Benicia Peddlers Fair. It had been 2 years since we had the last one. Not only did we have beautiful weather, we enjoyed record sales, taking in over \$3,700 for the club! This was roughly \$1,000 more than our previous high. Many thanks to our club members for all their work with setups and teardowns.





Our next in-person meeting is scheduled for September 9th at the Lindsay Wildlife Experience from 7-9pm. Of course we are hoping everything moving forward remains safe to continue to have our in-person meetings and sales. Our Spring Show will be in April 2022, but no date has been settled on yet.

Please see the details from our 2021 Virtual Iris Show on the next page.

Thanks to Jan Blaedel for providing this.



Shirley Trio-Probst at the sale

Submitted by Jeff Bennett
Photos by Linda Woods



MDB
Elizabeth Rieniets



SDB
Karen Johnson



IB
Karen Johnson



BB
Elizabeth Rieniets



MTB
Kathy Oldham



Space-Age
Margaret Edgington



Novelty
Margaret Edgington



1st Runner Up
TB - Kathy Oldham



BEST OF SHOW – AB
Kathy Oldham



Best Artistic Design
Anna Cadd



Reblooming
Margaret Edgington



Spuria
Kathy Oldham



Japanese
Jane Jordan



Californicae
Kathy Oldham



Historic
Kathy Oldham



Species-Species-X
Jan Blaedel



Best Seedling
Karen Johnson

2021 Virtual Iris Show

- 1576 – photos submitted
- 395 – entries
- 135 – Blue Balloon awards
- 106 – TB entries
- 45 – Historic entries
- 22 – sections with entries
- 20 – Rose awards
- 17 – Best of Section awards
- 12 – Seedlings entered
- 5 – states represented
- 4 - Youth entries
- 3rd- Annual Virtual Show 2022
- 2 – Medals, Silver to Kathy Oldham, Bronze to Elizabeth Rieniets
- 1 – Best of Show, Vivid Dream by Kathy Oldham

The 2nd Annual Virtual Iris Show sponsored by Mt. Diablo Iris Society is not an AIS sanctioned show, though we follow the AIS Handbook and use AIS judges. Consequently, we offer Balloons in place of ribbons, Roses instead of rosettes, and virtual trophies for Best of Section winners. All the awards are virtual, as are the gifts. The items are personalized, with each recipient's award featuring her own winning iris.

Blue Balloon winners received files of "print your own" mini-cards.

Rose winners received Flower Playing Cards for the games, "Go Garden" and "Gopher". Suits and numbers are replaced with the winning iris.* (Email us for game rules and cards.) Section winners received Night Lights.

The 3rd Annual Virtual Iris Show by Mt. Diablo Iris Society will begin January 1, 2022 and end July 1, 2022. We invite you to enter.

Email us and request an entry number and contest rules:

MtDiabloIris@gmail.com*

Enjoy our video of winning iris: <https://youtu.be/mQmcnigeTDQ> and The Rest https://youtu.be/uCbb_mpWHx4



The judges were taken with this picture so the Best Photo goes to Kathy Oldham.

Sacramento Iris Society

In spite of the pandemic, we have been forging ahead with activities this summer. We had a plethora of potted iris on hand, numbering almost 900 that were the result of our sales being cancelled last year. So in Spring we planned and held a series of sales at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center (SGAC) where we meet, and Frannie's Iris Garden, thanks to the kindness of Russ and Fran Shields. Over a three-week period, we reduced the number of pots to 400, and of course made money for the club. The sale at SGAC was in lieu of our annual show, and included a display of single blossoms and stalks in tubes to stimulate interest in the sale.



Blossom & Stalk Display



**L-R: Claire Waggoner & Alison Willy
SIS Blossom & Stalk Display**



Bill Fink



Kathy Braaten



Della Decorse

SIS Potted Iris Sale



Dennis Gunvaldson



(L-R) Phyllis Wilburn & Susan Wallior

SIS Potted Iris Sale

We partnered with the Perennial Plant Society to share the cost of the venue. We also had open garden visits to four member's gardens during the bloom season, as well as visiting Bluebird Haven for the Spring Regional guest iris. Our annual rhizome sale is always at the SGAC during the third weekend of July. We preceded the sale with four digs at members houses to help get the rhizomes ready for the sale. We had a successful two day sale, and the leftover rhizomes went to our sister club Sierra Foothills for their sale the next weekend. This was followed closely by the dig at Bluebird Haven on Aug. 1st, where many members participated in addition to many folks from all over the region. The rhizomes that we received from that dig will be sold to members or potted for future sales later in August. In September, we will be digging our door prize irises that have been given away during the past year via virtual door prize drawings. The leftover rhizomes will be auctioned at our in-person September meeting.

It has been a whirlwind of activity, and it is good to return to a semblance of normality, whatever that is!



Maryann Horton in her garden



(L-R) Russ Shields & SIS President Cindy Eastman at the club's potted Iris sale at Frannie's Iris Garden

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

The members of Sierra Foothills Iris Society of Auburn/Grass Valley, CA area thank its leadership and chairs for creativity and “can-do” attitude in finding ways to share iris joy during the pandemic and conduct business via e-mail such as budget, standing rules and minutes approvals: Kathy Braaten, president; Cindy Eastman, vice president/show chair; Jackie Brown, secretary; Debi Mumm, treasurer; members-at-large: Barbara Kitz, Dan Williams and Phyllis Wilburn. Keeping everyone up-to-date with gorgeous iris photos and club news, Mary Ann Horton faithfully produces the monthly SFIS newsletter “Iris Standard” and Jan Matherly is the Sunshine Chair who sends greetings to members who are ill or facing life challenges. In-person, outdoor meetings were kept to essential business, the first of the season being held March 27th at Cindy’s.

Judges Trainings were hosted by Mary Ann Horton at Horton Iris Garden on April 30th, offered by Phyllis Wilburn on Tall Bearded Iris, and another by hybridizer Riley Probst on Median Iris. Late April/early May iris garden tours were held at Horton Iris Garden, Cindy Eastman’s home, the Wilburn garden and Bluebird Haven Iris Garden--a wide range of gorgeous sample gardens in the Western Sierra Gold Country foothills. Several SFIS members attended the May 8th Judges Training with Bruce Filardi and Spring 2021 Regional—the second via Zoom, and various spring iris webinars. Mothers Day, Mary Ann Horton invited Cindy to bring the SFIS potted iris to sell and Horton Iris Garden and brought in \$900 for our Society. As with many AIS affiliates, no show was held this year, but Kathy and Cindy were invited to judge the High Desert Iris Society Iris Show in Reno, NV, May 15th. Members from HDIS and Sacramento Iris Society joined SFIS June 13th for the socially-distanced, outdoor annual picnic under the oaks at the Grass Valley home of Ron Heisler and Cindy Eastman--complete with many choices of door prize iris. The annual digging, trimming, cleaning and labelling of SFIS fundraiser rhizomes took place at the gardens of Ruth Ostroff, Cindy Eastman, Mary Ann Horton and Phyllis Wilburn, July 6-13. Many members shopped for iris and mingled with friends July 17-18 at the Sacramento Iris Society rhizome sale.

The SFIS Rhizome Fundraiser, July 24-25, hosted at Weiss Brothers Nursery at 615 Maltman Dr., Grass Valley, went well for a first time in a new venue, with each member contributing at least 10 named varieties of rhizomes. Two other SFIS funding streams are “pop-up” and internet sales of club member rhizomes. Due to increasing summer temps and COVID worries, SFIS will experiment with potted sales in October at Weiss Nursery, whose staff is much appreciated for their hospitality. Members also joined in digging guest iris from Region 14’s display garden at Bluebird Haven Iris in Somerset, CA, organized by Phyllis Wilburn and hosted by Mary Hess, expert in historic and iris rescues. Distribution was organized by Phyllis Wilburn. Still ahead for 2021: potting of SFIS door prize iris, elections, and season’s end gathering.



**Bluebird Haven Guest Iris Garden prior to Aug. 1st dig
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**

At this August writing, our hearts go out to all suffering loss, evacuation or threatened by the massive Greenville and River Fires in our Western Sierras Gold Country region.

Submitted by Patricia Eisenberg

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society recently had their first in-person event since the beginning of the pandemic, a bearded iris rhizome auction and sale in a local park. We even managed to make it a hybrid event, with several members participating (and bidding) via Zoom. Assuming that pandemic conditions don't worsen, we will have a mix of live and Zoom events over the next few months, including our beardless iris auction and sale in October (tentatively set for the evening of October 22 if we are able to have it indoors, possibly the ensuing weekend if it will be outdoors). Check our web site at www.bayareairis.org for the latest information.

Jean Richter

Co-President, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

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TB 'Exploding Galaxy'
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