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The RVP's Garden



**L-Bonnie Petheram and R-Region 14 RVP Jean Richter at the 2019 AIS Convention
Photo by Mikey Lango**

The Region has certainly been a whirlwind of activity these past few months! My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped put on the AIS convention in April. Far too many people contributed to thank everyone individually, but I would especially like to recognize convention chair Shirley Trio, silent auction/boutique chair Carolyn Craft (and her assistants Marilyn Kaplan and Lynn Williams), and garden owners Mary Ann Horton, Fran and Russ Shields, Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence, Irene and Jim Cummins, and Jeff Bennett. I would also like to thank the clubs who helped with the convention, including the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, Monterey Bay Iris Society, Mt. Diablo Iris Society, Sacramento Iris Society, Santa Rosa Iris Society, Sierra Foothills Iris Society, and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society.

Being convention registrar certainly kept me busy – it ended up being about an order of magnitude more work than I anticipated! It seemed like I was dealing with some convention issue every waking hour for that week. Mikey Lango took this picture of my wife Bonnie Petheram and me during a relatively calm moment of the convention.

The convention attendees had a great time, and we were blessed with spectacular bloom in all the gardens. If you were not able to attend, you have another chance to experience the master planting for the convention, the Dry Creek Garden, at our 2020 spring regional, which will be held on May 2-3, 2020. This will be a rare opportunity to view three-year clumps of guest iris.

I am very happy to announce the appointment of the new Region 14 scholarship chair, Lee Dickey from the Shasta Iris Society. Information on the 2020 Region 14 scholarship will be available soon on the Region 14 website.

I am also seeking to fill a few more regional positions, including treasurer and regional events coordinator. If you are interested in stepping up to serve the region, please contact me.

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Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! I hope this finds you all well, and perhaps finally winding down from what has been a very busy Iris season! Region 14 has accomplished quite a bit since our last publication, the most notable of course serving as host of the 2019 AIS Convention, "The Sun Sets on Rainbows" April 23rd-27th. AIS's recently published Summer 2019 *IRISES* magazine did a wonderful job showcasing the Region's hardworking members and beautiful gardens.

For planning purposes, here is the preliminary information for the 2020 & 2021 Nationals:

2020 AIS Convention

May 18-23, 2020, Newark, NJ

2021 AIS Convention

April 12-17, 2021, Las Cruces, NM

The next Bulletin will come out in February 2020. The deadline for submitting items to me is Saturday, February 1, 2020. Remember - This is YOUR newsletter, so what's important to me is including and showcasing the information that you'd like to share.

Regarding 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
- ◆ If providing an article written by someone other than yourself, please make sure you have obtained permission to use/reprint
- ◆ Please provide photos in jpeg format
- ◆ If you don't have the individual photo files, but they are already embedded in an article you're submitting, that's no problem
- ◆ Please identify (if known) the photographer of any photos
- ◆ If the photographer is unknown, please indicate from whom or the source from which you obtained the photos

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, ideas, etc.

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Stephanie Jennings, April 2018
TB 'Titan's Glory'

Photo by Patricia Eisenberg

Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

| | Funds | <u>12/31/18</u> | <u>7/15/2019</u> |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|
| Bank of America-checking | | 10949.49 | 28425.44 |
| Coast Hills- shares | | 2225.13 | 2804.25 |
| Coast Hills-CD | | 23764.18 | 0.00 |
| Petty Cash | | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Convention 2019 | | 8000.00 | 8000.00 |
| | | 44988.80 | 39279.69 |

| EXPENSES BY ITEM: | Budget | 12/31/18 | 7/15/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bulletin- Publishing | 300 | | |
| " Color Pages | 500 | | |
| " Editor Expense | 100 | | |
| " Mailing | 175 | | |
| RVP Allowance | 2500 | 2072 | |
| Finance, Summer Fundraiser | 50 | | |
| " Beardless Purchases | 425 | | |
| " Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles | 100 | 92 | 54 |
| Finance, Spring Regional c/o hosted | | 4157 | |
| " Sales Taxes | 240 | 170 | |
| Judges' Training | 500 | 404 | 26 |
| Awards and Trophies | 650 | 67 | |
| Honorary Awards | 300 | | |
| Office/Legal | 300 | 373 | 152 |
| Early withdraw fee | | | |
| Historian | 100 | | |
| Scholarship | 1000 | 1750 | 103 |
| Scholarship expenses | 250 | 79 | |
| Science | 500 | | |
| Youth Committee | 3500 | 1444 | 2232 |
| Membership | 30 | | |
| Internet Services | 200 | 172 | 18 |
| Donation-Fire Fund (400-R14) | 200 | | 3730 |
| Start-up Funds | 500 | | |
| Convention 2019 | <u>1467</u> | 3000 | 5283 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 13887 | 13780 | 11598 |

Prepared & Submitted by Helen Franklin

| REVENUES BY ITEM: | Budget | <u>12/31/2019</u> | <u>7/15/2019</u> |
|---|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Bulletin Advertising | 300 | | |
| Bulletin Subscriptions | | | |
| Donations from Societies* | 14 1800 | 2330 | 952 |
| Donations/other Camp Fund | | 3330 | |
| Interest | 200 | 354 | 39 |
| Judges' Training | 500 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional | 200 | 8000.00 | 8000.00 |
| Finance, Spring Fundraiser | | 44988.80 | 39279.69 |
| Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes | 1500 | 1845 | 500 |
| Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations | 1100 | 2857 | 11 |
| Finance, Spring Regional co/hosted by Region 14 | | 7489 | |
| Scholarship Fund | | | |
| Use of Reserve Funds | <u>0</u> | | |
| Total Revenues | 5600 | 18205 | 5894 |
| | | | |
| Total Expenses | -13877 | -13780 | -11598 |
| Less total Revenues | 5600 | 18205 | 5894 |
| Excess expense/revenues: | -8287 | 4425 | -5704 |
| Funds needed from reserve | | | |

Prepared & Submitted by Helen Franklin

Region 14 Spring Meeting Minutes-Preliminary

Minutes to be Presented and approved at Fall Regional

AIS Region 14

Spring Regional Business Meeting, April 23, 2019

AIS National Convention

San Ramon Marriott

San Ramon, California

Minutes of the General Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM. She welcomed everyone. And thanked everyone for attending.

Roll Call was taken.

John Pesek moved that the Minutes for the Fall Regional Budget and Business meetings be accepted as distributed via email. Riley Probst seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Judges Training Chair, Alleah Haley, was not present, but she sent a report. Region 14 has the most judges of any Region. There are 61 judges, 7 apprentices, and 26 students. There have been 6 judges training sessions this year and two more during this convention. The Judges Activity Reports will be mailed out. They must be completed and returned to Alleah and to RVP Jean Richter by June 1. Judges must complete their AIS Awards Ballot by August 1, 2019. Tall Bearded Symposium votes are due August 1.

Secretary, Jane Jordan reported that the board approved Carolyn Hoover as Youth Chair. Also, Jane sent a letter to the Tri Counties Bank authorizing the Leo. T. Clark Iris Society to use the Region 14 Tax Identification Number and designating Deb Rojas as the person to authorize who will be the signers on their account.

Treasurer, Helen Franklin, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. There is currently a balance of \$39,611.14 total from all accounts.

Bulletin Editor, Stephanie Jennings, was not present.

Central Director, Craig Tarr, reported on the memberships and activities of Clara B. Rees Iris Society, Monterey Bay Iris Society, Mount Diablo Iris Society, and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society.

Southern Director, Linda Hood, reported on the activities of the San Joaquin Iris Society, Yosemite Iris Society, and Fresno Iris Society, Las Vegas Iris Society, and James M. Gibson Iris Society

Northern Director, Anna Cadd, reported on the activities of the High Desert Iris Society, Leo T. Clark iris Society, Shasta Iris Society, Sierra Foothills Iris Society, and Santa Rosa Iris Society.

Past RVP, Phyllis Wilburn reported that her next assignment is to chair of the nominating committee for the next RVP which is three years off.

Honorary Awards Chair, Marilyn Kaplan, asked for nominations for the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to Region 14. The nominations are due by August 1. Anna Cadd suggested that the affiliate presidents should be contacted to encourage nominations.

Historian, Jean Richter, reported that Bryce Williamson is scanning the contents of the Region 14 scrapbooks onto the computer. Also, Bryce is writing an article to update the Region 14 hybridizers for the AIS Centennial Booklet.

Internet Chair, Anne Pike was not present. Jean Richter commented that she has some ideas to improve the website and will consult with Anne.

Membership Chair, Mary Anne Horton, sent a report. Region 14 is the largest region. We have 619 members, 275 of which are youth members.

Scholarship Chair, Barbara Kitz, reported that there is only \$1100 in the scholarship fund. May 10 is the deadline for affiliates to donate to the scholarship fund. She is currently evaluating the applications. There are 7 applicants, 6 are qualified. Barbara has submitted her resignation effective June 15. She is preparing a Policy and Procedures binder containing instructions for how to run the scholarship program. Anna Cadd suggested that 10 % of the profit from the National Convention be allocated for expenses of people recruiting for the scholarship applicants. This issue will be discussed at the budget meeting in the Fall.

Fundraising Chair, Carolyn Craft, announced that the silent auction is set up and ready to take bids. The tickets for the raffle baskets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, was not present. There are no garden awards this year. They are superseded by the National Garden Awards.

Youth Chair, Carolyn Hoover, reported that there are 257 youth members and 8 classroom teachers. All Youth members are paid up for this year. Funds are needed for postage to mail the AIS Bulletins to the youth members. She also asked Region 14 could supply funds for soil and wire. Phyllis Wilburn said it would be a bad precedent for the Region to fund garden supplies. Anna asked Carolyn to write an article for the Bulletin. Jean commented that Youth project is the largest item in the budget, and the region runs with a deficit.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, reported that there have been no requests for him to research. Anna Cadd suggested he look at the bacterial rot issue. Riley said he would pass it on to AIS.

Convention Chair, Shirley Trio-Probst, reported that the convention attendance is over 200. Several folks have cancelled or gone home because of a virus that is circulating. There will be a Judges Training at C & L Gardens on Friday morning. The drawing for the raffle baskets will be Saturday evening at the banquet. Any schedule changes will be posted in the lobby.

Old Business

We still need a host for the 2019 Fall Regional.

Sydney B. Mitchell and Mount Diablo Iris Societies have volunteered to host the 2020 Spring Regional in April with the guest iris at the Dry Creek Garden. Phyllis Wilburn moved that we accept their offer. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed. The 2020 National Convention will be held in May.

We need a host for the 2021 Spring Regional. A request for guest iris should be sent out now.

New Business

The region will need a lot of help digging and distributing the guest iris from the National Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Fall 2019 Region 14 Fall Regional INFORMATION

2019 Fall Regional: October 27, 2019

The 2019 Fall Regional will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the Shepard Garden and Art Center in Sacramento, California. Our guest speaker is Howie Dash, who will be giving a 1.5 hour judges' training on aril and arilbred iris (and perhaps a little sneak peek at the 2021 AIS convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico, which he is co-chairing).

We have arranged for a special hotel rate of \$119.00 at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento (the hotel for the 2017 spring regional). The rate is valid for Saturday October 26, & Sunday, October 27th. To receive this rate, please go to:

<https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?>

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and make your reservation. This rate includes free parking and complimentary wireless internet. Please book your room soon, as this rate will expire on September 27.

****The registration form appears on the next page****



**'Leave the Light On' (IB, Probst 2013)
Photo by Riley Probst**

Congratulations to renowned Region 14 hybridizer Riley Probst! Riley was recently contacted personally by AIS President Judy Nolin to inform him that his 2013 IB 'Leave the Light On' had been awarded the 2019 Sass Medal, the top award for Intermediate Bearded Iris.

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento, California

Featured Judges' Trainer: Howard Dash giving 1.5 hour training on Aril and Arilbred Iris

Special hotel rate of \$119.00 plus tax for Saturday, October 26 or Sunday, October 27 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento). Complimentary parking and wireless internet. Reserve your room by September 27, 2019. To reserve at this rate, call (877) 504-0054 and ask for the Region 14 Fall Regional rate.

Registration includes catered lunch, access to all meetings, judges' training, and rebloomer show.

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Iris Club Member? ____Y ____N If yes: Local Iris Society _____

Likely to enter blooms or artistic entries into Rebloomer Show? ____Y ____N

Registration fee if paid by September 30th \$45 x ____ person(s) = Total \$ _____.

Registration fee if paid after September 30th \$50 x ____ person(s) = Total \$ _____.

Special dietary needs: _____

Checks payable to AIS Region 14. Mail to Bonnie Petheram, 1226 High St., Alameda, CA 94501.

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2019 AIS National Convention Overview

By Patricia Eisenberg

Preface

Persistently met challenges resulted in the creative hospitality of AIS Region 14 that greeted 236 North- and South-American and overseas guests to the 2019 AIS National Convention to the San Francisco Bay Area. The Awards will be seen in the summer issue of ‘Iris’, but here in the Region 14 *Bulletin* readers can remember how our Region members, many of whom belong to more than one iris club, have long histories of optimism and collaboration on committed projects, even recruiting family members and friends to pitch in on preparations. “The Sun Sets on Rainbows” was an apt slogan since the sun is normally opposite, not on, the rainbow it creates— signaling perhaps surprises or the unexpected for the April 23-27 gathering. The AIS 209 National covered 200 drive miles (Watsonville to Loomis), by 100 miles (Sonoma to Elk Grove), adding up to amazed attendees and a heroic Region 14!

Tours

Indoor activities are one thing—gardens are another! Iris endured the longest, heaviest rain season in memory, followed by hot weather, producing abundant weeds. Scores of volunteers worked on welcome kits, booklets, reports, auctions and baskets, weeded, planted, decorated, placed signage, tidied, prepared and arranged fundraisers, welcomes, breakfasts, lunches and cleanups, steadfastly bringing to life the greeting that each committee and garden owner wanted to deliver. Since Region 14 enjoys such an abundance of incredible gardens to tour, prep and post-event digging is well-practiced over the decades.



Region 14 RVP Jean Richter leading the Spring Regional Meeting
Photo by Patricia Eisenberg

Well-awarded hybridizer and 1980 Dykes medal winner ('Mystique', 1975), **Joe Ghio** opened both fields of his work for Monday's optional tour: **Bay View Gardens** in Santa Cruz and **Corralitos Garden** in Watsonville. Weather conspired against much bloom, but we saw Joe's Bay garden since childhood containing PCIs, breeding iris and his rose cultivars; Corralitos featured seedlings and newer introductions.



**Iris lovers touring among breeding stock in Joe Ghio's Santa Cruz childhood home, Bay View Garden
Photo by Barbara Kitz**

Arriving to **Horton Iris Garden** in Loomis was like arriving to historical, idyllic farm wedding reception surrounded by tall shade trees and lawn. Ah yes! That's because the farm goes back many generations in the family and Mary Ann Horton does host many weddings and events near the century-old barn and farmhouse solidly upon a massive rock outcropping over the pond, iris gardens and farmland, lovelier than a movie scene. The comfort of visitors carefully reviewing countless well-maintained guest and resident iris along sloped rows was boosted by Memphis-style pulled pork sandwich lunch, icy cold beverages and homemade snacks so abundant under shade tents that some thought the spread *was* lunch.



**In Frannie's Iris Garden, IB 'Black Comedy' (Paul Black, 2017) Winner of the 2019 Ben R. Hager Median Cup
Photo by Patricia Eisenberg**

Frannie's Iris Garden at the Elk Grove home of Fran and Russ Shields floated up in vibrant color in long rectangular garden blocks cut out of lush open flat lawn adjacent to shade trees and paddocks for their llamas. Everyone felt at home in a commercial garden that did not feel commercial at all because of lovingly placed refreshments, garden art, antique decorated carts and wagons-- all crowned with a magnificent, raised brick pergola with bench seating. Frannie's smile and busy presence everywhere with husband Russ as our warm-hearted garden guide made an unforgettable visit.

Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence are long-time owners of **C & L Vineyard** in famous Sonoma. A vast collection of many types of iris in two major fields behind their home beyond the swimming pool included incredible arils for those who had time to meander there. Mature plantings around every turn, mixed with royal looking iris, each pathway beckoned to new surprises. The guest gardens were laid out on the opposite northeast side of their home in rich Napa soil only ¼-mile from where devastating fires recently raged. Rudy and Joe cooked and served a fabulous Italian lunch on the patio, circulating among guests enjoying their gracious hospitality and glorious iris floral arrangements.



**National attendees in the guest Iris gardens
of Sonoma C&L Vineyard
Photo by Patricia Eisenberg**



**TB 'Whisper In The Wind' (T. Johnson, 2015)
atop Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park
looking west to the Pacific Ocean
Photo by Patricia Eisenberg**

The most abundantly blooming iris planting arose from the wow-factor generosity of three sisters who donated their 1,200-acre Dry Creek Ranch in 1978. Edith, Mildred and Jeanette Meyers had bought the Pacific-facing land during the Depression as their home and wanted to protect the uncut rolling hills, iconic California oak groves and 300-year old sycamores from development. The iris garden in **Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park** edging Union City, is curated by East Bay Regional Park District ranger and gardener Jeff Bennett. This Dry Creek iris shrine mirrors the hearts of the now-deceased Meyers sisters with 42 raised beds of 1,000-plus iris of several species and 750 Convention guest iris growing to potential in virgin soil. Over boxed lunches and in among the iris, many irisarians were commenting they had never seen such a concentrated, healthy, high rate of bloom at one time —and within 2 years of planting. Ranger Jeff had built a community of determined public workers, Region 14 and community volunteers, and Mt. Diablo and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Societies.

Cummins Garden in Scotts Valley near Santa Cruz features old West, hard-working, coastal ranch style living while fending off the effects of salty coastal marine moisture and ever-enthusiastic vegetation. Irene and Jim Cummins have a gift for prominently displaying iris among other florals, plant collections and productive trees. Set into a south view across the road of immense wetland meadow, each garden seemed connected to the next. Visitors admired iris amidst ironwork, flowering shrubs, custom birdhouses, and retired farm machinery backdropped by the prominent barn standing sentinel over all.

Speakers

Between and during Committee, Section, Board, and Region meetings (with Jean Richter presiding over her first Region 14 gathering, having just received the proverbial gavel from Phyllis Wilburn in October), speakers presented wonderful experience and knowledge of iris. **Mary Hess**, owner of Bluebird Haven Iris Gardens in Somerset, CA, and Historic Iris Preservation Society activist, shared her mission that older iris hold value in iris history and venerability in beauty as much as recent market-driven introductions. Mary illustrated her garden rescue process for transplanting, identifying, verifying and nourishing her adoptees brought into her Victorian, Sierra foothills property in Gold Country.

Joe Ghio humorously exposed many attendees to his successful hybridizing methodology through his stories and 60-plus years' learning process. For more than 60 years Joe's belief that the "best iris make the best parents" has produced his 750 introductions of IBs, BBs, TBs, spurias, Louisianas and PCIs. **Bob Hollingworth** de-mystified some elements of iris genetics, and later gave a talk and quiz on Siberians, helping us recognize that we all need more study!. **John Jones** and wife **Joanne Prass-Jones** illustrated the now simpler process of reserving names, registering and introducing iris. Section speakers related their iris, their travels and troves of knowledge, including **Howie Dash** and **Dell Perry**, **Ken Walker**, **Lee Walker**, **Debra Strauss**, and **Dr. Anna Cadd**, who presented on a favorite topic of hers, spuria iris. A communication development panel also enlightened listeners.

Conclusion

Region 14 accomplished advance work and last-minute to-do's for speakers, evolving budgets, iris show, banquets, gardens, buses, garden meals, snacks and clean-ups, despite a monsoonal spring, commuter traffic and 20,000 square miles of north central California geography. The sun sets on hard work more than on rainbows, but the sun did set on this 2019 rainbow of inter-affiliate flexibility and teamwork. Meetings, solution chats and computer hours navigated gaps and pulled plans together. How? Iris rainbows are found with a gold pot filled with bonds and friendships, new and old, centered upon shared fascination with iris. We'll see each other in Newark's diamond dust in 2020, and we'll know each other by the rainbow glitter still on our shoulders!

Rick Tasco and “Excitement” at the 2019 AIS National Convention

by Roger Duncan

The American Iris Society held its annual National Convention in San Ramon California in the latter part of April. San Ramon is in the East Bay area. Even though our garden was at peak bloom, we closed the garden down for a week so we could attend the Convention, after all, how often is the Convention only a 2 hour drive away? Last year it was in New Orleans and next year it will be in Newark, New Jersey.

One of the reasons we wanted to go to the Convention was because Rick was getting a Medal for one of his iris. When you are awarded one of those by the AIS Judges, it is always exhilarating to get it handed to you by the AIS President in front of the entire Convention at the Awards Banquet! We went to the Convention knowing that we were receiving that honor. But we were totally surprised and honored to come away with 2 other major awards during the Convention. It sure made that rushed late night 2 hour drive home after the Awards Banquet more exciting!

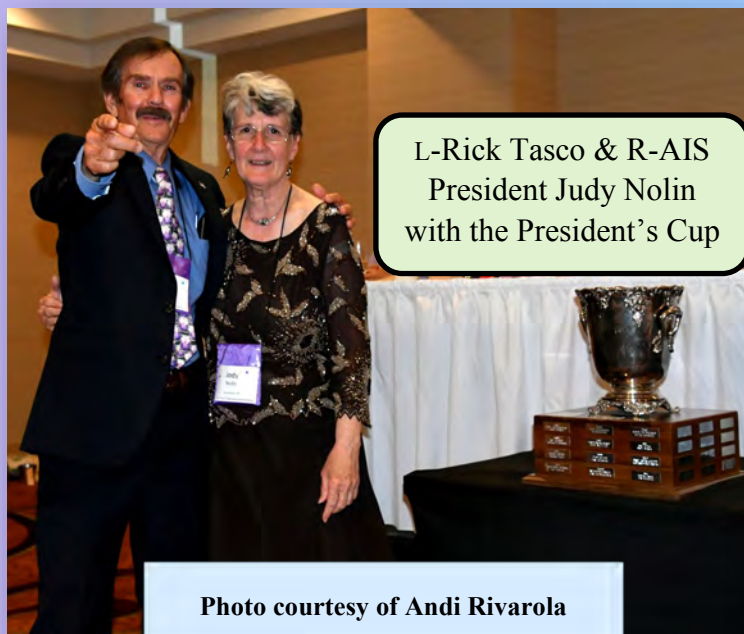
The first surprise award came at the annual meeting of the Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS). For 2019, their awards committee honored Superstition Iris Gardens with their Distinguished Service Award. Rick and Roger are shown in the photo below receiving the award from Cathy Egerer (Michigan), HIPS President, and Gary White (Nebraska), past AIS President. Also shown is the plaque they presented us. We were very surprised and honored to be given this prestigious award!



L-R: Cathy Egerer, Roger Duncan, Rick Tasco, Gary White
Photo courtesy of Cathy Egerer

There were 3 days of garden tours during the Convention visiting gardens in Sonoma, the Sacramento area, and the Santa Cruz area. Yes, those were very long bus rides especially through Bay Area traffic! During the garden tours of each National Convention, 2 main iris awards are given. They are voted on by the Convention attendees based on how the irises perform in the official tour gardens. The first award is the President's Cup, which is awarded to a hybridizer from the AIS Region that is hosting the Convention. This year that was our own Region 14. The other iris award is the Cook Cup and that is given to a hybridizer from any Region in the US and Canada outside the hosting Region.

We were totally surprised at the beginning of the Awards Dinner when they announced that Rick's AUTUMN EXPLOSION received the most votes and won the President's Cup. Voting is hurriedly tallied between the last bus arriving back at the Convention hotel at 4 PM with attendees dropping off their ballots and before the banquet starts at 7 PM. This is the 2nd President's Cup for Rick, the first one was for Golden Panther in 2004 when the Convention was based in Fresno. Rick is shown in the photo below with the President's Cup Trophy, beside him is current AIS President Jody Nolin (Ohio).



L-Rick Tasco & R-AIS President Judy Nolin with the President's Cup

Photo courtesy of Andi Rivarola



TB 'Autumn Explosion'
Photo courtesy of Superstition Iris Gardens

Now after those 2 surprise awards, it came time during the Awards Banquet for the annual presentation of the AIS Medals that were voted on by AIS Judges for the 2018 season. This is the award we knew in advance that we were receiving. Rick's BB Sheer Excitement was awarded the Knowlton Medal, which is given to the best border bearded iris each year. Rick is shown below with AIS President Jody Nolin making the Medal presentation. Also shown is the front and personally inscribed back of the Knowlton Medal which is awarded jointly by the American Iris Society and the Median Iris Society. And of course, a photo of Sheer Excitement.



L-Rick Tasco R-AIS President Jody Nolin
Photo courtesy of Andi Rivarola



BB 'Sheer Excitement' Photo courtesy of
Superstition Iris Gardens



Knowlton Medal - Front
Photo courtesy of Superstition Iris Gardens



Knowlton Medal - Back
Photo courtesy of Superstition Iris Gardens

Several other occurrences happened during the Convention, which were totally unknown in advance, but seemed to oddly fall in line. When you pick up your registration packet when you first arrive at the Convention hotel, you sign up for which color bus you want to ride during the Convention garden tour days. When we signed up, we took the blue bus. When it came time to board the busses, they added an iris name to the bus color, they named the buses for recent Region 14 Medal winning iris, and yes, the blue bus turned out to be the Sheer Excitement bus, for which Rick received the Knowlton Medal during the Convention. Strange occurrence #1...

They also had an AIS approved Iris Show at the Convention. It was a very large show with nearly 200 different entries (see photo below). Continuing the strange occurrence theme, you'll never guess which iris won Best In Show (Queen of Show) at the National Convention? Of course, it was Rick's BB Sheer Excitement, which was grown and exhibited by Linda Woods of Livermore, California. Strange occurrence #2...



2019 AIS National Show
Photo courtesy of Superstition Iris Gardens

Now wait a minute and digest this--Rick won the Knowlton Medal for Sheer Excitement, we not knowing in advance rode the Sheer Excitement bus, and Sheer Excitement won Best In Show, talk about Sheer Excitement overload! We were flying high on Excitement to say the least!



Best in Show BB 'Sheer Excitement'
Photo courtesy of Superstition Iris Gardens

2019 AIS National Convention - Horton Iris Garden, Loomis CA

On April 24th, Mary Ann Horton welcomed (& fed!) convention attendees. Many thanks to Jan Matherly, coordinator of the snacks, and to all the Region 14 volunteers that made this tour such a success!



**L-R: Erin Kelly, Arleen Hale, & Jan Matherly
Photo by Kathy Braaten**



**Host Mary Ann Horton
Photo by Kathy Braaten**



Attendees enjoying the Horton tour
Photos by Kathy Braaten



Recognizing Diana Ford

From an article in the Santa Rosa Iris Society
newsletter, May 2019

Region 14 members can once again bask in the glory of the success of a local hybridizer who has “skyrocketed to iris stardom”. **Diana Ford**’s TB seedling 208 was voted the best bearded seedling entered in the Centennial Seedling Competition at the 2019 American Iris Society National Convention held in San Ramon, California last April and will be honored at next year’s national convention in New Jersey celebrating the 100th anniversary of AIS. The actual seedling number was 30LC2 (Like a Rainbow X Core Values). It received the most votes by convention attendees and will be named ‘Centennial Celebration’, introduced by AIS, and planted in several gardens for next year’s national convention. Diana is a new iris hybridizer, a member of the Santa Rosa Iris Society.



Diana Ford

Diana commented: “I still can’t believe this happened. I need to call Shirley [Trio-Probst, the convention chairman] ... and find out what I have to fill out and figure out how to write up a description for the registration. The last two years I kept worrying that I was going to be embarrassed because the iris I sent would look too amateurish. I’d only seen them bloom once. I just wanted to participate since it was right here. It was my first national convention. I was so relieved when my stuff looked okay out in the gardens. Wow, still don’t believe it.”

Winner of the beardless Centennial Seedling Competition was Louisiana iris seedling 135, a very floriferous yellow self hybridized by Hooker Nichols of Texas. It will be named ‘Centennial Anniversary’, introduced by AIS, and planted in the 2020 AIS National Convention gardens in New Jersey.

Congratulations to Diana Ford and Hooker Nichols on their decisive wins.



**Diana Ford’s Winning
Seedling, #208**

Iris Show at the National Convention

The lesson learned at the National Convention held in San Ramon was, “have a show and irisarians will come, anytime, anywhere!” We had 27 members from CBRIS, MDIS, MBIS, SRIS, YIS, and LTCIS enter with a total of 180 entries. We had tall bearded, border bearded, intermediate bearded, arilbreds, species, species X, Spurias and Pacific Coast. We also had 3 members submit 8 floral arrangements.

Linda Woods, Mount Diablo Iris Society, won Best in Show for her border bearded, ‘Sheer Excitement’. Best seedling was awarded to Joe Ghio for his PCN, 4P-10A. Jane Jordan, CBRIS, won Best Tall Bearded for ‘Marital Bliss’. Jeff Bennett, MDIS/SBMIS, won the Silver Medal for most blue ribbons and Linda Woods won the Bronze Medal.

We had youth exhibitors who brought their iris submissions on a plane from Nebraska! Best Specimen Youth was won by Amberlee Pick for her tall bearded, ‘Spice Trader’.

In the Artistic Division, Jeff Davis, SRIS, won Best Design of Show for his ‘Reflection’ arrangement.

The quality of the submissions was very high and many were awarded special horticulture ribbons.

Carol Dahout
Show Chair



**Linda Woods, Mt. Diablo Iris Society
Best in Show BB ‘Sheer Excitement’
Photo by Mikey Lango**



**Santa Rosa Iris Society President Jeff Davis
Best Design of Show
Photo by Anna Cadd**



**2019 National Iris Show judged by 4 teams of judges April 24th
in the hall of the San Ramon Marriott
Photo by Patricia Eisenberg**

Judges' Training Report

By Alleah Haley, Region 14 Judges' Training Chairman

Region 14 had a fairly hectic year this judging year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) as we hosted the AIS National Convention. We had nine judges' training sessions in the Region:

October, 2018 – Lynda Miller on MTBs at the Region 14 fall meeting

January, 2019 - Anna Cadd on spurias at the Sydney B. Mitchell IS winter potluck

February, 2019 – Anna Cadd on spurias at a Santa Rosa Iris Society meeting

March, 2019 – Dorlene Waite on AIS Awards at a meeting of the Las Vegas IS

April, 2019 – Dorlene Waite on TBs in the garden in North Las Vegas, Nevada

April, 2019 – Rick Tasco on arils and arilbreds in Catheys Valley, California

April, 2019 – John Jones on AIS Awards and ballots at the AIS Natl. Convention in San Ramon, CA

April, 2019 – various trainers on garden judging of TBs in Sonoma, California

April, 2019 – John Jones on garden judging of MTBs in Union City, California

We had 96 persons enrolled in JT this judging year including 29 Garden/Exhibition judges, 17 Master judges, 4 Emeritus judges, 11 Retired judges, 7 Apprentices, and 28 Active Student Judges. These numbers will change slightly when I prepare my final report with recommendations for advancement to the AIS Board in October.





**Attending “Arils” Judges’ Training in April at Superstition Gardens
L-R: Riley Probst, Amberlee Pick, Gail Collings, Shirley Trio, Gary Collings,
Sandra Saelens, Carolyn Hoover
Photo by Guy Hoover**

I encourage everyone in the Region 14 judges training program to take every reasonable opportunity to attend training when it’s given. Remember to take your “Handbook for Judges and Show Officials” to each session you attend. Also be thinking about the kind of training you would like to receive. Garden training is a real priority. Consider giving or having your club sponsor a garden training on standard dwarf bearded irises in spring 2020. Feel free to contact me at alleah.haley@gmail.com or 707-799-1422 with suggestions.

It has been a true pleasure to be your Judges’ Training Chairman for the past four years. I’ve made new iris friends, gotten to know many AIS members better, and have learned a lot more about irises. I want to thank you all for being so kind and such wonderful people.

Written & Submitted by Alleah Haley

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

High Desert Iris Society

HDIS is enjoying its 10th anniversary year! We've enjoyed a fun-filled 2019, and have welcomed 18 new members.

Show

Our 2019 Spring show, "Iris: A Bridge Over the Sierras" was chaired by Patricia Eisenberg and featured 83 entries with 78 varieties. There were also 5 special entries. Best in Show went to Susan Taylor with her TB Affirmative. Winner of the silver medal for most blue ribbons was tied between Angie Herrick and Susan Taylor, each winning 7. Dan Williams took the bronze medal with 6.

Fundraisers

We had two full weekends of summer fundraiser rhizome sales, one in Reno and one in Sparks, graciously hosted by our longtime partner Moana Nursery. We saw a nice mix of new and return customers, many eager to show us photos of their blooms. Other successful tactics for rhizome sales attendance include handing out "save the date" flyers at the show, and awarding gift certificates as door prizes to participants at the show's educational symposium. We invested in an iPad and obtained Square Reader, and for the first time were able to accept credit and debit card payments.

Road Trips

On April 13th, 7 of us traveled to beautiful Frannie's Iris Garden in Elk Grove to help Russ and Fran Shields weed their display garden beds in preparation of the upcoming AIS National Convention tour.



Photo by Stephanie Jennings

On June 29th, we traveled to Horton Iris Garden in Loomis, CA to meet up with our neighboring clubs the Sacramento Iris Society and Sierra Foothills Iris Society for their annual picnic. Mary Ann Horton was of course a wonderful hostess and a good time was had by all.



**HDIS members L: BJ Mills and R: Kathy Braaten
enjoy the great picnic food & hospitality
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**HDIS member Dan Williams helped at several
Regional Convention Display Garden digs
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**

Meaningful Project

Many of you visited the Wilbur May Arboretum during the 2018 Fall Regional and met Horticulture Director Bill Carlos, who explained the Botanical Garden and the plans of increasing the species grown/represented. HDIS has partnered with the Arboretum on a professionally designed & approved irrigated Iris garden with educational signage that will feature as many species as will grow in Reno's climate. A Dykes section will be included. We'll continue to report on the project's progress.

Leo T. Clark

Greetings from Leo T. Clark Iris Society! Our members are currently attempting to beat the summer Sac Valley heat while tending our iris. These members include Bonny McDaniel and Tina McMahan, who are on the road to recovery after the fires in Paradise and are in the process of restoring their gardens. A huge thanks again to all the members of Region 14 who donated funds toward this! It was definitely a morale booster during a difficult time.

We held our annual Spring Iris Show at the Chico Mall on April 19 and 20. Best of show was won by PCN "Red Ink," displayed by Carol Cullen. Claudia Owen took first place in artistic arrangement with "Breakfast in Bed," while Lillian Benbow (age 5) took first in youth arrangement with "Color of Iris." Congratulations to all! And a thanks to judges Kathy Braaten and Cindy Eastman.

Our annual potted sale in May was a huge success, as was our annual yard sale. We are gearing up for our rhizome sales at Paul Bunyan Days in Fort Bragg on Labor Day weekend (Sat.-Sun., Aug. 31-Sep. 1) and the Durham Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 15. Always a good time! (And there is always room for one more iris,

Sacramento

In addition to the increased focus on the gardens for the AIS Convention, SIS continued its regular schedule of activities of sales, show, digs, etc. We supported two gardens (Frannie's and Horton's) for the Convention, both financially and physically, and still held our annual show which was the weekend before the Convention. Queen of the show was Jessie's Song, entered by Cindy Eastman.



Cindy Eastman with TB 'Jessie's Song'
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn

In June we had our annual picnic which was shared with both Sierra Foothills IS (SFIS) and High Desert IS - great food and camaraderie among the three clubs. We even made time to plant a demonstration garden at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center where we meet and have our show. Upcoming activities include a 'potting party' on August 3 to pot about 500 iris that we will sell throughout the year. We recently finished helping with the digging and processing of the convention iris in the two gardens. We got lots of help from members of both SIS and SFIS. In early September, we will dig and distribute the door prizes from last year, and the leftovers will be auctioned at the September meeting to members. So the cycle begins again in September and we look forward to lots of fun programs and activities in the coming year.

Phyllis Wilburn, SIS Editor



**L-R: Steven Giguere, Ruth Ostroff, & Della Decorse
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**Planting at Shepard Garden and Arts Center
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**L-R: David Waggoner, Clare Waggoner, & Steven Giguere pitching in at the dig at Ruth Ostroff's
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**L-R: Kathy Arbanasin, Mary Ann Horton, & Gwen Joy working at the sale
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**

Santa Rosa

Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month, February through October, at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center (LBAGC), 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, California 95405. The programs start at 7:00 P.M. and the business meetings follow at 8:00 P.M. All meetings are open to the public.

Society members Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence opened their C&L Vineyard garden in Sonoma to host the AIS National Convention on Friday, April 26. They had built eight new raised beds with drip irrigation and planted 46 beardless guest irises, tending them for three years, and 251 bearded guest irises, tending them for two years. This was in addition to their private collection of 2000 varieties of irises in 71 raised beds. Many members of our Society helped Rudy and Joe and several members of Joe's family prepare the garden for the convention tour – from weeding to moving mulch, mowing paths and grooming irises, to setting iris labels. On convention day many members and their families served coffee and snacks donated by members, decorated the lunch tables with 20 arrangements made by Jean Sharp, directed buses and visitors and answered questions from attendees, and served the buffet lunch prepared by Rudy. Everyone seemed to enjoy the live music performed by professional violin and guitar duo "Avalanche". On July 14 and 15, 11 of our members pitched in again at C&L, this time to help Riley and Shirley Probst dig and label the bearded guest irises for return to hybridizers or distribution to Region 14 societies for fundraising sales.



Santa Rosa Iris Society Members & Friends at C&L Vineyard Garden
L-R Seated: Cindy Leonard, Joe Lawrence L-R Standing: Anna Marie Hermansen,
Alleah Haley, Betty Ford, Cheryl Brian, Anna Cadd, Linnea Polo, Don Ford,
Jeff Davis, Caroline Graham, Louise Boyd, Diana Ford.

Photo by Jessica Pyska

Two big iris sales in September help fund our club's activities. From 9-3 on Saturday, September 7 we'll have a sale of rhizomes donated by club members at LBAGC; and then on Tuesday through Thursday, September 10-12 we'll man a double-wide booth in the Grace Pavilion selling hundreds of varieties of rhizomes at very reasonable prices at the 9th annual Heirloom Expo held at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa 95404 (across from the Vet's Building).

Santa Rosa Iris Society has participated each year since the start of this "world's largest pure food fair" (the Expo features all thing small commercial and home gardening and farming), and we welcome repeat customers each year.

In October a representative from the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation will speak to our group about the "Biodiversity of the Laguna". The Laguna de Santa Rosa is the second largest freshwater marsh in Northern California, protecting the surrounding area from flooding by the Russian River. Then on Saturday, November 2 we'll have a party from about 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the LBAGC, our annual "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" costume and holiday potluck party. Scheduled just after Halloween and before Thanksgiving and Christmas, the club usually donates a ham or turkey or both, members decorate the tables in fall leaves and fruits, and we all dress up as a favorite iris and give out prizes for such things as best costume, most iris names guessed, and most perplexing costume. We've done this for years and it's a load of fun. Come join us!

Santa Rosa IS generally elects officers for the next year at the October meeting or the November costume party and sets the programs and budget for the coming year at board meetings starting at 6:00 P.M. at LBAGC during December and January. The Society resumes its monthly program meetings in February.

Sierra Foothills

Our Society has had a very busy year so far this iris season.

Our show was held on May 4th and 5th 2019 at Prospector's Nursery 10003 Granholm Lane Nevada City, CA. Cindy Eastman won the Best of Show with BB Lady of the Night.

Our members Mary Ann Horton and Russ and Fran Shields gardens were on tour for the AIS National Convention in April 2019.

Sierra Foothills members were very busy greeting attendees and assisting with lunch and snacks in Horton's garden in Loomis as well as assisting in Frannie's garden in Elk Grove.

Our annual rhizome sale and was held on July 27th and July 28th 2019 at Eisley's Nursery 380 Nevada St Auburn, CA. Yes, that was the hottest weekend of the year so far and believe me it was warm out there selling iris. Our members were troopers and we managed to sell some iris, meet some new folks, and have a good time together in spite of the heat wave. We had all the bearded classes for sale as well as Louisiana iris.

The society meets the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Rose Room of the Auburn Civic Center 1225 Lincoln Way Auburn CA at 7:00pm. We do not meet in July, November or December. We try to have a program at each meeting and we always have food.

The August program will be given by Melanie North on Iris Photography. She has many published books on her photography. Our September program will be given by Phyllis Wilburn and will be a recap of the National Convention in April. Our year will end with the annual thank you dinner, silent auction and election of the 2020 officers at the October meeting.

Please feel free to attend any of our events and like us on Facebook!

Submitted by Kathy Braaten



**Cindy Eastman with BB 'Lady of the Night'
Photo by Kathy Braaten**

Sydney B. Mitchell

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society has had quite a busy spring and summer this year. A number of our members were heavily involved in putting on the AIS convention in April, and that work still continues after the convention with digging rhizomes and sending out rhizomes to those who bought them at the convention's live auction. Our annual show was held just at the start of the convention, and member Jeff Bennett took time off from his tending of the master convention planting at Dry Creek Park to win Best Specimen with his lovely stalk of 'Lynn Williams.' Also visible in the picture on the next page is his arilbred entry 'Esther the Queen,' which took the Chuck Dekker Memorial Trophy for Best Bearded Other Than Tall. Jeff did extremely well at our show, winning the Bob and Jean Brown Memorial Trophy for Best Historic with 'San Francisco' and winning the silver medal for most blue ribbons as well!

In May we had a successful potted iris sale at the Celebration of Old Roses, and in late July we had our bearded iris rhizome auction. As this issue goes to press we'll have a sidewalk sale of bearded rhizomes at Ace Garden Center in Oakland. Upcoming events include our annual potluck barbecue in September and beardless iris auction and sale in October. Looking further ahead, we'll be co-hosting the 2020 spring regional on May 2-3, again held in Dry Creek Park in Union City with its magnificent iris planting.

Jean Richter
President, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



**SBM Member Jeff Bennett with Arilbred 'Esther the Queen' &
Best Specimen Winner TB 'Lynn Williams'
Photo by Jean Richter**

Yosemite

Sandra Saelens- President: sandys@stcg.net, Vice President-Carolyn Hoover, Treasurer- Guy Hoover Secretary- Laura Gonzalez, Directors: Bill Tyson, Dan Cereghino and Gary Collings.

YIS meetings are the 2nd Friday of every month except Dec, Jan., July, and August. Our meetings are held at the Oakhurst Library Meeting Room, 49044 Civic Circle Dr. Oakhurst, CA. YIS begins with Social hour and potluck at 6 PM and general meeting begins at 7 PM. If you would like to attend and be a guest, please contact: Carolyn Hoover, VP vischoover@gmail.com or (559)760-5638. Come and join the fun!!

Our events in Summer 2019 included the Annual YIS BBQ July 20th. Over 25 members attended and enjoyed a wonderful potluck, Tri-tip and Baby back ribs barbequed by our host, Guy Hoover. Great weather that day which was in low 80's and we had great food and fellowship.



**YIS Members enjoying the AIS National Convention in San Ramon
L-R: Dan Cereghino, Sandy Saelens, Amberlee Pick, Gary Collings,
Gail Collings, Joan Earnest, Carolyn Hoover
Photo by Guy Hoover**



**YIS Members L-R: Guy Hoover, Carolyn Hoover, and Dan Cereghino in May
at the Farmer's Market Iris Fundraiser
Photo courtesy of Carolyn Hoover**

YIS is growing and we now have over 40 members in YIS this year. YIS has its own Facebook page set up and managed by YIS President, Sandy Saelens. Find us @ Yosemite Iris Society, Region 14. I think being on FB has helped in getting new members and letting others know about us.

Next event which is scheduled is YIS Annual Potting Party @ the Hoover's home in Coarsegold, August 10th Members will be potting up over 800 irises in one gallon pots for our fundraisers next year and end with a nice luncheon.

At the fall meetings this year we plan to have Riley Probst present a Program on the 2019 National AIS Convention, San Ramon. Eight YIS members attended this year's convention and had a blast. Gardens were beautiful and very accommodating. We also will have our 2nd Annual Dress Up as Your Favorite Iris in October. It's our way of celebrating Halloween. Fun, Fun!

The Annual YIS Christmas Party will be held Sat. Dec. 7th. Location to be announced.

Submitted Respectfully,

Carolyn Hoover, Vice President, YIS

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**Northern Nevada TB Iris Bed
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