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Swans in Flight ~ Siberian (Hollingworth 2006)

2016 Dykes Medal winner

photos: Mikey Lango



Whew! Am I glad that another iris dig season is over for me, even though I have lots of planting yet to do. I am solarizing two beds and will be planting from pots in late September. Meanwhile I have lots of pots that need to be watered regularly.

Speaking of digging!  
What a day for a dig! Fair weather greeted us in San

Jose, as we approached Nola's Garden at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 2, after driving since 5:30 a.m. and meeting up with Cindy Eastman and Kathy Braaten on the way. We had a pickup loaded down with paper bags, boxes, an ice chest, and tools for digging and labeling. In the spirit of Region 14 camaraderie, we were not alone, as there were as many as 15 stalwart members there to help. I wish I had taken down names, but in the frenzied activity of the day, it slipped my mind. I remember most of you by name, but rather than leave someone out, I will just thank you for a hard day's work and I know that you know who you are. I do know that there were representatives from Leo T. Clark, Monterey Bay, Clara B Rees, Sacramento, Sierra Foothills, and James M. Gibson, Sidney B. Mitchell, and Mount Diablo.

It was an all day affair, involving digging, trimming, labeling and distributing over 130 varieties, and approximately 1000 rhizomes. All were distributed to the nine clubs who opted to participate in the distribution, and most were taken home at the end of the day. As shipping has become more and more expensive, the Region requests that clubs reimburse the Region when shipping is necessary. Thanks again to a great work crew, who never slowed down!

As some of you may recall from the 'olden' days, the iris rhizomes from the Spring Regional were auctioned at a central location in the summer following the Spring Regional. Later, when the single auction was not well supported, a system of several auctions throughout the region was tried. Then there was a system of bundling them in \$200 bundles and selling them to the clubs. The

current system of distributing the rhizomes to the clubs who wish to participate and having them reimburse the Region for half of the proceeds from selling them to members, has been the practice for 5-8 years now. There is always room for improvement, so if anyone has an idea to share on this matter, I would be glad to hear it. We have to keep moving forward, and thinking 'outside the box' if we want to keep up with the world which seems to be moving faster and faster. However, there is a restriction: Region 14 has assured the hybridizers who donated these iris that they will not be sold over the internet or directly to the public.

Another critical issue is the annual scholarship that is offered by Region 14 each year, which is budgeted for \$1000 but sometimes is supplemented by clubs and becomes a \$1500 scholarship. Granted, it is so expensive to attend college these days, that \$1000 may not be seem to be the generous amount that it was when the scholarship was begun. I am not sure when this scholarship was initiated, but it has been going at least 16 years, and I am certain that the intention was to provide help to a member's child or grandchild or youth member.

Our current Scholarship Chair, Peggy Ruud, has asked to resign so I am looking for a replacement. She did a good job of contacting schools, receiving the applications and finding readers.

The previous Scholarship Chairs, Jay and Terri Hudson, who were Chairs for 15 years, had a faxing system that had become outdated and did not include any schools in Nevada. This past year, we asked Club Presidents or a member in the club, to contact the High School Districts and Colleges in their area to notify them of this scholarship. From the applications that were received (9), it was obvious to Peggy Ruud that there was not much help from Clubs in distributing this information. Thus, it is not only a challenge to find a new chairperson, but also a new system for distributing this information and application form.

In this regard, we need to remember that we are living in the electronic age and realize that most students will go to their electronic devices for scholarship information, and we need to figure out how to use this to our advantage. If anyone knows how to make the scholarship information that is posted on our web site, come up when a student 'googles' 'Horticulture or Floriculture Scholarships', do let us know.

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Check out  
the AIS Blog!

[http://  
theamericanirissociety.  
blogspot.com/](http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/)

# Calendar

*(RVP continued)*

Here are two ideas that we might use to award the scholarship:

1. We could select a college that teaches Horticulture or Floriculture, such as UC Davis, Cal Poly, Fresno State or a city college, to handle the applications and choose the winner from their student body. The cost for administration is often around 6% (information from UCD). This would restrict the scholarship to students at that particular school.

2. We could post the application on college web sites, and email the application to the County Offices of Education in each county in Northern CA and NV, and ask them to distribute the application to their high schools. The County Office email addresses are readily available on the Web, and the college web sites are accessible. In this case the scholarship committee would contact the schools electronically, receive and process all the applications and have a committee read and select the candidate, as we have done in the past.

I would like to hear your ideas about this important role in our region. If you have any ideas about how best to administer the scholarship, I would like to hear from you. And, if you would like to head up this important committee, or know of a member who would be good at it, do let me know.

At the Fall Meeting we are scheduled to elect a new director. Each director has a 3 years term in office, and it is now time for Rudy Ciuca to step down as Northern Area Director, and a new director elected. The Northern area includes Sacramento, north to the limit of the region including Reno, Nevada. So put your thinking cap on here too, and be prepared to nominate someone for this office. Of course, they must agree to run for the position. Election is at the Fall Meeting which will be Sat. morning, Oct. 15, 2016.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Regional in Livermore, Oct. 14-15. Presidents of affiliate clubs are expected to attend, and if they can get some financial support from their club to

## 2016 Fall Regional

October 14-15, 2016  
Alden Lane Nursery  
Livermore, California

See registration form later in bulletin!

## Upcoming Regional Events

~ Kathy Braaten, Regional Events Coordinator

Our 2017 Spring Regional event, "Iris Express", is also in the planning stages. This event will be co-hosted by Sierra Foothills Iris Society and Sacramento Iris Society. The dates for the event will be April 21 - 23, 2017. The convention hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. We will be visiting two large gardens that are hosting the guest irises, Horton Iris Garden in Loomis and Frannie's Iris Garden of Fran and Russ Shields in Elk Grove. Dell Perry from Texas will be our guest speaker. We will have more to follow on the planning of this event as well.

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November 4 – 5, 2016 Sedona, Arizona  
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defray costs, all the better. It varies from club to club depending on resources, but it is encouraged whenever possible. See you there and bring your reblooming stalks for the show!

Phyllis Wilburn, RVP

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# Editor's Notes ~ Shirley Trio-Probst



It is difficult to believe that with this issue we are contemplating fall. Late summer and fall seem to be the busiest time of the year.

The fall regional is coming up to interrupt the monotony of weeding and cultivating.

Reblooming irises will start soon here in the hot valley.

Some of you are lucky enough

to have cooler climates and the Rebloomers are already putting on a show. Bring a stalk or two to the Reblooming show to be held on Friday night of the Fall Regional. The RVP Phyllis Wilburn, AIS Director John Jones, Riley and Shirley Trio Probst will be attending the AIS Fall meeting in Sedona AZ. Join us and make it a party. You will learn a lot about what is expected of our region as far as AIS is concerned.

It is so exciting to have so many Region 14 irises in the top numbers of all categories of the AIS Awards. Again, Rick Tasco leads the pack. Ricks' Absolute Treasure was first runner-up for the Dykes Medal. David and Anna Cadd, Joe Ghio, Fred Kerr, Doug Kanarowski, John Painter, Riley Probst, Pete Rudkin, and the late George Sutton, all deserve our congratulations for scoring well in the AIS awards system. Good job guys! See a more exact list elsewhere in this bulletin. Make a special effort to congratulate these hybridizers. It takes years of work and worry to get as far as these guys did, and they aren't done yet. So give them a pat on the back, they deserve it.

A big thanks goes to Carolyn Hoover. Without fail she turns in the most informative reports about what is going on in her youth program and always on time. Patricia Eisenberg, Carol Cullen, Kathy Braaten and Linda Hood are always on time with their reports. Thanks guys.

As always it takes a group of people to get this bulletin out, one person cannot do it. I want to thank all of you that

contributed articles and those that spent a lot of time in research. Thank you to all of the staff members. June and July were fraught with problems. Mikey was laid up in June with a bum knee resulting in surgery, Gesine was still in a big leg brace from her March injury, and Alleah was gone out of state to a wedding. Everyone is getting back to normal.

If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts about our Bulletin, please contact me, the editor, directly ~ thanks!

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Are you bored with Life? Then throw yourself into some work you believe in with all your heart/ Live for it, die for it, and you will find happiness that you thought could never be yours.....Dale Carnegie

*Copied as printed in the Santa Rosa Iris Society newsletter. ~ Editor*



above: Going Big Time (Ghio 2014) HM

photo: Riley Probst

*And hello from your designer!*

Just a reminder ~ please, when you send us photos, please send them in JPEG format if possible -- and please send them **separately**, rather than embedded in a page or something.

When you send them embedded in a Word document or something, it's difficult to use them, and often the image quality is very low.

Thanks!

~ Gesine



image from Lloyd Austin and his wonderful "Rainbow Offerings" catalog

# Thanks from Region 14 Scholarship Winner, Erin Sheridan

To All Region 14 Members:

First of all, thank you for supporting me in my future endeavors at Cal Poly through this scholarship!

I have grown up in Clio, California all of my life where I learned to love the outdoors. I have been involved in many extracurricular activities including volleyball and basketball, class president, working part time, and best of all: I started an aeroponics garden tower at my high school. This provided fresh and sustainable produce for the cafeteria an arm's length away! I loved this so much I wanted to pursue a career in horticulture and business at Cal Poly SLO. After college, I plan to learn as many skills as I can by working with everything from pest management to using sustainable soil. My ultimate goal is to start a nonprofit organization targeting underdeveloped countries with fresh and sustainable produce. I love my life and I want to be able to give back to my community and the rest of the world.

Thank you again!  
Sincerely,  
Erin Sheridan



*below:* Erin's note thanking AIS

Dear American Iris Society,

I am writing to thank you for the generous \$1000 scholarship. I was beyond happy and sincerely appreciative to learn I was selected as the recipient of your award.

Because of your generosity, it has made it possible for me to attend Cal Poly next fall. Overall, it enabled me to be one step closer to pursuing my dream of starting a non-profit organization with the skills I earn in college.

By awarding me the American Iris Society student scholarship, you lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. My educational pursuits would not be possible without support from scholarship sponsors like your organization.

Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart,

Erin Scheridan



# Dykes Winner and Region 14 winners of AIS voting

~ photos by Riley Probst

## DYKES MEDAL WINNER

Swans in Flight (Siberian) -- Hollingworth  
(see photos on cover)

## FIRST RUNNER UP for DYKES

Absolute Treasure -- Rick Tasco



## C.G. WHITE MEDAL

for First Runner up ½ or more Aril  
Sand Dancer -- Rick Tasco  
*below: Saint Patrick's Gold*



## SIDNEY B. MITCHELL MEDAL

for Pacific Coast Irises First Runner Up  
Area Code -- Joe Ghio

## ERIC NIES MEDAL

for Spuria, First Runner Up  
Saint Patrick's Gold -- David and Anna Cadd

## TALL BEARDED AWARD OF MERIT

Double Platinum, Day on the Bay, Bravery,  
Super Hero, Plot Line -- Joe Ghio  
Jeanne Clay Plank -- Fred Kerr  
Splatter Matters -- John Painter  
Doctor Who -- George Sutton  
Beyond Borders -- Rick Tasco



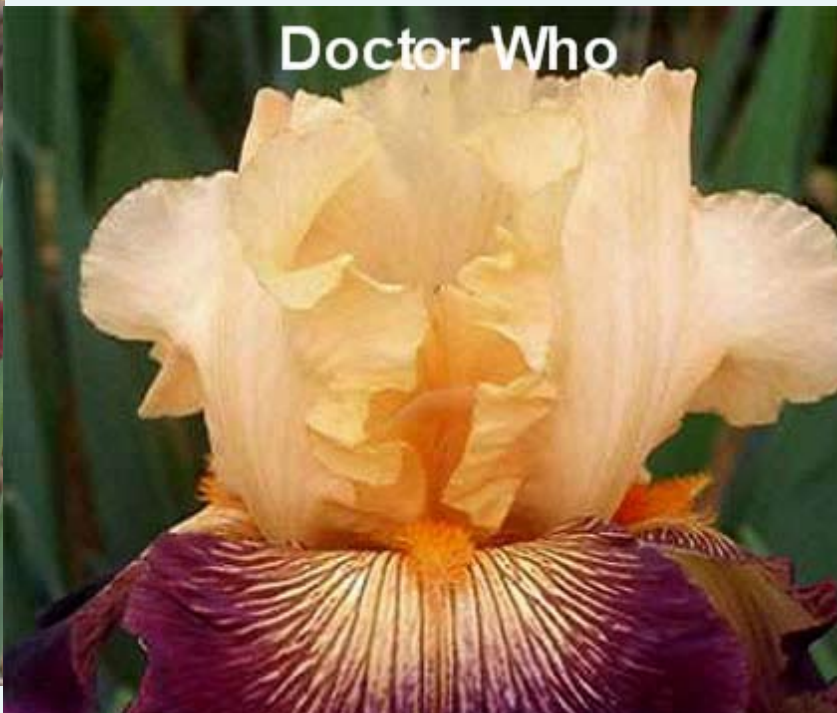
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below: Bravery*







*top:* Splatter Matters  
*middle:* Doctor Who  
*below:* Sheer Excitement



*top:* Super Hero     *above:* Plot Line  
*below:* Jeanne Clay Plank



**BORDER BEARDED AWARD OF MERIT**

Sheer Excitement -- Rick Tasco

**INTERMEDIATE BEARDED AWARD OF MERIT**

Backlit Beauty -- Rick Tasco

Backlit Beauty



**MINIATURE TALL BEARDED AWARD OF MERIT**

Holiday in Mexico -- Riley Probst

**ARIL/ARILBRED AWARD OF MERIT**

Rare Breed -- Rick Tasco

**PACIFIC COAST AWARD OF MERIT**

Da Vinci Code and Line Drawing -- Joe Ghio

Holiday in Mexico  
MTB



**LOUISIANA AWARD OF MERIT**

Blue Splatter -- Pete Rudkin

*photo below*



## TALL BEARDED HONORABLE MENTION

(Only 10% of those introduced)

Celebratory, Going Big Time, Heavenly Host,  
Platinum Jubilee, Spiral Galaxy, Rare Coin -- Joe Ghio

Jelly Bean Parade, Tijuana Taxi -- Doug Kanarowski

Betty Ford, Mango Queen, New Found Glory -- Fred  
Kerr

Hearts on Fire -- John Painter

Texas Two Step -- George Sutton

American Original, Molten Flame, One Step Beyond,  
Peach Pearl, Storm Rider -- Rick Tasco

## BORDER BEARDED HONORABLE MENTION

Border Skirmish -- Joe Ghio

Dark Wonder -- Rick Tasco

## ARIL/ARILBRED HONORABLE MENTION

Alakazam, Shaman's Magic -- Rick Tasco

## PACIFIC COAST NATIVES HONORABLE MENTION

Corralitos Creek, Night Crossing, Sight for Sore Eyes,  
Sunset Beach, Open Eyes -- Joe Ghio

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## List of Larry Gaulter Award Winners

Some time ago Shirley Trio-Probst attempted to make a list of all of the Larry Gaulter Award winners. All of the books that hold all of the Regional Secretarial reports were read to attempt to locate the names of these recipients. In several of the minutes it was written "The Larry Gaulter Award recipient will be announced at the tomorrow night banquet." This was in the days when two separate meetings were held before the banquet. By the time the banquet was held the meetings were over and the minutes were complete. Many of the secretaries neglected to go back to the minutes to enter the name of the Larry Gaulter Award recipient.

Needless to say it was difficult. Want to make a difficult job easy? Then get Former RVP John Pesek involved. At the last meeting the editor mentioned the need to complete the list of recipients and the difficulty in completing the list. John went right to work. With the help of some other Region 14 members the list was completed in no time. How it was done is unknown but the fact that it is done is fantastic. Had the situation gone on for too much longer the knowledge would have been lost and we would have been unable to complete the list. We are thankful that Shirley Trio-Probst noticed the list was not complete and even more thankful to those that were instrumental in completing the list. We can now move forward and from year to year add to the list via the official minutes and via the Regional bulletin. Thank you John Pesek and all those that helped for taking on and completing a very important job. Obviously, it could not have been done without you.

## Larry Gaulter Award Recipients

1990 Larry Gaulter  
1991 Adele and Lewis Lawyer  
1992 Roy Oliphant  
1993 Marilyn Holloway  
1994 Jean Erickson  
1995 Jim McWhirter  
1996 Carl & LaRue Boswell  
1997 Ruby Wilson, Evelyn Hayes  
1998 Ben Hager, Bryce Williamson  
1999 Elsie Mae Nicholson  
2000 John Weiler  
2001 Glenn Corlew  
2002 Claudia & Bill Owens  
2003 Margaret & George Sutton  
2004 not known if awarded  
2005 not known if awarded  
2006 not known if awarded  
2007 Joseph Ghio  
2008 Betty Coyle, Alan Robbins  
2009 Kitty Loberg  
2010 not awarded  
2011 Kathy Braaten  
2012 Anna & David Cadd  
2013 not awarded  
2014 not awarded  
2015 Bob Canning

AIS Youth Members in CIP  
(Classroom Iris Project)  
Coarsegold Elementary School  
~ Carolyn Hoover, CIP leader

Region 14 Sponsored Spring Show  
at  
Region 14 Spring Regional  
~ John Pesek, Show Chair.

The 100 students members of the AIS Youth Program in Coarsegold, CA were back to school August 11th. Carolyn Hoover, CIP Leader is awaiting 100 irises to arrive any day that were shipped by the AIS. Each student member will receive a newer variety of TB iris handed out by Mrs. Hoover. The students will be working again in the two iris gardens on the school campus of Coarsegold Elementary School soon. We are awaiting the cool days of Fall to arrive!

New planting soil and fertilizer donated by the Hoover's and YIS will be delivered this fall for more planting of irises at the school site.

Students can't wait for the AIS Youth Coloring contest and Ackerman Essay Contest this School Year 2016-17 to begin. Since we had so many first and second place winners of these National Contests, our students are very motivated to enter these two contests provided by AIS.

Mrs. Victoria Glines, 4th grade teacher will still be a CIP Leader along with Carolyn this year. Mrs. O'Driscoll had a new baby over the summer and has taken a break from school. Mr. Ron Johnson, a new 4th grade teacher will be assisted Ms. Hoover and Ms. Glines with the student CIP Program this year. Welcome aboard Mr. Johnson. He has a lot to learn about the genus iris, along with the new students entering 4th grade this year!

The Region 14 sponsored iris show held in conjunction with the Region 14 Spring Regional, April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016, was a spectacular success. With 13 exhibitors bringing in 125 different varieties of iris to the show the judges had a difficult time in deciding which one was the best.

Believe it, a historic TB iris, 'Ariane' (Cayeux 1935), entered by Phyllis Wilburn, won Best Specimen of the Show over a wonderful selection of modern iris. Doug Kanarowski's 0577 won Best Seedling of the Show over 26 other fine seedlings.

The AIS Silver Medal and certificate, for most blue ribbons, was won by Doug Kanarowski with six and the AIS Bronze Medal and certificate, for the second most blue ribbons was won by Kathy Braaten with five.

The show had a lot of helpers: the judges, Jean Richter, Carolyn Craft, Marilyn Kaplan and Rudy Ciuca, the clerks, Mikey Longo, Jane Jordan, Carol Cullen and Riley Probst. All the show paraphernalia was brought by the Sydney B. Mitchell members. Thank you to all the above.

## SILENT AUCTION at Fall Regional

The bi-annual Silent Auction is instrumental in raising funds to help with operational expenses of the Region. We depend on your generosity to make sure this very important function continues to operate smoothly but we can only do this with your help. Have a few iris related objects that you can live without? Please pass them along to Carolyn Craft, chair of the Silent Auction and Fund Raising Committee. If you have newer irises to donate, be sure to contact me with the names and amount of what you have to donate. We like to receive beardless irises in the fall. However it is still prime planting time for tall bearded irises. Every year we have a few. If I don't know what you are bringing time management can be difficult. There is a lot to do on Saturday, so we only have about an hour for our plant auction. Even if the plants are sold separate from the auction I still need to know how many and the names of the plants and whether or not they are bearded or beardless.

Have all items for the silent auction clean and ready to go to a new owner.

Carolyn Craft [theladygardens@aol.com](mailto:theladygardens@aol.com)

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# Judges' Training Report Fall 2016

~ Alleah Haley

Region 14 held nine Judges Training (JT) sessions during this past training year (August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016): one classroom session on medians at the Fall Regional in Visalia, one classroom session on judging ethics in Oakland, three sessions in the Las Vegas, Nevada area (one classroom on iris terms, two garden trainings on TBs and medians), one garden session on judging MTBs in Loomis, one garden session on judging bearded irises in San Jose and one classroom session on judging spurias (these two at the Spring Regional), and one garden session on judging bearded seedlings. I would like to thank all the judge-trainers and garden owners who worked so hard to put these classes together. We have a thorough and vigorous JT program in Region 14.

Two JT sessions have already been scheduled for the 2016-17 year: one classroom session on judging the artistic division at iris shows (arrangements) at the Fall 2016 Regional meeting and one classroom session on awards and ballots at the January, 2017 winter potluck of the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society. Prospective judges need to remember that training in awards and ballots is required to advance from Apprentice to fully accredited Garden/Exhibition Judge so all Apprentices who have not taken this class during their three-year apprenticeship should sign up for this class. JT sessions will be posted on the Region 14 website, [www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org), as are the JT guidelines, application, and other forms.

Everyone who is a judge or preparing to become a judge should read and study their AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials this winter. It will help you better prepare for the training and judging season ahead. Once bloom starts, time seems to get compacted and there is little for concentrated study.

There has been some talk in our Region about the number of blue ribbons being awarded at shows – at times too many, at others too few. Judges should remember to place themselves in the exhibitors' shoes and provide appropriate encouragement to exhibitors. Judges aim to award ribbons and other awards fairly and consistently. In choosing judges, show officials should pick judges for a single show with a range of

experience – from recently appointed judges to highly experienced ones. AIS aims to judge both show and garden specimens consistently and without bias. Only then will our awards program be a true measure of iris performance.

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has a lot of JT information, including  
Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges  
and Region 14 Judges' Roster 2015–2016.



above: Shaman's Magic (Tasco 2014) AR, AB HM  
photo: Riley Probst

# 2019 AIS NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Sponsored by Region 14

~ Shirley Trio-Probst, Chairperson

Things are moving along, we have the guest gardens in place, the beardless guest irises have begun to arrive, a preliminary budget is in the works, we are speaking with 2 bus companies, and we are working with 2 hotels. Things are moving along.

It is time to think about a theme. That may be the most fun part of the whole planning process. We need your ideas. There is a committee of 9 people who shall remain nameless that will choose the theme from all of the suggestions given by the membership. The committee will receive suggested themes only and will not receive the names of those submitting theme suggestions. The names of the entrants will be known only to the chairperson. We do not have a reward for the name suggested that finally wins but we can promise it will be something with a big WOW factor. There must be board approval before offering a prize to the winning theme.

Send your suggestions for a theme plus a little explanation on what the idea is behind your suggestion. Feel free to send photos, posters anything that will showcase your idea for a theme. California Gold, Golden Gate will not be considered; California Dreamin' or anything close to that will not be considered, nor will Golden State Reunion be a consideration.

Paul Gossett the Convention Chair for the AIS states we should plan on about 200 people attending.

Since Region 14 is hosting something touting the Region, the theme does not have to be state oriented, remember, Region 15 is in California also.. The Region 14 border goes up to the CA/OR border, over to the west to include Hawaii, and down south to but not to include Bakersfield, and east to include all of Nevada. That area is the food basket of the world.

Send all of your suggestions to:  
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95355 or Shirleyjtrio@gmail.com

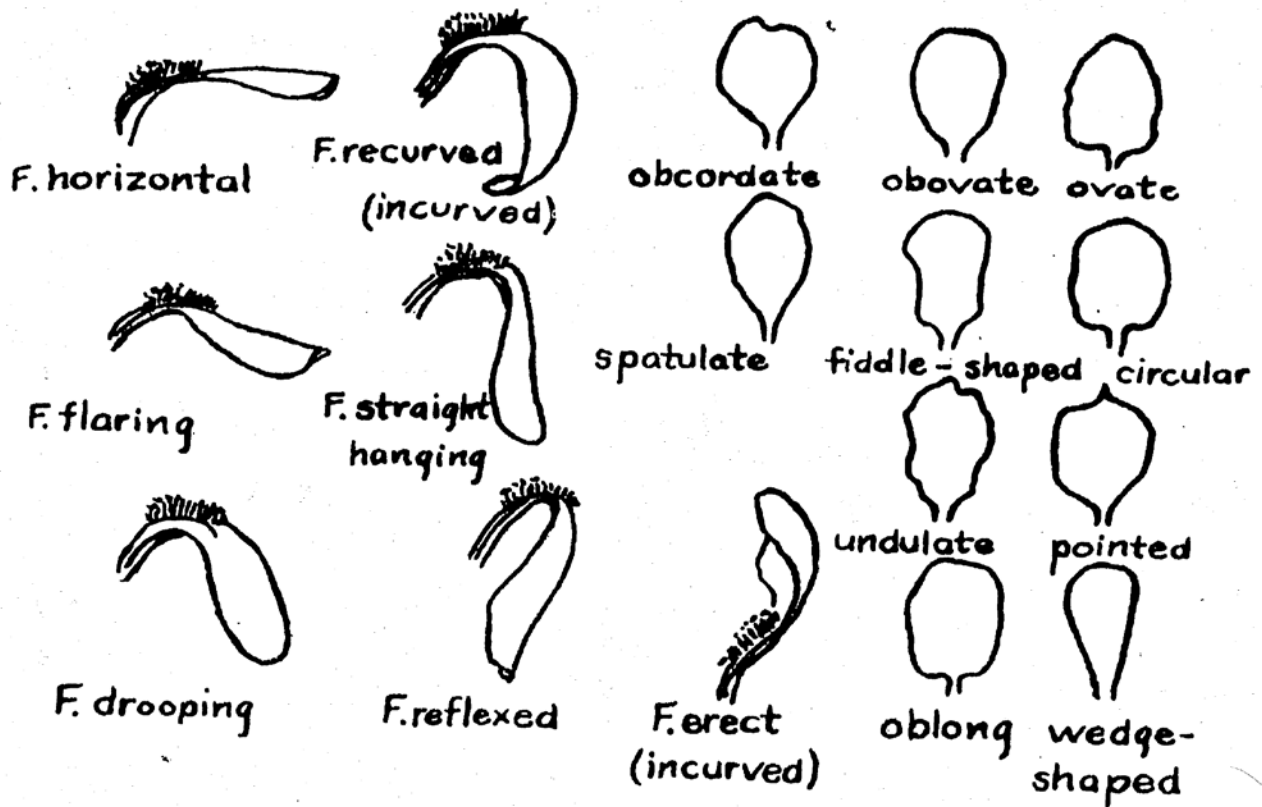
We will take suggestions until March 31 2017. The decision will be made in time to present the theme to the 2017 Regional Board Spring meeting and the AIS Spring Board meeting.



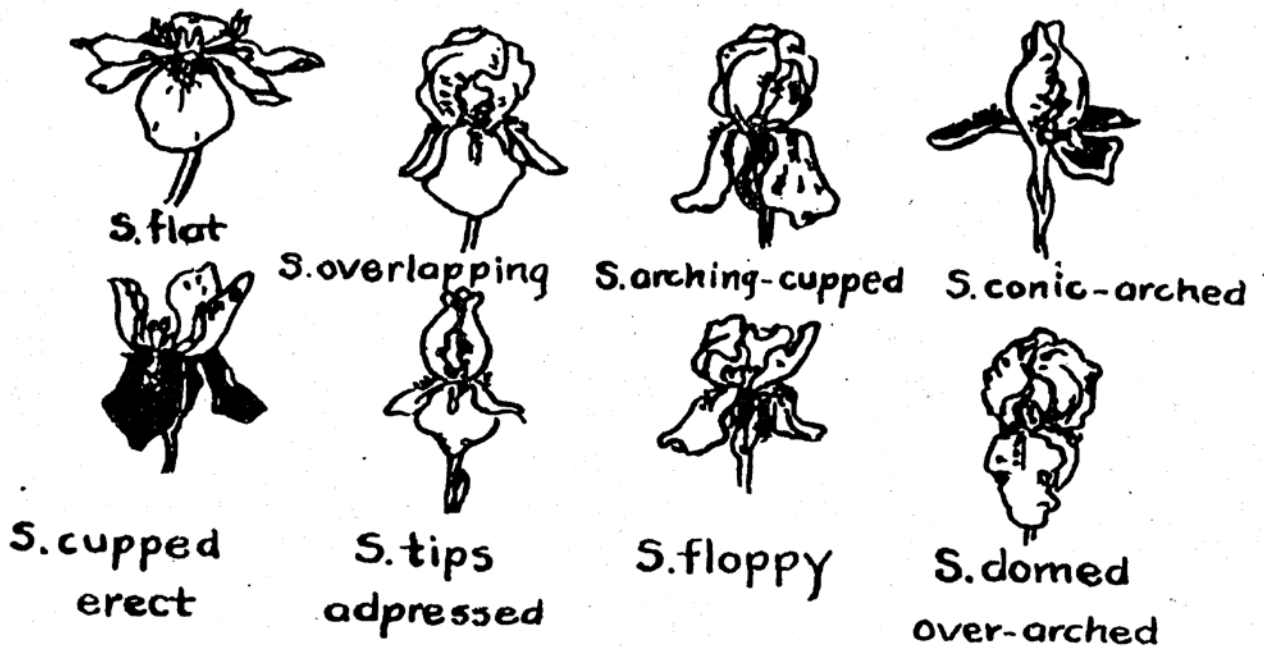
*above:* Mango Queen (Kerr 2013) HM  
*below:* Texas Two Step (G. Sutton 2013)  
*photos:* Riley Probst



Describing Iris Parts ~ where do those terms come from?  
 ~ Cornell Extension Bulletin 112



Carriage of falls and shapes of segments



Carriage of standards

## Interesting Bits and Pieces

~ Shirley Trio-Probst

Finally Region 14 has a complete chronological listing of the service years of all Region 14 RVPs.

Part of the problem of some missing years was in the beginning AIS did not have to recognize and appoint RVPs to office as they now do. In the beginning elected RVPs started service on Jan 1 and served until Dec. 31. The three year rule was not yet in effect. The RVP might be in office only one year or several.

Some time down the road AIS became more involved in the separate regions. The editor does not know when but the AIS Board began to give approval to RVPs at the annual fall meeting. Even though a region elects an RVP, the AIS Board gives approval or may withhold approval of any RVP elected and no RVP elect may take office until the AIS Fall Board of Directors approves. AIS ruled that the term of office for any RVP will be three years and no more. But AIS will pass approval and reappoint or not reappoint RVPs every year at the annual fall Board meeting.

That is why in the early years some RVPs served 1 sometimes 2 years and one RVP served several years. There were no regulations or required AIS approval or term limits in the early years. It is finally straightened out as to who came into the office of RVP and also when that person vacated the office. A lot of changes and rules have come into being since the first RVPs took office or were elected. Everything now runs very smoothly with the same rules applying to all regions.

### REGION 14 RVP'S

1920 – 1926	Sydney B. Mitchell
1927 – 1929	Dr. E. Stillman Berry
1930 – 1935	E.O. Essig
1936 – 1936	Donald Milliken
1937 – 1937	Mrs. F. E. Riebold
1938 – 1949	Mrs. Irma Pollock
1950 – 1952	Harold Johnson
1953 – 1954	Rose Mitchell
1955 – 1957	Frank Crouch
1958 – 1958	Larry Gaulter
1958 – 1961	Myrle Nahas

1961 – 1964	Roy Oliphant
1964 – 1967	Bernice Roe
1967 – 1970	Glen Corlew
1970 – 1973	Marilyn Holloway
1973 – 1976	Joe Ghio
1976 – 1979	Elsiemae Nicholson
1979 – 1982	John Weiler
1982 – 1985	Don Denny
1985 – 1988	Jean Erickson
1988 – 1991	Jim McWhirter
1991 – 1994	Bryce Williamson
1994 – 1997	George Sutton
1997 – 2000	Kitty Loberg
2000 – 2003	Margaret Sutton
2003 – 2006	Betty Coyle
2006 – 2009	Lynn Williams
2009 – 2012	Jean Clay Plank
2012 – 2015	John Pesek
2015 – 20	Phyllis Wilburn

*Below: Spiral Galaxy (Ghio 2014) HM  
photo: Riley Probst*





## Clara B. Rees and Snow Flurry

~ Carol Dahout

The story of Clara B. Rees started in Ohio where she began working with tulips. When she moved from Ohio to California, she found that the California winters were too mild for proper cultivation of tulips, so she and her sister, Ruth, decided to try iris. Among the first iris that she experimented with were Queen of May and Quaker Lady. Later, they included San Francisco, Thais, and Purissima. Clara transferred the pollen from Thais onto Purissima. The pod of the cross contained only two seeds, one of which was shriveled. She was tempted to throw the second seed away, but decided to plant it anyway, and the result was the world's first ruffled iris, Snow Flurry!

The first year's bloom in 1937 was pleasing so divisions were made. In the second year of bloom both Clara and Ruth felt that this white blossom should be introduced. Legend has it that Ruth took two blossoms, carefully carrying them by train, street car, boat, another train and a taxicab to the Berkeley Hills garden of Carl Salbach for his appraisal and opinion. Mr. Salbach introduced Snow Flurry in 1939 to great acclaim. Snow Flurry has been employed by the iris hybridizers of the world more than any other variety and many of the top 100 iris have Snow Flurry in their lineage. Two of them, Blue Sapphire and Violet Harmony won the Dykes Medal. If Clara B. Rees had produced only Snow Flurry, her contribution would be considered monumental due to the huge influence of this great iris on future generations.



*photo: Shirley Trio-Probst, at Presby Iris Gardens*

# Affiliate Happenings

## Clara B. Rees Iris Society

We have had a busy summer with a few sales. The rent must be paid and we must have those goodies at break time so making money is a must. Thanks to everyone that makes our club a huge success. We will be having our regular meetings on the first Friday of the month 7:30 pm. Our monthly board meeting is at 6 pm. We want all to consider coming to the board meeting. We will soon be having our annual elections and we need some new directors. If you are new to us just come and listen. Our board meetings are educational and informative. We get a lot of work done.

**Fresno Iris Society** ~ no report

## High Desert Iris Society

High Desert Iris Society is approaching 40 members hailing from Fremont, CA to Grass Valley, CA in the Western Sierras, to Reno, Sparks and points east in Northern Nevada out to the Virginia Foothills near Virginia City, then Winnemucca in North Central Nevada and even north to one commercial grower in Milton-Freewater, OR. HDIS is an active group with a late annual show due to climate. Members range in age from 30's through 80's and enjoy garden tours, iris art workshops, guest speakers, door prizes-- and most recently, taking care of 3- and 5-gallon potted iris to sell.

Chair Patricia Eisenberg, Vice Chairs Carolyn Jensen and Darcy Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie Jennings and alternate Board member and Supply Chair Ron Jensen have as their goal to increase connections to AIS and Region 14 through visiting more out-of-town events and gardens, sharing from AIS publications and continuing the HDIS tradition to provide fun raffle baskets for Spring and Fall Regional gatherings! In the next couple of years HDIS hopes to have its non-profit status under AIS, a public garden and a youth project. Grow and enjoy!

Patricia Eisenberg

## James M. Gibson Iris Society

The JMGIS has a busy summer this year. After having a successful Iris Festival in downtown Porterville, we took on a project with the City of Porterville.

Some 15 years ago, George Sutton donated irises to the City of Porterville for planters along Main Street. As time went by these planters became so overgrown they were no longer attractive. So the JMGIS volunteered our time and club members to dig, divide, and replant the iris into the planters. We had fertilizer and soil conditioners and everything that we needed.

What we didn't anticipate was the size of the job. It was much larger than we originally thought. It took three weeks but in the end we got the job done with the cooperation of our members, some starting work as early as 4 am. The weatherman said it would be 108 degrees the day we were to do the major digging and replanting, so we were done by noon. We all went to Hoagie's Heroes on Main Street and enjoyed a nice lunch in a cool room. We can't wait until spring to reap the rewards of our hard work. Main Street will be so beautiful for the annual Iris Festival.

Linda Hood, President JMGIS

*below:* JMGIS workers, and Helen & Ron Franklin



# Affiliate Happenings

## Las Vegas Iris Society

Las Vegas Iris Society celebrating Pioneer Days with The Old Mormon Fort, Nevada State Park.



The Fort is the oldest permanent non-native settlement in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was settled and farmed by the Mormons in 1855. Las Vegas was formed in 1905. Artesian wells from underground aquifers made this great place to grow things in the desert.

Park Manager Beth Hewitt sent us a letter asking if we could provide some iris. We jumped at the opportunity to have a community project. Beth has a green thumb!!! The irises are in great shape even while we are experiencing triple digit summer heat.

Beth is presenting past President and current Secretary Dorlene Waite with a beautiful bronze plaque that will be displayed in the Fort's iris bed. Ruth Ruama, President of Friends of the Fort went all out getting this plaque made. (Ruth is 5<sup>th</sup> picture bottom row). Great time!! Learning about our local heritage.

## Leo T. Clark Iris Society

The summer months have been treating us in the North Valley of California rather harshly this year. Lots of days well above 100 and not cooling off at night has made for very drying conditions in our

gardens. There are lots of challenges just to keep our plants alive.

We have held two successful fund raisers in the past two months. In May we held our Annual

Garage Sale, which helps us clean out our excess and helps fund our future activities. Then in June we held our Third Annual Potted Iris Rhizome Sale. We are having many people return annually and getting some great feedback on the performance of our rhizomes. This year we had many people asking for reblooming iris.

There will be three Leo T. Clark members traveling to Nola's Iris Garden for the Region 14 Dig on August 2. A big Thank You goes to Shirley Clark, Cloudia Owen and Deb Rojas for giving their time and representing the club. As soon as they return we will decide a date for our member's only auction.

Leo T. Clark Iris Society is dark in July and August, and our next meeting will be held September 4th, which is also the weekend of our next iris sale at Fort Bragg. Kathy Hutchinson and Cloudia Owen will again represent the Club this year. Several other members are considering joining them just to get away from the heat!

September 18th brings the Durham Rotary

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Harvest Festival, where we have our last rhizome sale of the year.

October and November brings our usual meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm in the afternoon; usually we our finished with all of the business and the fun by 3:30 pm. We are a lively group so we meet where the fun is: at the Round Table Pizza on Forrest Avenue in Chico. If there is any change in venue all members are notified in advance. Liven up your Sunday afternoon. Come and see how we do things up here in Northern CA.

Last but definitely not least, we are so lucky to add some new members to our group. We welcome five new members to the Leo T. Clark Iris Society. A big welcome to Toni and Nora Berkhoudt of Red Bluff, Tina McMahan of Corning, and Bonny and Jim McDaniel from Paradise.

Carol Cullen, Co-President

## Monterey Bay Iris Society

As the new President I feel fortunate as a new member of the Monterey Bay Iris Society to have at my fingertips the vast amount of knowledge that the members of this society contribute. At least 5 of our current members have introduced iris into circulation and I find their knowledge on hybridizing, culture and weed and pest control invaluable. My wife Karin and I have enjoyed our experience with the people in the club and look forward to the yearly events that make it all worthwhile. It is the enthusiasm and the hard work that members put out that make the club a success.

MBIS hosts 4 sales events a year and also has a member picnic each July. These fundraisers enable us to have a respectable iris door prize pool of rhizomes each year and also support our monthly supply of food at the meetings. Being well fed is a plus and our members take turns providing fantastic meals at almost all our meetings.

We recently “lost our lease” on our old meeting place of the last 10 plus years. We now meet at the Simpkins Swim Center on 17th St. in Santa Cruz. The new place is a little larger, much newer and comes with a large kitchen which we did not have in the “old” place.

For the months of October and November, we concentrate on beardless irises. November is mainly dedicated to the Pacific Coast Iris. Joe Ghio takes care of the programs on the beardless iris. Joe has won numerous awards for PCI's. There will be plenty of beardless irises to go around during those months. Meetings are still the 3rd Friday of the month and begin at 7:30 pm. Visitors and new people are invited and welcomed. Bring your appetite. We would love to see you.

Craig Tarr, MBIS President

## Mount Diablo Iris Society

Our club had a very successful iris sale at the annual Peddler's Fair in Benicia for the month of August. We rented 3 stalls to set up our booths to sell bare root iris. We have implemented a newer system to sell them. We have clear plastic shoe box bins that house 5 plus like iris with the photo of the iris on each box. The public can then pick their iris out of the bin for ease and simplicity. It cuts down on our time for riffling through colors bins in the past. It appears to be working and frees up time to assist customers and also educate them on planting and various care tips. This is one of the biggest income sales for the year. The venue was spectacular among hundreds of other “peddlers” selling their wares and goods. Our new method of display netted a few hundred dollars more than last year.

As most clubs are winding down for Fall and Winter months, Mt. Diablo is gearing up to host the Fall Regional 14 convention. “Something's Always Blooming Somewhere” is the fun theme. At the helm is Jan Blaedel with support from many club members eager to make this convention remarkable. Please mark your calendar for October 14-15th, 2016. It will take place at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, Ca. Please see the insert for the registration form and additional information on the hotel. You won't want to miss this one.

Our monthly future meetings of September, October and November 2016 will be at 1931 First St. Walnut Creek, Ca. at the Lindsey Wildlife Experience at 7:00 PM. Drop by and visit us and take in one of our meetings. Pot luck dinner and Auction will

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conclude our yearly events at the November meeting.

We welcome two new members to our club! Please say hello to Becky Stewart and Bonnie Hughes. Their presence will add depth and garden experience to our members and our club.

Have a fun season ahead and happy planting for those few iris still laying around looking for a spot in the garden.

Eileen Roark

## **Sacramento Iris Society**

Please come and visit us and see what we are about. We are a busy group with constant activities. In October we have our regular meeting on the 17th, at 7 pm in the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. On October 29th we have a field trip to the Rudolf Steiner College Gardens, a 3-acre certified biodynamic farm. We have room for you. In November we will have a show on the AIS National Convention that took place at the famous Presby Iris Gardens in New Jersey. We will save chairs for you. In December we have our annual holiday party with food and games. If you miss this there will be more prizes for everyone there, so you need to be there to claim your share, and did I mention door prizes? We have the latest of introductions from well known hybridizers.

Hope to see you, Ruth Ostroff, President

**San Joaquin Iris Society** ~ no report

**Santa Rosa Iris Society** ~ no report

**Shasta Iris Society** ~ no report

## **Sierra Foothills Iris Society**

Sierra Foothills is celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. Our first meeting was held in Bertha Brownlee's home January of 1996 with a handful of excited members. In the first year, we had our first sale to raise some operating money for the society. The next year we had our first show, which was held at the Home and Garden Show in Auburn CA. The Best of Show was won by our youth member Hannah Weller with the tall bearded iris Pina Colada. Since

then we have moved to the Rose Room at the Auburn Civic Center in Auburn CA. We hold our monthly meetings as well as our show here. Our annual show is held around the first weekend in May, it is open to the public and entry is free. We have an annual sale each year at the end of July, which is held at Easley's nursery on Nevada St in Auburn CA.

We had several instrumental people that had a lot to do with forming our iris society. The first is Bertha Brownlee who approached Rob Cromwell, a newer member of SIS about starting a group here in the Sierra Foothills. She was a long active member of the Sacramento Iris Society. She brought a lot of knowledge and experience to guide our newly formed society. Bertha passed away in 2014, but was the mainstay of our society for many years. We all loved her and miss her very much. Most of our members grow the beautiful pink tall bearded iris, Bertha Brownlee, in our own gardens. This iris was introduced by Fred Kerr in 2013 to honor Bertha.

Rob Cromwell, who started his own commercial iris garden which was called Blue Iris Country Gardens, was located in Grass Valley by the Bear River. He has since moved out of the area.

We currently have eight of the charter members still active in our society today. They are Bob/Marilyn Baker, Kathy/Tim Braaten, Ben/Darline Garcia, Karen Lawler and Yvette Meador. Darline is 90 years young and still attends our shows as well as our sales and helps out by making grab bags of our smaller rhizomes along with Marilyn. Karen lives in Texas now, but still remains a member of our society and joins us at our meetings, shows and sales when she is in town. We have many long established members also as well as new members recently that are fantastic participators in all of our events.

Our young Society hosted the fall regional event in 1998 for Region 14, in Auburn CA. Since, we have hosted two other fall regionals 2002 and 2012. We hosted a spring regional in 2008 and currently are co-hosting the spring regional with Sacramento Iris Society for 2017.

We are looking forward to another 20 years of sharing our love for iris with all.

Below is a picture of our second show in 1998, from left to right Yvette Meador, Bertha

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Brownlee, Karen Lawler (Best of Show, Spooned Blaze) Hannah Weller (our first youth member) Kathy Braaten and Darline Garcia.

*photo: Kathy Braaten*



## Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society had a successful bearded iris rhizome auction in July, and is now gearing up for the next sale. We will be selling irises at the fall Alameda County Home and Garden Show, which will be at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on September 30, October 1, and October 2. Our beardless iris auction and sale will be held on the evening of Friday October 28 at our regular meeting place at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. All are invited and are welcome. We promise some very good and reasonable prices. With our membership's gardens encompassing a wide variety of different climates and growing conditions, we try to have a wide variety of different types of beardless iris at our auctions and sales so there will be something suitable to grow for all of our members.

The SBMIS has a program at every meeting. Come and enjoy.

Jean Richter, President SBMIS

**Westbay Iris Society** ~ no report

## Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society has had a busy summer with an Annual July BBQ and Iris Auction held at the Colling's home in Oakhurst. We also have had the YIS

Potting Party in August where 14 members came early in the morning to the Hoover's home and potted up over 300 irises for in 2 ½ hours! Wow! We had a nice luncheon to follow. These potted up irises will be used for YIS fundraising in 2016-17. This was a fun time, good food and good company for all.

Gary Collings, Director, YIS is busy planting the guest garden for the 2018 Spring Regional to include Gary's garden in Oakhurst and Doug Kanarowski's garden in Mariposa. Guy Hoover helped Gary as they worked in the 100 degree heat of August. Phyllis Wilburn arrived at Gary's in mid August with 117 irises to be planted and more are on the way. YIS has agreed to assist with the 2018 Spring Regional with luncheon and registration and other tasks as needed to make a very exciting and fun Regional.

Going into the fall this year, YIS has five new members who are so excited to learn more about growing and caring for irises. YIS is looking forward to guest speakers at our general meetings as follows: Sept. 9th Jean Richter- "Historic Irises Presentation" Oct. 1st Riley Probst- "Presentation of the Spring 2016 AIS Convention and Guest Gardens" Nov. 5th Doug Kanarowski- "Why attend an AIS Regional or National Convention?"

Be our guest and attend one of our fall meetings! YIS meets at 6 PM for Social hour and Dinner at the Blue Heron Restaurant at YLP Clubhouse in Coarsegold and meetings begin at 7 PM. Contact Carolyn Hoover, President, YIS for more details if you plan to attend @ 559 760-5638 or [guyhandballo@sti.net](mailto:guyhandballo@sti.net).

We are also planning for our first annual December potluck dinner and white elephant gift exchange in December. YIS does not have a general meeting in December, so this is for pure fun and fellowship!!

## Wanted!

We encourage each iris society president, or a representative, to send news from their society for publication in the Bulletin. Please share information on your events, innovative ideas and latest accomplishments to [Shirley Trio, Editor shirleytrio@gmail.com](mailto:Shirley Trio, Editor shirleytrio@gmail.com) by the quarterly due dates listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

This is YOUR bulletin!



**BROKEN BORDER**

**Bill Tyson 2016 BB-BC**  
\$30

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2701 Fine Ave.  
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**OPPOSITES**



S. Trio 2012 TB \$12

**POWER LINES**



R. Probst 2013 TB-SA \$15

**NOT BROKE THIS TIME**

**B. Tyson 2015 TB \$25**



**BROKE AGAIN**

**B. Tyson 2012 TB-SA-BC \$12**



## Region 14 American Iris Society—Fall Regional

### SOMETHING'S ALWAYS BLOOMING SOMEWHERE!

#### 2016 Fall Regional

Get your calendars out and mark down these dates! We have an exciting Fall Region 14 Meeting planned for Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, 2016 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, SOMETHING'S ALWAYS BLOOMING SOMEWHERE!

Scheduled activities start at 3:30 PM when you can groom your REBLOOMERS for the Iris Show. At 4:00 PM we will hold two meetings for sharing ideas, one for Show Chairs and one for Program Chairs. If you have some good ideas or want to hear how other clubs organize their shows or design their club programs, bring your ideas and questions and meet together at 4:00 PM. At 5:00 PM the Meet and Greet will begin with mocktails and finger food, enough to meet your evening food needs while you enjoy the evening program.

The first presentation will be “The Wild Iris—A Specie Overview” followed by our very special guest speaker, Dr. Carol Wilson, research botanist who travels the world researching and collecting wild iris. She will show pictures of her collecting trips and discuss some of her experiences. We will leave

sufficient time for questions and answers. Getting to meet Carol Wilson is a real treat, so don't miss this!

Saturday morning we will serve a Continental breakfast starting at 8:00 AM followed by the Region 14 business meeting and lunch. By 1:30 we will wrap up the raffles, auctions, and sales so that we can begin the Division V Artistic training for judges, offered by Dr. Anna Cadd and finish up the day by 3:30 PM. If you have never been to Alden Lane Nursery then you may want to browse early on Friday afternoon or stay late on Saturday.

We have reserved hotel rooms at Extended Stay America in Livermore which are available until August 15, 2016. A room with a single queen bed is \$99.00 on Friday night and a room with two beds is \$109.00 for two people plus \$5.00 per person up to four. Rooms are pet friendly for an additional \$25.00. Rooms come with breakfast, Wi-Fi and a kitchenette. Call 1-877-701-3383 and make reservations under the title AIS.

Have we enticed you to attend the Fall Region 14 Meeting?

### Introduction - Advertising

As a new advertising volunteer on the Region 14 Bulletin team, I plan to learn about commercial or personal iris introductions, iris farming challenges and advertising successes of bringing iris and iris products to an eager market amongst iris gardening enthusiasts. If you get a call or e-mail from me, we can chat to quickly find ways to celebrate your growing accomplishments and invite you to support your success with an ad plan that, in turn, ensures the continuity of the Region 14 Bulletin.

Even though I'm a rookie at advertising, I have plenty of natural curiosity and willingness with a promise to bring your best to the Bulletin team for

publishing. I have a media communications degree from the dark ages (pre-social media), but capital campaigns led to construction writing, landscape construction and high desert environmental restoration.

My e-mail is [peisenberg45@gmail.com](mailto:peisenberg45@gmail.com). Looking forward to being of service to a very active Region 14,

Patricia Eisenberg, HDIS, Reno, NV.



# Something's Always Blooming Somewhere

American Iris Society Region 14  
2016 Fall Regional – October 14-15, 2016  
Alden Lane Nursery

981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550

We have reserved guest rooms at: Extended Stay America - Airway/Livermore  
2380 Nissen Dr. Livermore, CA 94550

Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 1-877-701-3383

To receive the group rate, use the name AIS when making your reservation by AUGUST 15, 2016  
\$99.00, single or double occupancy, one bed; \$109 two beds, double occupancy; \$114 triple occupancy, \$119 for four  
There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25

Registrant 1: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee paid BY September 1, 2016 \$ 70.00 X person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee AFTER September 1, 2016 \$ 75.00 X person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MDIS or Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Send registration to: Kent Lincoln

752 Laurel Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94596

For more information: [Fallregion14@gmail.com](mailto:Fallregion14@gmail.com) Phone – (925) 828-2192

Refunds before September 15, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee. No Refunds after September 15, 2016

FRIDAY We will have a Rebloomers Iris Show. Will you be bringing bloom stalks?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

3:30-5 PM Iris preparation MDIS will provide containers and entry tags. Please bring your own grooming equipment.

We would like to encourage participation this year by offering several new events on Friday:

We invite past and present SHOW CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many \_\_\_\_\_

4 – 5 PM We invite past and present PROGRAM CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

5 - 8 PM Mocktails and small plates. Will you be joining us for the Meet and Greet? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

5:30 PM Stan Morgan will present, "The Incredible Wild Iris – A Specie Overview"

7:00 PM Dr. Carol Wilson, research botanist, will be our very special Guest Speaker. She is currently at UC Berkeley while continuing her affiliation with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. She has traveled extensively researching and collecting wild iris. Her presentation will include pictures of her travels and stories about her collecting experiences. Don't miss this!

## SATURDAY

8:00 AM Continental breakfast

8:30 AM Region 14 business meeting

10 AM Coffee break followed by the conclusion of the business meeting

NOON Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 Judges' Training - Division V Artistic with Dr. Anna Cadd Will you attend? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

We would appreciate you sharing with us any food issues so we may plan a menu for all to enjoy.

Vegetarian \_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_ Gluten-Free \_\_\_ Dairy \_\_\_ Nuts \_\_\_ Seafood allergy \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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