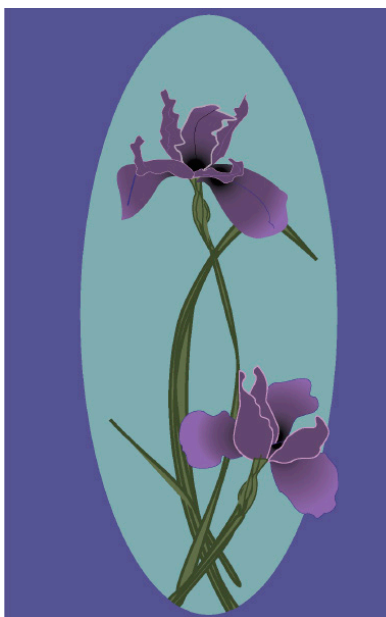




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(Tasco 2011)
Winner, 2018
Knowlton Medal for
Border Bearded iris
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The RVP's Garden



What a great time we had at the Spring Regional in the Sierra foothills, thanks to Region 14 Events Coordinator, Kathy Braaten, and the clubs that helped. Thanks to all the individuals and clubs who helped Region 14 to organize and put on this event, which include: Terry Toney and her

youth group, Fresno Iris Society; Ted and Barbara Hawkins and Sandy Mann, monetary donation, lunch coordinators, San Joaquin Iris Society; and Carolyn Hoover, show chair, Yosemite Iris Society; and all the members in those clubs who are helping those people, and hosting in the gardens. The attendees received an individually decorated bag from the youth group in Fresno, thanks to Terry Toney. Thanks also to the other Region 14 officers and committee chairs who have pitched in to take a role. They include: Marilyn Kaplan (pitching in for Carolyn Craft, Fund-Raising Chair); Anna Cadd (pitching in for Bill Fink, Awards); and Helen Franklin, Treasurer. Thanks also to the clubs who donated beautiful baskets for the raffle, including Sacramento, Santa Rosa, James M Gibson, Yosemite, Sierra Foothills, High Desert, Leo T. Clark and Clara B Rees. I think I missed one, and I am sorry about that, but thanks to you also. It is always such a popular event and a great fund raiser. But most of all, I want to thank the garden owners, Diane and Doug Kanarowski, and Gail and Gary Collings. They planted and cared for nearly 200 guest irises, and spent many hours getting their garden ready for our visit. The guest speaker and judges' trainer, Rick Tasco of Superstition Garden gave us a great presentation on hybridizing. Rick's garden training was one of best Garden Training sessions I have ever attended.

This event was a long time in coming, as the genesis of the idea goes way back, and I am so pleased that everyone who attended, enjoyed their visit to the Sierra Foothills and seeing iris growing in a mountain environment.

Of course the next step is to dig, label and distribute the guest irises to clubs who are participating in the Regional iris fund-raiser. The dig and labeling party is rescheduled from the original dates that we announced at the Spring Regional Meeting. The dates are now Sept 11-12, 2018, Tues - Wed. This change was made to accommodate those of us who will have to travel and stay overnight, in order to take advantage of the 'after-high-season' hotel rates in the area. As guest iris chair, I am coordinating the dig, and have asked that clubs let me know by July 15 if they want to receive a share of the rhizomes. There should be around 150 rhizomes for each club. It may be past the deadline to let me know when this Bulletin comes out, but do contact me if your club is interested and has not previously told me.

Next year, our Spring Regional Meeting will take place at the 2019 AIS Annual Convention to be held in San Ramon. Region 14 is proudly sponsoring the convention. The chair of the event is Shirley Trio-Probst. This will be the closest AIS convention that you will ever have, so if you have never

attended one, this is your opportunity. It should be a great time with 5 gardens that will be visited by bus, informative programs given by the various AIS Sections, judges training, great speakers, and good food.

This convention is an opportunity for Region 14 to showcase our area, and entertain AIS members from all over the world. I encourage all clubs to think about how they can contribute to the success of this event, either with a monetary donation, or volunteering to help as garden hosts, and prior to the event, helping to get the gardens ready (read: Weeding). As the time gets close there will be more and more volunteer opportunities, so be ready to do your part to make it a success. It has been over 14 years since Region 14 has hosted a convention, so let's make it something to be proud of.

Sadly, we have not had a club or consortium of clubs to volunteer to host the 2020 Spring Regional. It is not too late to decide, but the guest irises must be requested soon, and planted by this fall. One or two gardens is all that it takes. As guest iris chair for the past two Spring Regionals, I have lots of experience and would be glad to help anyone with advice, sample emails, etc. to make the job easier for the new chair. Let me know very soon, if your club is willing to be a host in Spring 2020.

I suspect that we have many club members in Region 14 who would enjoy being AIS members, but are not currently members. I encourage everyone to join and benefit from the information that comes with membership, such as the beautiful AIS Bulletin, and emails called News and Notes. I urge all Affiliate Clubs to encourage AIS membership, with a goal of each club adding at least one new AIS member each year. If each club did that, the trend toward declining membership would be reversed. Each club President receives their own copy of the AIS Bulletin, as well as one for the club. I encourage you to give this extra copy to non-AIS members at meetings, to help advertise AIS to potential members. You might also pay for an annual membership as a prize, at meetings or at your show.

I have been re-elected to the AIS Board as a Director, and will continue to represent Region 14 for the next three years. One of the biggest concerns at the national level is membership. If you have ideas or concerns that you wish to share with me I will be glad to hear about them. One thing to look forward to is a new and improved AIS web site which will be launched soon. The Encyclopedia will remain unchanged for the present.

Our next big event is the Fall Regional meeting in Reno, October 19-20, Fri - Sat, hosted by High Desert Iris Society, with Patricia Eisenberg as chair of the event. Plans are moving forward, and we are promised another fun event. Linda Miller from Oregon and previously Indiana will be the guest speaker.

See the schedule and registration form on the Region 14 Web site (AISRegion14.org) and in this bulletin. I look forward to seeing you there! Any questions please contact me or Patricia Eisenburg.
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Editor's Notes

First I want to thank Larissa Daniel for continuing to be our bulletin designer, she does a great job. Thank you Mikey for all of the great photo's, thanks to Riley for always being on the spot to provide a much needed photo sometimes at 3am. Also, I want to thank Marilyn Kaplan for her always positive comments. Carolyn Hoover is always ready to provide some youth news from her very large CIP. As bulletin editor I appreciate positive attitudes and your willingness to always be ready to provide an article or a photo. I am sure I have left out someone but you all know who you are and you know you are so appreciated. I especially want to recognize retiring RVP Phyllis Wilburn for her constant attention to the bulletin and her always timely articles and photographs.

Soon the days will be cooler and the rebloomers will brighten the days and fall will fill with iris color once again. Winter passes so much easier when there are 300 rebloomers showing off their color.

We need your fall stalks at the rebloomer show at the fall business meeting in Reno. We will also elect a new RVP, Jean Richter. The High Desert Iris Society is our next to newest affiliate and they have sponsored a fall regional twice now. Maybe some of the older clubs should give it a try. There is always someone to help if you need it. Kathy Braaten has truck, will travel. She will assist your club and make it seem easy.

This winter will be especially busy as we have the 2019 National American Iris Society Annual Convention here in our area. The last convention here was in 2004 in Fresno. Oregon's Portland Area Iris Society sponsors a convention every 10 years, California is not so brave. However, if one stays with the same hotel and the same bus co. hosting a convention every 10 years is much easier. Maybe in 10 more years one of our affiliates will take the leap. There are several that could do it easily. You only need five gardens.

We have the gardens ready, the hotel is ready, the bus company is ready and most of the smaller incidentals are ready. Although there is still more to be worked out. We are on the countdown. Each day is a little more exciting.

The affiliates are gearing up, there have been some planning meetings already. No affiliate has more gusto than the Sydney B, Mitchell Iris Society. They have already purchased all of the coffee and items that go with coffee, such as creamers, cups etc. for all of the tour gardens. Way to go Sydney B. thank you for getting off to a good start.

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Don't forget the big show that we will have on Wednesday April 24. Carol Dahout has volunteered to be the show chair. We hope that all of the affiliates will bring their iris stalks for the biggest show that AIS and the region has ever seen. We will need 4 teams of 3 judges ea. If you are interested call me and volunteer to judge. With 4 teams the judging will go quickly.

If you have any questions about ANYTHING to do with the Region 14 Convention, phone me at 209-551-6323 I have unlimited long distance so leave a message and I can call you back.

Shirley Trio-Probst Bulletin Editor



Calendar of Regional Meetings

Fall 2018 - October 19 & 20, 2018, Region 14 Fall Regional at Reno, NV

Spring 2019 - April 23-27, 2019 , AIS Convention , Pleasanton, Hosted by Region 14 with assistance from all clubs

Fall 2019 - Host Needed

Spring 2020 - Host Needed

Fall 2020 - Host Needed



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Contact either the bulletin editor at shirleyjtrio@gmail.com or the retiring RVP Phyllis Wilburn or the soon to be new RVP Jean Richter.



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the AIS Blog!
<http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/>

Region 14 RVP's

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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 – 2018	Phyllis Wilburn
2018 – 20	Jean Richter

Region 14's Visit to the Kanarowski Mariposa Iris Garden - May 12, 2018

by: Patricia Eisemberg

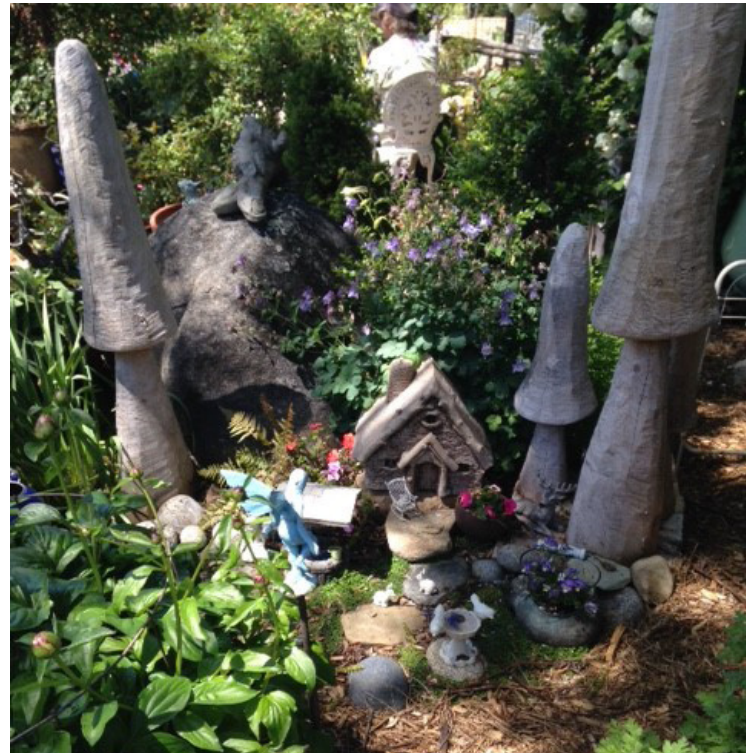


Tall bearded iris 'Arctic Burst' (Roger Duncan 2008) at the Kanarowski Mariposa Gardens, May 12, 2018, with California poppies in front of Diane's teahouse.

(All Photos by Patricia Eisemberg)

Yosemite Area Treat. After initial greetings and chances to take in the iris show sponsored by the Yosemite Iris Society the night before at Bootjack Stompers Hall, winding along narrow lanes of tall pine and oaks up Smither Road to Mariposa Iris Saturday morning removed any leftover travel stresses. Region 14 adventurers entered the clearing where the immense meadow ahead revealed the century-old chalet-style home reminiscent of a Swiss alpine lodge, home of Doug and Diane Kanarowski.

Teahouse Welcome. Greeted with Doug's announcements about which of many garden areas were the Convention Guest Iris and invitations to refreshments in the glassed-in, two-door teahouse, visitors were treated to fresh-baked berry cobbler, cream topping and abundant beverages. Diane's loving creativity throughout the gardens close to their home speaks of her talent with roses, poppies, miniature fairy gardens, ornamental gates, vertical welded art by Doug, pocket gardens, water features, ferns, weathered wood embellishments and whimsy.



One of many fairy gardens tucked into the whimsical gardens surrounding the Kanarowski home in Mariposa near Yosemite National Park.

While Diane entertained questions on their garden development—which one can easily see mirrors the growth of her relationship with Doug over the years—and kept cups and plates filled, Doug, outside the hospitality teahouse, kept his normally booming voice at a whisper in deference to visitors studying iris. To wanderers he pointed out features of the iris gardens and his systems of care in planting, feeding, composting, and watering with the blessing of Sierra snowmelt and artesian waters at 3,000-foot elevation.

Guest Iris. Planned long ahead with garden viewers and voters in mind, Phyllis Wilburn and her team recruited and planted guest iris in a pleasing, easily visible manner. Good soil produced abundant growth, but iris season being late—full blooming was yet to come. Viewing early blooms, 'Strawberry Fool' (Niswonger, TB, 2015) was lovely and so was Siberian iris 'Neptune's Gold' (Hollingsworth, 2014).

Paul Black's 2016 tall bearded 'Luxuriant', attracted admiring attention, radiating its substantial, dazzling blooms over graceful stalks.

While Doug's reputation as a bearded iris hybridizer is growing with awards and strict criteria for introduction, he also tends a fruit and vegetable garden, practices the art of bonsai, and constructs arbors, trellises, birdhouses, benches and pedestals for Diane's creations.

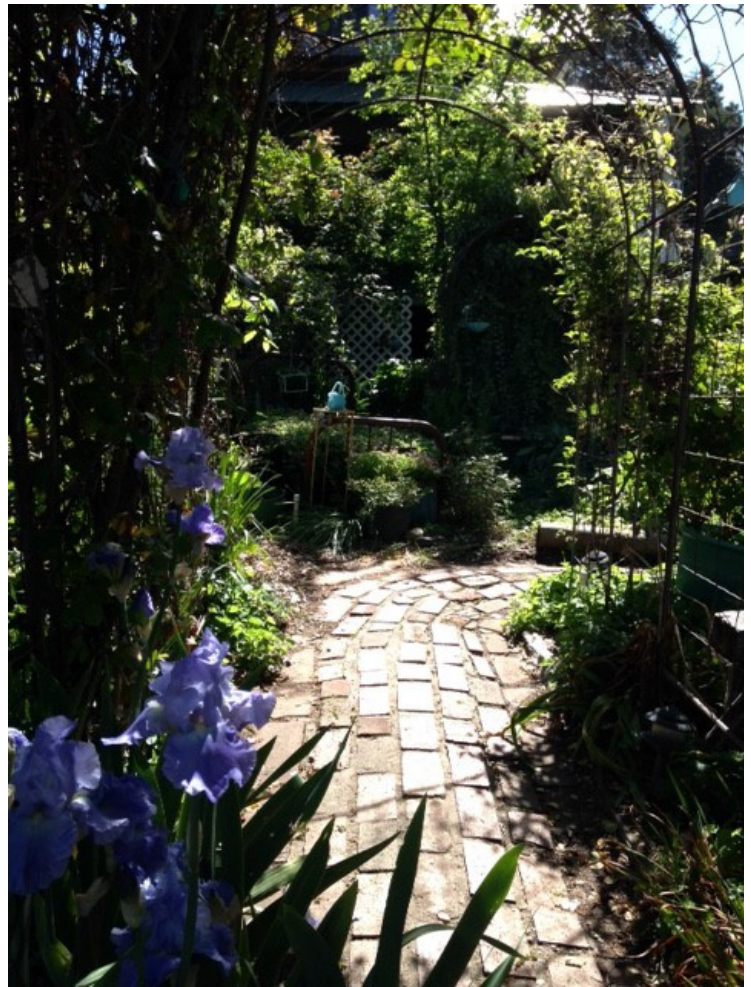


'Strawberry Fool' (Niswonger, TB, 2015)



'Neptune's Gold' (Hollingworth, Sib, 2014)

Awards. Doug Kanarowski's iris did well in the Region 14 Garden Visit voting. Voters gave the Best In-Region Tall Bearded award to Doug's 'Baby Duck', and 3rd place to his 'Jelly Bean Parade.' Best Guest Garden Seedling, 2nd place went to Doug's Seedling #0535, and 3rd Place to #0577. Best 2018 Introduction, 2nd Place was 'Florence My Pet Flamingo,' and 3rd Place, 'Gladiators Get Ouchies.' Visitors will long remember how they pondered, munched on goodies and did not want to leave this garden



Constructing vertical gardens and looking after wife Diane's iris—how award-winning iris hybridizer Doug Kanarowski got his start in iris in 1995.



Butterfly art of Mariposa Iris heightens Spring Regional's theme, "Butterflies in the Mountains."

on a brow over a meadowed Yosemite slope. People were very happy to return to Mariposa Iris the next day for a judges training class on garden judging by owner of Supstition Iris Gardens, long-time hybridizer and Dykes Medal winner Rick Tasco. Region 14's convention garden tours brought long-time veteran irisarians together with up-and-coming newer iris lovers, giving everyone chances to exchange information, learn and plan. Inspiration and knowledge from iris gurus and a firsthand view of such gorgeous iris in Region 14 fuel each person's passion to further excel in their own gardens.

AIS Region 14 Fall Reno Regional – 10 am, Friday – Saturday, 5:30 pm, Oct. 19-20, 2018

“Iris: A Bridge Over the Sierras”

Speaker – Lynda Miller, Award-winning Hybridizer, Miller’s Manor Gardens, Canby, OR, (via Indiana)



Event Registration Form

(does not include hotel. Please book directly with Hotel)

SureStay Plus Reno Airport Hotel by Best Western - 775-348-6370 reservations

Daily Check-in time 3 pm: 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, NV 89502, (formerly Airport Plaza Hotel)

Book Hotel before 10/10: ‘AIS Region 14 Block Rate’ for Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. nights, starts \$75 + tax. Pet extra.

Event Registration includes Saturday Continental Breakfast & Saturday Lunch. 24-hour in-house Restaurant, Gigantic Lobby, Plentiful Seating, Large Conference & Auction Area, Wi-Fi, Free Airport & GSR Casino Shuttle! **Fall Color**

Fri. 10 am Arboretum Walk & Visit to irisarian-friendly Moana Nursery! 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, artistic entries into Rebloomer Show, 2 -3:30 pm Friday? ____Y ____N

Registration fee if paid by September 30th **\$120** x ____ person(s) = Total \$ _____.

Registration fee if paid **after** September 30th **\$135** x ____ person(s) = Total \$ _____.

Checks payable to **High Desert Iris Society**. Mail to HDIS, c/o Mary Davis, 4895 Cool Springs Dr., Reno, NV 89509.

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Friday, October 19th Preliminary Schedule
 Region 14 Fall Regional – Reno, NV
 Fri.-Sat., Oct. 19th & 20th, 2018
 “Iris: A Bridge Over the Sierras”
 Best Western SureStay Plus
 Reno Airport Hotel

Friday, October 19th

10:00 AM	to	7:00 PM	Registration
10:00 AM	to	12:30 PM	Van/Carpool 9:45 Meet for Welcome Adventure: Moana Nursery-great for iris lovers, Autumn browsing, and to Wilbur May Arboretum at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, for Fall Color Walk; see HDIS new Public Iris Garden project
2:00 PM	to	3:30 PM	Reblooming Iris Show Set-up 1 PM in Lobby. Entries accepted 2 – 3:30 PM.
3:00 PM			Hotel Check-in for Friday reservations. 3 PM Conference Rm Set-Up. 3:30 PM Set-Up Silent Auction (6:30 Bid Start); Set-Up Gift Baskets, HDIS Boutique; 4:00 Open.
4:00 PM			Iris Show Judging
5:00 PM	to	6:30 PM	Dinner on your own- hotel restaurant; free shuttle to Grand Sierra Resort
6:30 PM	to	7:00 PM	Social evening, Silent Auction Bidding opens, Baskets Tickets
7:00 PM	to	8:30 PM	Guest Speaker-Lynda Miller, hybridizer and winner of numerous AIS awards
8:30 PM	to	9:30 PM	Social Evening, Silent Auction Bidding, Baskets Tickets

Saturday, October 20th

7:00 AM	to	8:30 AM	Registration; View Rebloomer Show Continental Breakfast-Conference Rm
8:30 AM	to	10:00 AM	Region 14 Budget Meeting
10:00 AM	to	10:30 AM	Break/Silent Auction Bidding, Baskets (Breakfast Clean-Up by Hotel)
10:30 AM	to	12:00 PM	Region 14 Board/General Meeting
12:00 PM	to	1:00 PM	Lunch (provided). HDIS Boutique closes 1 PM
1:00 PM	to	2:30 PM	Judges Training – Lynda Miller
2:30 PM	to	3:00 PM	Break/Auction Bidding, Baskets.
3:00 PM	to	4:00 PM	Iris Auction/Baskets Drawing; Announcements
4:00 PM	to	4:45 PM	Finalize Fundraising/Regional Conclusion
4:45 PM	to	5:30 PM	Rebloomer Show Tear-down; Pack Out of Conference Rm; Clean-Up

Speaker/Judges Trainer: Lynda Miller, Miller’s Manor Gardens, Canby, OR

Hotel ‘AIS Region 14 Block Rate’ in effect Thursday through Sunday night, 10/18-21, 2018.

About Lynda Miller Reno Fall Regional Guest Speaker

by Patricia Eisenburgs

Lynda Miller married into the iris world. Her husband Roger had worked as a teenager for Emma Cook, Paul Cook's widow. The first spring after she married, Lynda's husband showed her how to hybridize iris, "big mistake on his part," she jokes! That was 48 years ago and Lynda has been hybridizing ever since.

Even though her first crosses were on tall bearded irises, her first love in iris was Miniature Dwarf Bearded or MDBs, especially pumila iris. In time Lynda won three Caparne-Welch Medals, an amazing feat. The more she hybridized, the closer she became to also winning the Cook-Douglas Medal for 'Dark Vader'. Dark Vader is in the background of most of the modern black Standard Dwarf Bearded, or SDBs. Occasionally Lynda has introduced an Intermediate Bearded (IB), but her main love evolved to Miniature Tall Bearded, better known as MTBs, partially because she was born in the same area that MTBs were first identified: Lynda says, it is also the county seat where she had lived most of her life. MTBs put her on the path to winning three Williamson-White Medals, the first of which was for 'Bangles' which is also the first iris to win both the Franklin Cook Cup in 1995 and the Presidents Cup 1997 at two different AIS conventions. All of this happened while living in Indiana with gardens in four different locations.

In 2007, Lynda made the move from Indiana to Oregon with Roger and some family members. Roger had made the move almost a year earlier while Lynda stayed behind to shut down the nursery. Roger found a home on two acres that had perfect soil for iris. Lynda shipped her seedlings to Roger and he planted them along with lots of iris given by Oregon friends to replace what they had left behind.

Because the nursery had taken up so much of Lynda's time in the spring, her hybridizing program "needed a reboot" which she got living in Oregon. Even though she went to work at Sears full time and developed a spring plant sale, she still had time to hybridize and grow seedlings. Lynda now hybridizes mostly MTBs and Tall Bearded Irises. She states "life is good,"

Rogers dream had always been to have their garden on tour at a national convention. (Read about Miller's Manor Gardens at <http://www.millersmanorgarden.com/>). Roger's dream came true in 2015-- not only was their Miller's Manor Garden on the tour, but Lynda won the President's Cup with 'Football Hero' and the Ben Hager Award with her MTB, 'Moose Tracks'. Two years later

'Moose Tracks' also had the most votes for Honorable Mention (HM) and won the Fred and Barbara Walther Cup, and 'Football Hero' was first runner up. Along the way Lynda also became an AIS Emeritus Judge, won the AIS Hybridizers Award, and the Median Iris Society's Hybridizers Award. Lynda will tell people she has no idea how many irises she has introduced, and that someone told her it was around 450! Lynda is currently introducing approximately eight iris a year. Since moving to Oregon, Terry and Barbara Aitken of Salmon Creek Garden along with Thomas Johnson proprietor of Mid-American Garden introduce her irises for her.

When attendees hear Lynda in Reno this autumn, they will be so happy they registered to be part of Reno, Nevada's 2018 Region 14 Fall Convention, coming up Friday-Saturday, October 19-20, 2018. See the AIS Region 14 website or affiliate presidents for registration info, or contact peisenberg45@gmail.com. Lynda Miller is a popular iris speaker with a great sense of humor and wealth of knowledge; she'll be a wonderful addition to any iris lover's resource treasure trove.



Photo of Lynda Miller by Patricia Eisenburgs



TB 'Football Hero'
(Lynda Miller, R. 2014)

MTB 'Moose Tracks'
(Lynda Miller, R. 2014)



Judges' Training Report ~ Fall 2018

by Alleah Haley

On June 30, 2018 we concluded the Judges' Training (JT) year, finishing up "big time" that day with a two-hour training on AIS Awards and Ballots in Sacramento given by RVP Phyllis Wilburn. In all, we had nine training sessions this JT year which covered a wide range of topics from judging medians to judging spurias and even Japanese irises. Region 14 has the most judges of any Region in AIS, and with 85 persons involved in JT we have one of the most active JT programs.

Several Apprentice judges completed their requirements to qualify for fully accredited AIS Garden/Exhibition judge status and several Student judges completed requirements to advance to Apprentice judge status. I will be recommending these persons to the AIS Board for advancement starting on January 1, 2019 and plan to announce their names in the spring 2019 Region 14 Bulletin.

I feel deeply honored that the Region 14 nominating committee asked me to continue on for a second three-year term as Assistant RVP and JT Chairman. I accepted the request with the stipulation that I may serve less than a complete term, as I am planning to relocate to another state once the 2019 AIS Convention hosted by Region 14 is all buttoned up and I can prepare and sell my home here. But everyone should know that I will serve to the best of my ability, with dedication and diligence, while I am here; and I will train my successor, whoever that may be, before I leave. Once I relocate I

will make myself available to answer all questions that come up, just as my predecessor Phyllis Wilburn and the National JT chair Judy Keisling did. Both of these ladies have been of tremendous help in the past three-plus years; and I thank them more than I can express.

And speaking of the National Convention – as judges and trainees we are some of the most visible representatives of Region 14. Do volunteer to help the convention with your time and your resources. The gardens will need snacks and help in weeding, set ups, greeting visitors and a hundred other minor to major tasks. Convention Chairman Shirley Trio Probst and Guest Iris Coordinator Riley Probst will need help in myriad ways. Do make yourselves available when asked and volunteer if you see a job that needs to be done. A spirit of harmony and a friendly smile will go a long way toward making a successful convention.

The 2018 Fall Regional Meeting will be hosted by High Desert Iris Society of Reno, Nevada. Award-winning hybridizer and AIS Emeritus judge Lynda Miller of Miller's Manor Gardens of Canby, Oregon will be the guest speaker and judges' trainer for the meeting to be held October 19th and 20th at the SureStay Plus Reno Airport Hotel. The meeting will include optional visits to the incredible Moana Nursery and the Wilbur May Arboretum at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, where High Desert has a new public iris garden project. So, do come and bring your reblooming iris to enter in the show.

Note from Facebook

From Facebook May 10 as written by Phil Williams AIS Emeritus Judge after a visit to Region 14 and several iris gardens including the garden of the Editor and the Superstition Garden.

A few days ago I had 3 more wonderful days in California visiting iris gardens and iris friends made possible by the kind and generous tolerance of Bryce Williamson.

There are gardens that exclusively grow fabulous iris plants to perfection! There are small gardens that grow irises among other plants in soils specifically managed for maximum iris growth. The great iris breeding fields of California are history.

I always leave feeling so happy that these friends can grow plants and live in such a kind, gentle climate. Serious gardeners are being driven away by skyrocketing real estate prices and property taxes.

These precious few souls that remain are a magnificent generation of iris lovers who toil endlessly to please others whose true delight is only to observe and drool.

I will never live in California, but generations who follow me will never know the horticultural bounties and talents of the amazing men and women in the horticultural paradise that have brought me such pleasure in the past 52 years.

Those who live tomorrow will likely settle for a hand held device with pictures of California as it once was. I am sad to see the paradise being devoured by an international invasion of humans who could care less about ornamental horticulture.

We are becoming a society of environmental slouches. We no longer understand the importance of toiling in outdoor slave-like environments to create incredible flowers to nourish the souls of earthlings. Money is now more important than preserving the natural beauty of the American landscape.

And those realities make me sad.

Phil Williams AIS Emeritus Judge

Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society -- No report
Fresno Iris Society -- No report
High Desert Iris Society -- No report
James M. Gibson Iris Society -- No report
Las Vegas Iris Society -- No report
Leo T. Clark Iris Society -- No report
Monterey Bay Iris Society -- No report
Mt. Diablo Iris Society -- No report
Sacramento Iris Society

We had a great show this year, with 134 entries and 14 exhibitors. Ruth Ostroff, made a clean sweep by winning Best of Show with TB 'Thunder Echo', and Best Artistic for 'South Pacific'. No one can remember the last time that such a thing was accomplished at the SIS show. We also sold the remainder of the 400 potted iris that we had potted to sell this year. We had our annual picnic in June, shared with Sierra Foothills Iris Society, at the home of Bill and Lucy Fink, which was a trek to the foothills and up a gravel road. It was a beautiful setting, the weather was perfect, and the food was great too. We are looking forward to our annual rhizome sale July 14-15, at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, which will be preceded by two digging parties, at Horton's Iris Garden and Frannie's Iris Garden on July 7 and 8 respectively. Potting parties will follow, as we prepare our potted iris for next year - maybe 450 this year. In September we will dig our door prize iris from last year which are grown by Ruth Ostroff's house, and prepare to plant the 2018 varieties. The cycle continues with lots of fun.

Phyllis Wilburn, SIS Editor



Cindy Eastman, President of the SIS
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Ruth Ostroff with Best in Show Thunder Echo
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Club picnic at Fink's House
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn

San Joaquin Iris Society -- No report
Santa Rosa Iris Society -- No report
Shasta Iris Society -- No report

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



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society -- No report
Yosemite Iris Society -- No report



Holiday in Mexico (Probst 2012)
Winner, 2018 Williamson-White Medal for
Miniature Tall Bearded iris (photo by Riley Probst)



Lemon Chiffon Pie (Cadds 2006)
Winner, 2018 Eric Nies Medal for Spuria iris
(photo by Jan Lauritzen)

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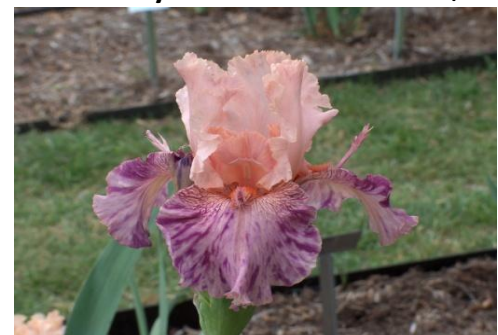
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