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**TB 'Brazilian Holiday'**  
Photo by Stephanie Jennings

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# The RVP's Garden

First of all, my very best wishes to everyone in Region 14 in these unprecedented times - I hope that you and your loved ones are all safe and well.

Everyone has been affected by this pandemic in both large ways and small, and Region 14 is no exception. Our spring regional meeting at Dry Creek Garden had to be canceled, and consisted of just an online business meeting. I am so sorry that we were not able to view the spectacular bloom in that garden this year, but we will have our 2022 spring regional there (by which time, hopefully, everything will be back to normal). We have also moved our fall regional to an online format - you can find information about that elsewhere in the bulletin. In addition to our budget meeting and general meeting, we will have an online judges' training on spuria iris by AIS 1st Vice President Andi Rivarola. Please register - we are asking for a nominal registration fee to cover our speaker fee.



I know that this has also been a difficult time for our affiliate clubs, with canceled shows, garden tours, and sales. Please check out the club happenings elsewhere in the bulletin to see how clubs have been handling this new normal - you might get an idea or two to try out in your own club.

One aspect of moving our regional meetings online is that we have not been able to hold our usual fundraising activities. One way we're trying to make up for that is by holding a sale of rhizomes dug from the Dry Creek Garden. See elsewhere in the bulletin for details. Even if you can't fit any more iris into your garden, consider just making a donation to the Region in lieu of items you might have bought at one of our regional fundraisers.

Lastly, I would like to welcome two new members of the Region 14 board: Carol Cullen is our new judges' training chair, and Bonnie Petheram is our new treasurer. I would also like to give my heartfelt thanks to the people they are replacing, who have both served the Region for many years: Alleah Haley and Helen Franklin.

Stay well, stay safe, and remember that this too shall pass,

Jean

**Pictured: Jean Richter at the Dry Creek Dig  
Photo by Cindy Eastman**



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# Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! I hope this finds you all well, and successfully navigating these unprecedented times. More than ever, having our gardens to work in and hold our attention & focus has been incredibly important and meaningful. And as tough as it is, the dynamic of everything we're dealing with has also been a catalyst for new beginnings. And in the midst of it all, I experienced quite the new beginning by moving out of my house and leaving the garden I'd cultivated over the last 16 years. The lovely people who bought our house love the Irises, so I have no doubt that they'll be well cared for and enjoyed for years to come, but I had to make some tough decisions concerning what to divide and bring, and what to part with. But throughout the process, I never lost sight of the fact that I was being given a gift of a blank slate. I encourage all of you to try and see our current situation in the same light.

**2021 AIS Convention** April 12-17, 2021, Las Cruces, NM

The next Bulletin will come out in February 2021. The deadline for submitting items to me is Monday, February 1, 2021. Remember - This is YOUR newsletter, so what's important to me is including and showcasing the information that you'd like to share. Reminder - if you'd like to print this issue but don't want to use the volume of colored ink it requires, simply set your printer setting to print in black & white.

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

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**High Quality Blooms, Poor Quality Selfie!  
Editor Stephanie Jennings at High Desert  
Iris Society 2019 Show,  
“When Iris Eyes Are Smiling”**



# Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY		
TREASURER'S REPORT		7/31/2020
Bank of Am-checking		14358.05
Coast Hills- shares		11276.82
Petty Cash		50.00
Total Cash		<b>25684.87</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>12/31/2019</b>	<b>24400.14</b>
EXPENSES BY ITEM:		
"	Sales Taxes	80.00
	Judges' Training	69.63
	Office/Legal	84.96
	Youth Committee	144.00
	Internet Services	17.49
	Donation- R Duncan	200.00
	<b>LESS TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>596.08</b>
REVENUES BY ITEM:		
	Donations from Societies * 2019 & 2020	1028.00
	Donations/scholarship 500 & memorial 150	650.00
	Interest	2.81
	Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes* 2019	200.00
	<b>PLUS REVENUES</b>	<b>1880.81</b>
	<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</b>	<b><u>25684.87</u></b>

hosted by Region

National Conven- tion	81870.69	
Total Revenues	<b>5600</b>	99791.12
Total Expenses	-13887	-119528.1
Less total Reve- nues	5600	99791.12
Excess exps/ revenues: funds needed from	<b>-8287</b>	-19736.98

**Prepared & Submitted by Helen Franklin**



# **Region 14 Spring Meeting Minutes-Preliminary**

## **Minutes to be Presented and approved at 2020 Fall Regional**

**AIS Region 14**

**Spring Regional Business Meeting**

**May 2, 2020**

**Online via Zoom**

### **Minutes of the Business Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

**Regional Vice President**, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

Roll Call was omitted. 18 people attended representing 12 Affiliates.

Phyllis Wilburn moved that the Minutes from the 2019 Fall Regional be accepted as presented. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. Jane Jordan reviewed the highlights of the minutes. The motion was passed.

**Judges Training Chair**, Alleah Haley, reported that there were seven JT classes this year. There are 92 folks in the JT program. Two apprentices are moving up to G/E judges: Craig Tarr and Sandra Saelens. AIS has cancelled the balloting for AIS awards this year because of the pandemic. Judges are given an extra year to complete JT requirements. Judges activity reports are due on June 1, 2020.

Alleah is resigning as JT chair as she will be moving to North Carolina. She expressed her thanks to Phyllis Wilburn, Jean Richter, Judy Keisling, and Bonnie Nichols for their support.

**Secretary**, Jane Jordan, reported that the board approved a donation \$200 to the Bay Area Cancer Connections in memory of Barbara Pesek.

**Treasurer**, Helen Franklin, reported that as of 4/15/2020 the cash on hand is \$25,007.43. Expenses for this year were \$392.12 and Revenues were \$999.41. There were additional expenses for the youth program and tax filing of \$154 making the current cash on hand \$24853.43. It was also noted that a \$200 donation was made to the University of Pennsylvania in memory of Roger Duncan.

**Bulletin Editor**, Stephanie Jennings, reported that Rick Tasco was very appreciative of the article on Roger Duncan in the Spring Bulletin. Since our Spring Regional and the National were cancelled there will not be much content for the Fall Bulletin. Please send articles to Stephanie. The deadline is August 1, 2020.

**Central Director**, Craig Tarr, reported that the iris shows and meetings for the clubs in his area were cancelled due to the pandemic. Monterey Bay Iris Society is holding Zoom meetings.

**Southern Director**, Linda Hood, was not present and Jean Richter read her report, which mostly concerned the cancellation of activities in the southern area of the region.

**Northern Director**, Cindy Eastman, was not present and did not send a report.

**Immediate Past RVP**, Phyllis Wilburn, reported that she will be forming a nominating committee at the Fall Regional for selecting RVP candidates.

**Honorary Awards Chair**, Patricia Eisenberg, thanked Marilyn Kaplan for chairing the Awards Committee that awarded the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Awards last Fall 2019 to Carolyn and Wayne Craft for their fundraising and service to Region 14. Also, she thanked Linda Hood, Terry Toney, and Kathy Oldham who will be serving on the committee this year. Nominations for this year's award are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Larry Gaulter Award is for exceptional service to AIS Region 14 for a time of 8 years or more. Please include with the nomination, a writeup about the person, their service and ideally some recommendations from members of the region, plus contact info for the person submitting the nomination. Send nominations to anyone on the committee.

**Fundraising Co-Chairs**, Marilyn Kaplan/Patricia Eisenberg, reported that there has been no opportunity for fundraising since the Spring Regional was cancelled. The possibility of a virtual auction with photos of the items online is being explored. Other possibilities include to applying for grants and asking for cash donations to the region.

**Historian Committee Chair**, Jean Richter, reported that Bryce Williamson is digitizing the Region 14 Scrapbook.

**Internet/Electronic Services Chair**, Ann Pike, was not present and did not send a report.

**Membership Chair**, Mary Ann Horton, was not present. She reported that she would like to resign.

**Scholarship Chair**, Lee Dickey, reported that only one candidate has applied for the Scholarship so far this year. It has been difficult to get the word out with the schools closed. The candidate is an excellent student from Merced who wants to pursue soil management in college. Sacramento Iris Society has donated an additional \$500 to the scholarship fund. After some discussion it was decided that the additional \$500 should be held over for next year.

**Science Chair**, Riley Probst, was not present and did not send a report.

**Trophies and Awards Chair**, Bill Fink, was not present. There are no awards this year since the Spring Regional was cancelled.

**Youth Chair**, Carolyn Hoover, reported that with the schools closed there are no activities. The number of youth members has gone from 282 to 25. AIS does not have addresses for them, so there is no way to contact them. There are 20 new members. Their dues have been sent to AIS.

### **Old Business**

Clara B. Rees Iris Society is planning to host the 2020 Fall Regional on October 3, 2020 at the Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto. Andi Rivarola will be the guest speaker and judges' trainer.

The region is hosting the 2021 Spring Regional at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden in Placerville on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Bruce Filardi is the guest speaker and judges' trainer.

A host is needed for the 2021 Fall Regional.

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society and Mount Diablo Iris Society will host the 2022 Spring Regional at Dry Creek Garden.

### **New Business**

The current guest iris at Dry Creek Garden will be dug in July, so the guest iris for 2022 can be planted.

Jeff Bennett will contact the clubs about the schedule for digging. There will be a lot of rhizomes and it is not clear that the clubs can absorb them all. Selling to the public is an option, but only the older iris (at least 5 years old) should be sold to the public so that we don't undercut the hybridizers.

RVP Jean Richter nominated Carol Cullen for the Judges Training Chair. Alleah Haley moved that the nomination be accepted. Marilyn Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jean also nominated Bonnie Petheram for Region Treasurer. Phyllis Wilburn moved that the nomination be accepted. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed. The transition will be completed by the Fall Regional.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 PM.

# Fall 2020 Online Regional Meeting

## 2020 Online Fall Regional: October 3, 2020

Here is information on the 2020 Fall Regional, which will be held on Saturday, October 3. Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the meeting will be online via Zoom. Our guest speaker is AIS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Andi Rivarola, who will be giving a 1.5 hour judges' training on *Spuria iris*.

Although this is an online meeting, we are asking for a \$5.00 donation to help defray costs for engaging our speaker. No one will be turned away from the meeting for lack of funds, however.

The tentative schedule for the meeting:

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Region 14 budget meeting
10:45 – 10:50 a.m.	Brief break
10:50 – 12:30 p.m.	Region 14 general meeting
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch break
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Judges' training on <i>spuria iris</i> by Andi Rivarola
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Q&A, meeting wrap-up

When you register, you will be given links to the Zoom meetings for the morning session and the judges' training session.



**AIS REGION 14 FALL MEETING**

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

Featured Judges' Trainer: Andi Rivarola giving 1.5 hour training on Spuria Iris

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

Registrant 2 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Club Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ N

If yes: Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to receive credit for judges' training? \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ N

Registration fee: \$5 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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# **\*\*Dry Creek Garden Rhizome Sale\*\***

As a fundraiser for Region 14, we will be selling rhizomes from the Dry Creek Garden, which served as the master garden for the 2019 AIS convention.

All members of Region 14 are eligible to purchase rhizomes. You need not be an AIS member; membership in a Region 14 affiliate club is sufficient.

Due to limited stock of some varieties, please order only one rhizome per variety.

Order soon for best selection – orders will be filled in the order received. Please indicate whether you would like us to substitute if we have sold out of a variety you ordered.

Prices are as follows, based on year of introduction (prices do not include shipping):

2019: \$15.00

2018: \$10.00

2017: \$7.00

2016 and older: \$5.00

Please send your order to:

[jeanrichter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jeanrichter@berkeley.edu)

or call her at (510) 205-4033

or via U.S. mail:

Jean Richter

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Please do not send payment with your order – we will contact you with the total amount once shipping charges have been determined.

If you live in Alameda County or adjacent bay area counties, you may arrange to pick up your order by contacting Jeff Bennett at [jeff13bennett@gmail.com](mailto:jeff13bennett@gmail.com) or (510) 677-0803.

\*\*\*Please remember to indicate on your order whether you would like us to substitute for sold out varieties.\*\*\*

**Please refer to the list beginning on the next page for available varieties**

# Dry Creek Garden Rhizome Varieties

<u>Variety Name</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>
Alabaster Lace	Aitken	2015	TB
Black Cherry Blast	Aitken	2018	TB
Buoyant Spirit	Aitken	2014	BB
Cabbage Patch	Aitken	2017	TB
Cappuccino Lace	Aitken	2015	TB
Clearly Pink	Aitken	2017	BB
Hearts Afire	Aitken	2017	TB
Night Navigator	Aitken	2016	TB
Papaya	Aitken	2018	BB
Sunny Morning	Aitken	2018	TB
Conte De Fees	Bersillon	2018	TB
Tootsie Roll	Bersillon	2015	BB
All Ashore	Black	2013	TB
Ancient Treasure	Black	2014	TB
Best and Brightest	Black	2012	TB
Big Break	Black	2017	TB
Black Comedy	Black	2017	IB
Bluebird of Happiness	Black	2012	TB
Body Painting	Black	2014	IB
Brazen Gold	Black	2017	IB
Bubblicious	Black	2015	TB
Clouds Go By	Black	2014	TB
Daffy Duck	Black	2016	TB
Deal or No Deal	Black	2014	TB
Devil's Delight	Black	2014	IB
Die Laughing	Black	2014	TB
Dipped in Dots	Black	2012	TB
Escape from Boredom	Black	2014	TB
Fit for Royalty	Black	2015	TB
Glitzorama	Black	2013	BB
Go for the Gusto	Black	2017	TB
Heart of Hearts	Black	2015	AB
Huggable You	Black	2013	MTB
Hugs and Kisses	Black	2016	TB
Husky	Black	2014	TB
I Like Pretty Things	Black	2017	TB
I Meant to Doit	Black	2016	TB
Lost World	Black	2016	TB
Luxuriant	Black	2016	TB

<u>Variety Name</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>
Magical Times	Black	2015	IB
Multinomah Falls	Black	2014	TB
Perry Dyer	Black	2017	AB
Poodle Parade	Black	2010	TB
Raindrops Keep Falling	Black	2016	TB
Raining Cats and Dogs	Black	2014	TB
Red Ahead	Black	2016	AB
Rise Like a Phoenix	Black	2017	TB
Silver Ice	Black	2014	MTB
Stylish Choice	Black	2017	BB
Tickle My Fancy	Black	2015	TB
To the Contrary	Black	2017	MTB
Triple Dip	Black	2014	TB
Waylaid	Black	2017	SDB
What a Beard	Black	2016	TB
When Angels Sing	Black	2016	TB
Wicked Good	Black	2012	TB
Winter's Smile	Black	2016	TB
Breakfast in Bed	Bunnell	2014	MTB
Gesundheit	Bunnell	2012	MTB
Lite Sprite	Bunnell	2017	MTB
Pixi-Wan Kenobi	Bunnell	2016	MTB
Angry Moon	Burseen	2017	TB
Dial a Doll	Burseen	2016	TB
Don't Doubt Dalton	Burseen	2015	TB
Ever Clever	Burseen	2016	TB
Extra Crispy	Burseen	2015	TB
Harley Jolly	Burseen	2015	TB
Howla Pena	Burseen	2017	TB
Lotsa Heat	Burseen	2017	TB
Mighty Hittey	Burseen	2017	TB
Mosey Along	Burseen	2017	TB
Prissy Christy	Burseen	2014	TB
Ruby Baby	Burseen	2016	TB
Ginger Treat	Burton	2018	MTB
Hi Buddy	Burton	2015	BB
Bewildered Blue Butterfly	Chacon	2010	AB
Vincent and Caroline	Chacon		TB
Eramosa Peach Sorbet	Chapman	2014	TB
Eternal Summer	Chapman	2014	SPX RE
Next to Me	Cordes	2017	TB
Royston Rubies	Cordes	2017	TB
Banana Boat	Dash, H.	2020	TB
Chihuahuan Desert	Dash, H.	2016	TB
Desert Paradise	Dash, H.	2017	TB
Organ Mountain Sunrise	Dash, H.	2016	TB



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Silver Silk	Dash, H.	2017	TB
Tango in the Night	Dash, H.	2017	TB
I'm So Confused	Deaton	2014	TB
Kati's Pick	Ernst	2016	TB
Blueberry Boat	Filardi	2017	TB
Bubbling Mirth	Filardi	2015	TB
Pink Perception	Filardi	2015	TB
Quartzite	Filardi	2015	TB
Sugar Dumpling	Filardi	2014	TB
Talk of the Town	Filardi	2017	TB
Aglow Within	Fisher	2017	MTB
At Last My Blue	Fisher	2015	MTB
Endless Treasure	Fisher	2016	MTB
Vic Briody	Foster	2016	TB
Birthday Bash	Ghio, J	2015	TB
Path to Heaven	Ghio, J	2015	TB
What a Beauty	Ghio, J	2015	TB
When In Love	Ghio, J	2017	TB
Black Cherry Sorbet	Harris	2016	MTB
Candy Basket	Harris	2016	MTB
All Things Considered	Johnson	2017	TB
Bright Sunshiny Day	Johnson	2010	TB
Center Line	Johnson	2011	TB
Coralina	Johnson	2014	TB
Dancing Delight	Johnson	2016	TB
Deeper Meaning	Johnson	2017	TB
Edge of Heaven	Johnson	2013	TB
Glimmer of Hope	Johnson	2013	TB
Good Morning Sunshine	Johnson	2014	TB
Hard to Resist	Johnson	2016	TB
Having a Party	Johnson	2014	TB
Hooked on a Feeling	Johnson	2015	TB
Huckleberry Sundae	Johnson	2014	TB
Insaniac	Johnson	2012	TB
King's Reign	Johnson	2015	TB
Living Legend	Johnson	2016	TB
Locomotion	Johnson	2017	TB
Marry the Night	Johnson	2017	TB
Midnight Velvet	Johnson	2014	TB
Puzzled	Johnson	2015	TB
Ravishing Ruby	Johnson	2016	TB
Read Between the Lines	Johnson	2016	TB
Risk Taker	Johnson	2014	TB
Seasons in the Sun	Johnson	2014	TB
Sergey	Johnson	2016	TB
Sharp Dressed Man	Johnson	2010	TB
Stole the Show	Johnson	2013	TB

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True Promises	Johnson	2017	TB
Watercolor Print	Johnson	2015	TB
Whisper in the Wind	Johnson	2015	TB
Dragon's Breath	Kelly, S.	2019	TB
Lotta Lace	Kelly, S.	2016	TB
Sunglasses Needed	Kelly, S.	2019	TB
Adriatic Noble	Keppel	2017	TB
Baltimore	Keppel	2017	TB
Black Lipstick	Keppel	2016	TB
Blind Ambition	Keppel	2016	TB
Brass Lamp	Keppel	2018	TB
Catch the Fever	Keppel	2018	TB
Celtic Tartan	Keppel	2015	TB
Cosmic Voyage	Keppel	2017	TB
Desert Trails	Keppel	2017	TB
Fire Danger	Keppel	2015	TB
Flash Mob	Keppel	2016	TB
Ghirardelli Square	Keppel	2016	TB
High Desert	Keppel	2015	TB
Idle Rich	Keppel	2016	TB RE
Margin Call	Keppel	2017	TB
Marital Bliss	Keppel	2017	TB
Marrying Kind	Keppel	2015	TB
Mixed Signals	Keppel	2016	TB
Mood Ring	Keppel	2017	TB
Restless Spirit	Keppel	2017	TB
Royalty Remembered	Keppel	2017	TB RE
Shivaree	Keppel	2015	TB
Smoky Dusk	Keppel	2017	TB
Sorbet Swirl	Keppel	2018	BB
Sunset Boulevard	Keppel	2017	TB
Swedish Lullaby	Keppel	2015	TB
Vista Point	Keppel	2017	TB
Addicted to Love	Lauer, L.	2017	TB
Barbara Jean Lauer	Lauer, L.	2017	TB RE
Better Man	Lauer, L.	2018	TB
Blinded by the Light	Lauer, L.	2017	TB
Deep Secret	Lauer, L.	2015	IB
Even Flow	Lauer, L.	2016	TB
Free Will	Lauer, L.	2015	TB
Get Back	Lauer, L.	2015	TB RE
Gimme Some Lovin'	Lauer, L.	2017	TB
Give It Away	Lauer, L.	2016	TB
Good Idea	Lauer, L.	2017	TB

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Lady Leigh	Lauer, L.	2012	TB
Offspring	Lauer, L.	2018	TB
Oh Carol	Lauer, L.	2012	TB
Rustic Fantasy	Lauer, L.	2019	TB
Sweet Child of Mine	Lauer, L.	2015	TB
Tell Your Children	Lauer, L.	2018	TB
Will and Adele	Lauer, L.	2014	TB
Soda Fountain Shuffle	Locketell, M.	2015	TB RE
Song At Dawn	Maples, C.	2018	TB
Dapple Dawn	Markham, L.	2014	BB
Devil's Waltz	Markham, L.	2010	BB
Buttered Burgundy	Markham, S.	2017	TB
Let's Party	Markham, S.	2018	TB
Twilit Snow	Markham, S.	2019	TB
Champion Bloodlines	McNeal, P.	2018	TB
Ahh Choo	Meckenstock	2016	TB
Flash of Brilliance	Mego	2016	TB
Point of Interest	Mego	2017	TB
Polar Shift	Mego	2016	TB
Western Edge	Mego	2015	TB
Chocolate Cascade	Miller, D.	2017	TB
Clara's Choice	Miller, D.	2017	TB
Get Happy	Miller, D.	2016	TB
Lady in Love	Miller, D.	2017	TB
Miverson	Miller, D.	2016	TB
Nauti Buoy	Miller, D.	2017	BB
Oh So Rosy	Miller, D.	2017	TB
Trigo Padigo	Miller, D.	2016	TB
Barney's Gal	Miller, L.	2017	TB
Bingo Marker	Miller, L.	2017	MTB
Blushing Grapes	Miller, L.	2016	TB
Cascade Trails	Miller, L.	2016	MTB
Football Hero	Miller, L.	2015	TB
Hippy Chick	Miller, L.	2016	MTB
Little Peaches	Miller, L.	2017	MTB
Lotto Winner	Miller, L.	2017	TB
Mind Changer	Miller, L.	2017	TB
Ninja Warrior	Miller, L.	2016	TB
Celestial Horizon	Nichols, B.	2015	TB RE
Cha Cha Cha	Nichols, B.	2018	TB RE
Albuquerque Skies	Nichols, H.	2017	TB
Aspen Blizzard	Nichols, H.	2017	TB
Boogaloo	Nichols, H.	2017	TB
Coffee House Chatter	Nichols, H.	2015	TB
Dallas Diamond Jubilee	Nichols, H.	2015	TB
Honky Tonk Rumble	Nichols, H.	2015	TB

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Safari Adventure	Nichols, H.	2015	TB
Top Down	Nichols, H.	2015	TB
Heaven's Smile	Olson	2017	TB
Lois's Legacy	Olson	2017	TB
Rusty Ripples	Olson	2017	TB
Caramel 'N Chocolate	Painter, J.	2015	TB
Coconut Snow	Painter, J.	2016	TB
Color Fling	Painter, J.	2017	TB
Graffiti Art	Painter, J.	2016	TB
Star Reach	Painter, J.	2019	TB
Trivial Pursuit	Painter, J.	2016	TB
Dramatic Encounter	Painter, L.	2014	TB
Dressed In Black	Painter, L.	2018	TB
Lacy Susan	Painter, L.	2018	TB
Splendid Spring	Painter, L.	2015	TB
Egyptian Watch	Price	2019	TB
Haughty Tempest	Price	2019	TB
Incan Fire	Price	2019	TB
Inside Adventure	Price	2019	TB
Mad About Saffron	Price	2017	TB
Mind Body Spirit	Price	2019	TB
Holiday in Mexico	Probst, R.	2012	MTB
Leave the Light On	Probst, R.	2013	IB
Pin Stripe Suit	Probst, R.		BB
Butterlicious	Schreiner	2018	TB
Senor Jinx	Schreiner	2018	TB
First Nation	Shadlow	2018	TB
Joy Returns	Shadlow	2016	TB RE
Angels in the Architecture	Silvers	2017	SPX
Golden Snitch	Skaggs, B.	2014	TB
Judy's Smile	Skaggs, B.	2014	TB
Long Tall Sally	Skaggs, B.	2019	TB
Afreet	Smith	2017	AB
Aquarian	Smith	2017	IB
Belle Fille	Smith	2015	TB
Benedictine	Smith	2015	BB
Clydesdale	Smith	2014	TB
Coral Dragon	Smith	2017	IB
Coriolus	Smith	2018	TB
Infidel	Smith	2016	TB
Mockingjay	Smith	2019	TB
Outcaste	Smith	2015	TB
Perquisite	Smith	2017	BB
Picaro	Smith	2018	BB
Rubio	Smith	2016	TB



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Signorina	Smith	2017	BB
Stormbird	Smith	2018	IB
Cabin Fever	Stout,H.	2017	TB
Campfire Tales	Stout,H.	2017	TB
Corinthian Leather	Stout,H.	2017	TB
Face Lift	Stout,H.	2017	TB
Luminager	Stout,H.	2016	TB
Night Noise	Stout,H.	2018	TB
Petticoat Junction	Stout,H.	2017	TB
Redneck Romeo	Stout,H.	2017	TB
Glow Plug	Sutton, B.	2016	TB
Banana Daquiri	Sutton, G.	2016	TB RE
Breve	Sutton, G.	2017	TB
Doctor Who	Sutton, G.	2010	TB
Fall Décor	Sutton, G.	2016	IB RE
Grand Bargain	Sutton, G.	2014	TB RE
Sunny Slope	Sutton, G.	2014	TB
Yonkers	Sutton, G.	2013	IB
Apricot Ice	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Berry Blast	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Bold Pattern	Sutton, M.	2015	TB
Boundless	Sutton, M.	2010	TB RE
Bright Blue Eyes	Sutton, M.	2009	SDB
Brightline	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Brighton Beach	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Cheerful Chipmunk	Sutton, M.	2017	SDB
Citrus Medley	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Cold Fusion	Sutton, M.	2011	TB RE
Crossed the Line	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Edge of the World	Sutton, M.	2011	TB RE
Elderberry Pie	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Electric	Sutton, M.	2017	TB RE
Eye of the Storm	Sutton, M.	2017	AB
Framed	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Fruit Works	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Good Prospects	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Grapenut	Sutton, M.	2013	BB
Into the Wild	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Lavender Lemon Cake	Sutton, M.	2015	TB RE
Mammoth Orange	Sutton, M.	2017	TB RE
Mango Meltdown	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Meteorite	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Molokini	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Night's Edge	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Orangelo	Sutton, M.	2009	TB RE
Parisian Lace	Sutton, M.	2015	TB

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Pepi	Sutton, M.	2017	SDB
Pink Sugar	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Prom Dress	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Quiet Beauty	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Raspberry Lemonade	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Rim of the World	Sutton, M.	2017	TB RE
Ring Pop	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Rocket Fuel	Sutton, M.	2017	TB RE
Runway	Sutton, M.	2017	AB
Sicilian Orange	Sutton, M.	2016	BB
Sky Ruler	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Soft Elegance	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Sparks	Sutton, M.	2016	TB
Thrill Ride	Sutton, M.	2015	TB
Tiger Stripe	Sutton, M.	2017	TB
Vanilla Frappe	Sutton, M.	2011	TB
Blushing Again	Swann-Young		TB RE
Cold Hands Warm Heart	Swann-Young	2017	IB
American Original	Tasco	2014	TB
Autumn Explosion	Tasco	2013	TB RE
Dark Storm	Tasco	2017	TB
Frosty Spirit	Tasco	2017	BB
Irresistable Charm	Tasco	2016	TB
Mystic Image	Tasco	2016	TB
Peach Pearl	Tasco	2014	TB
Velvet Valentine	Tasco	2015	TB
Waves of Joy	Tasco	2015	TB
Early Morning Rayz	Toth, D.	2019	TB
Modern Madness	Toth, D.		TB
Mosaic Madness	Toth, D.	2019	TB
Rich Delight	Toth, D.	2019	TB
Risso	Toth, D.	2017	TB
Shattered Dreams	Toth, D.	2017	TB RE
Sheer Panic	Toth, D.	2019	TB
Spy Guy	Toth, D.	2019	TB
Tropical Smoothies	Toth, D.	2017	BB
Opposites	Trio-Probst	2012	TB
Not Broke This Time	Tyson	2015	TB
Got Cream	Worel, J.	2018	TB
Grand Portage	Worel, J.	2018	TB
Jan Baby	Worel, J.	2018	TB
Mary And John	Worel, J.	2019	TB

# Dry Creek Dig August 15-16, 2020



**Hard at Work**  
Carl Meier, Mt. Diablo Iris Society



**A Much Needed Break**  
Dan Williams, High Desert  
& Sierra Foothills Iris Societies



**Packing Club Orders**  
L-R: LaVille Logan, Cindy Eastman, and Riley Probst

Photos by Patricia Eisenberg

## Sincere Thanks to all Dry Creek Dig Volunteers!

Ken Ainslie	Jeff Bennett
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Tracy Bunger	Anna Cadd
Mary Collins	Carol Dahout
Arnold Daniels	Chrysan Daniels
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Patricia Eisenberg	Diane Hagerty
Linda Hood	Marilyn Kaplan
Grace Keng	Jane Kwant
LaVille Logan	Stan Logan
Sandy Mann	Carol McDaniel
Carl Meier	Stan Morgan
Ruth Ostroff	Bonnie Petheram
Riley Probst	Jean Richter
Deb Rojas	Tiffany Rush
Chad Schroder	Shirley Trio
Bill Tyson	Dan Williams



# Judges' Training Report – Fall 2020

Despite the “Shelter in Place” and “Social Distancing” requirements, cancelled shows and cancelled Spring Regional, Region 14 managed to hold seven (7) Judges Trainings this past training year. Because of the Corona Virus pandemic, AIS cancelled balloting for AIS awards and gave all judges an extra year to complete judges’ training requirements. AIS News and Notes, emailed to all AIS members, is now listing several class trainings that will be offered via Zoom. This is a new and very convenient way to complete additional judges training. Please check your AIS News and Notes for more information.

Garden Training will be a priority in the Spring season of 2021 and there are already some suggestions as to how we can complete the needed hours. Please share your ideas.

Currently Region 14 has 99 members enrolled in JT and includes:

Garden/ Exhibition 27

Master Judge 17

Emeritus 4

Retired 13

Apprentice 6

Students 25

Region 14 RVP and JT Chair will be recommending to the AIS Board during the Fall 2020 Meeting the advancement of Apprentices Craig Tarr of Soquel and Sandra Saelens of Coarsegold to G/E, and Norma Jean Paul of Las Vegas, a former judge, will now be advanced to G/E. There are no advancements from Student to Apprentice.

Also of note, Gordon Nicholson has retired, and we thank him for his many years of service. Region 14 did lose Gary and Gail Collings as G/E judges this past Spring. We wish them well on their move to Caldwell, Idaho, Region 11.

Included in this report is an updated listing of all Region 14 Judges. Please note that Region 14 is following the precedent of the AIS and is no longer listing the complete address of all judges. Should you need more information, please email or call me and I will assist you with your requests.

Looking forward to seeing/hearing you during our Fall Meeting!

Carol Cullen

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



# Judging Journey *by Patricia Eisenberg, Reno, NV*

At a Fall Regional about 10 years ago, held near famous Sundial Bridge, I was from newly-formed HDIS. Dimensions included high-energy Jeanne Clay Plank moderating, a good crowd, a budget meeting, a captivating silent auction, a dreamworld of iris available, and some buzz about an important guest speaker. The budget time seemed endless so I went out to quickly run my dog in Turtle Bay Park on the river to see the botanical garden and arboretum. (Nowadays, the budget meeting is boiled down to a mercifully shorter time).

During additional sessions and dinner, I met fun, interesting iris lovers. I declined “judges training,” not feeling it was for me. The JT Chair then, Kathy Braaten, convinced me to stay because a wonderful hybridizer would be presenting. I liked experimenting with crosses and seedlings, so I was intrigued. Our club president had sold me a judges handbook, saying I’d need it to show iris. I noticed people carrying the brown binders, and being without mine, I was nervous. I had not brought it to Redding, let alone removed the plastic wrap. Learning the session would be 1.5 hours, I zipped out for a quick dog break, re-checked the shade situation --and Sierras weather report. When settled, I learned that AIS Judges Training is a 3-year process of classes, in-garden training and show apprenticing. As wife, full-time working mom of a middle school son, and community volunteer-- my life was not going to have enough elasticity. **Kathy Braaten** and later **Alleah Haley** kept inviting me to trainings, though. The inspiring speaker was Keith Keppel on classifications of iris! Keith gave me rhizome ‘Foolish Dreamer’ for a door prize. Well, “never say never.” Jump 10 years later... now a newly appointed 2020 judge, I wondered how we new judges could only be counted on one hand with so many attending trainings.

Members attending trainings whether for enrichment or for candidacy and ongoing education, have endured delays on the candidacy journey from illness, hospitalization, deaths in the family, loss of records documenting trainings or tests. For 10-year veteran judge and owner of Horton Iris Farm, **Mary Ann Horton**, who likes the wide variety of topics in JT, one last requirement was needed before the clock stopped ticking on her 3 apprentice years-- ‘Awards and Ballots’--which must be taken during apprenticeship. She had to travel 300 miles roundtrip from Loomis to Los Gatos.

Others were also willing to let me share some of their judging journeys here, including long-time judge **Shirley Trio** of Modesto, who finds being on a show judges panel “fun, exciting and always educational.” Her favorite topics include Arilbreds and Pacific Coast iris (PCIs). **Carolyn Hoover** of Coarsegold, CA, appreciated Shirley Trio giving her a Judges Handbook to get her started, and Yosemite Iris Society’s sponsorship to Regionals with judges trainings. Carolyn has been an AIS Judge for 3 years, boosted by attending all Nationals since 2015. Carolyn especially enjoys topics pertaining to Louisiana and spuria iris and the artistic division of shows—flower arranging.

**Philippa Alvis**, also a judge for 3 years, was inspired to become a judge from her own interest in learning to grow and show iris. She shares: “Training focuses a person to explore the multiple facets of iris growing and evaluation,” and that “being a judge allows me to learn even more about iris with other more experienced growers and judges.”

**Terry Toney**, president of Fresno IS, resides in Tranquility, CA, and has been a judge about 5 years. She takes a more social view answering why JT is not just for those aiming to be judges: “It’s about being able to progress... It’s all about learning and making new friends.” On working with other judges at shows, Terry prepares by reviewing the Judges Handbook, and she loves the chatting with other judges before and after a show and learning from them. Her favorite topics are novelty iris and color patterns, admiring Lorraine Nichols, Janet Smith, Roger Duncan, Rick Tasco, John Weiler and George Sutton.

Beginning her senior year in high school now, youngest judge ever appointed in Region 14, **Amberlee Pick**, looks forward to classes on color variances, hybridizing and introducing seedlings. Appointed nearly 3 years ago, she says it’s fun judging - “like I’m just talking to my friends about a pretty flower.” She was inspired by Carolyn Hoover and Bill Tyson, deciding to “shoot for the youngest judge in Region 14.”

Newer judge **Cindy Eastman**, active in Sierra Foothills and Sacramento ISs, commands an impressive, theme-based series of highly organized iris gardens in Grass Valley. Not surprisingly, Cindy enjoys the topic of garden judging. Cindy was inspired by Mary Ann Horton and Region 14's former RVP Phyllis Wilburn to pursue judging. Cindy goes through her photo library of irises to prepare for judging and enjoys the different approaches people have to judging. "It's great to see different clubs and their shows! Social gathering with people you see once or twice a year!"

I hope to see you all at the next Judges Training via Zoom or in person! Those who wish to participate in the Judges' Training Program as a Candidate for Judgeship will find the application on the Region 14 website and should email Carol Cullen, or phone/email Jean Richter, the Regional Vice President. Printed guidelines and the requirements to become an AIS accredited judge will be provided to the candidate by the JT Chair.



**TB 'Queen's Circle'**  
**Photo by Stephanie Jennings**



# List of Region 14 AIS Judges

Current as of July 2020

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# Region 14 News & Notes

In memory of Roger Duncan, Region 14 made a \$200 donation to the University of Pittsburgh. \$100 to the Pitt Alumni Association Circle of Excellence, \$50 to the Pitt Football Championship Fund, and \$50 to Pitt Men's Team Basketball Championship Fund. He is greatly missed.



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Merritt".

Nancy Merritt  
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# Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

## High Desert Iris Society

After a long hiatus of no meetings and a cancelled show, HDIS reconvened for a wonderful mid-July potluck meeting in the gorgeous backyard of founding member Evelyn Condo. We finalized the schedule and all the needed details for our then upcoming annual rhizome fundraisers hosted by our longtime partner Moana Nursery. We are very thankful and appreciative that Moana permitted the fundraisers to go on - - we all of course were diligent about upholding the requirements for masks and social distancing. Although sales were much lower than usual, (as expected) we did part with a total of 1,305 rhizomes and enjoyed meeting and signing up 4 new members! A definite factor contributing to our success is the addition of Square last year to be able to accept and process debit and credit cards. The fees are minimal, and only applicable when you use the system - - there is no setup or monthly cost. For any clubs looking for a payment card option, Square is highly recommended.

Beginning in April, we undertook an endeavor to assist a beloved Region 14 neighbor, Frannie's Iris Garden in Elk Grove, CA. Owners Fran & Russ Shields made the decision to significantly scale down their operation, and with "COVID-inspired" restrictions in place, couldn't welcome customers to their popular garden to sell/reduce their substantial 1-gallon potted Iris inventory. HDIS member BJ Mills pioneered the effort of our club's several trips to CA to pick up all their pots, caring for them, and selling them on their behalf. In total, we sold 852 1-gallon pots for them, and our Nevada customers were absolutely delighted! Many thanks to BJ, Pat & Dave Canter, and Dan Williams for all their work in transporting the pots.

We were also recently given a new rewarding opportunity to plant Irises for residents at two local senior care facilities, both in Reno. We're currently in the preliminary stages of planning and will report on our progress in future.

## **Mt. Diablo Iris Society**

What unusual times we're all in. Kind of hard to write about everything you didn't do, but here it goes...

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society has opted to not have ZOOM meetings as members either are not technologically set up to do that or just didn't have any interest for the format. Goes to show how important the face to face meetings really are for us to socialize and share our hobby. So we carry on through our monthly newsletter to get information out to our members as usual. Thank you to Linda Woods for putting it all together every month for us. I always look forward to what she puts in.

Just like most everyone else, our show was cancelled by late March as was the Spring Regional at Dry Creek. I don't know if a Spring Regional has ever been cancelled before? Any thoughts? The MDIS show cancellation sprung our show co-chairs to say "The Show Must Go On". Jan Blaedel and Mary Sindicic decided on a Virtual Show. They collaborated on the details and Jan went straight to work gathering the information she needed as she always does. She looked at the only other virtual show ever held and followed that lead. She called it a VIRIS Show. She is so clever! She spoke with AIS and realized that this could not be an AIS sanctioned show, but it would be for fun. Something to help us show off our picture taking skills as there was also a photo contest attached. She even made up special rankings for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place rankings. Unlike all shows, this one was for THREE MONTHS! April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. Now you can't complain that the show was too early or late for your favorite iris that never gets to the show table. Now to make this even bigger, ANYBODY NATIONWIDE could enter the show! Is she crazy? (Yes) That could potentially be A LOT of PICTURES to look at. She got her judges lined up and Mike's Camera Shop in Dublin, Ca. to pick the photo contest winners. When it was all said and done, they received 1,196 pictures from 15 entrants of 279 different entries! There was a very large quantity of Historic Irises entered. Thank you to Jan and Mary for starting this and running with it. They brought national recognition to MDIS with their Viris show on the AIS News and Notes. Well Done!!



## **Mt. Diablo Iris Society**

Dry Creek Garden was allowed to have small numbers of society members come see the garden during peak bloom in the first week of May. Six Societies were represented by the visitors. CBRIS, MBIS, MDIS, SIS, SFIS and SBMIS. The May 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Regional would have perfect to see the most blooms on display - even more flowers than the 2019 Convention. So keep this in mind for 2022 when MDIS and SBMIS will once again host the Spring Regional at Dry Creek Garden in Union City.



**TB Honor Flight**



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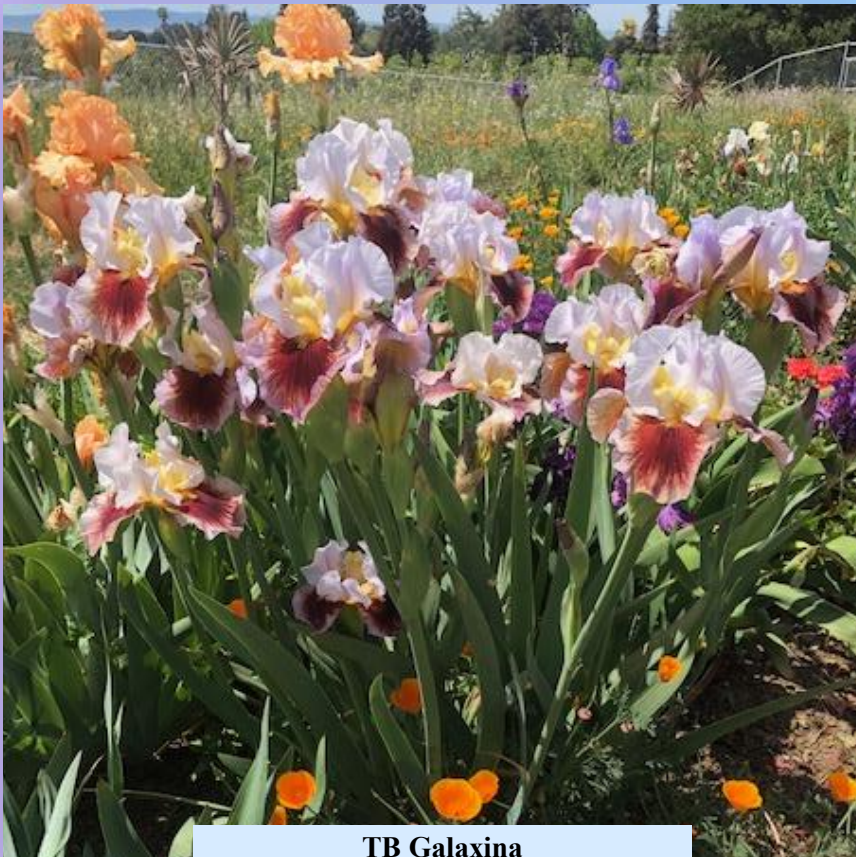
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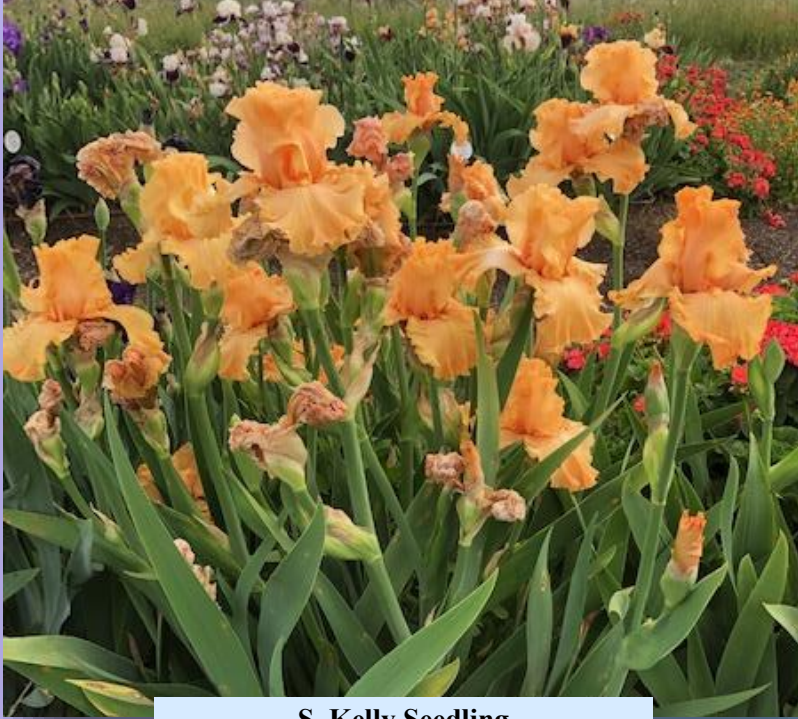


**TB Galaxina**



**TB Black Lipstick**





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**TB Pink Unicorn**





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BEST OF SHOW  
Anna Cadd

### NOVEL (V)IRIS SHOW

A Virtual Iris Show  
Sponsored by Mt. Diablo Iris Society



iris Confusa ☆ R  
Runner Up  
Kathy Oldham

The phone rang on March 14, 2020 from the Alameda County (CA) Public Health Department requiring us to Shelter in Place (SIP), and the world was not the same. Among the many changes, our Annual Iris Show and Sale was cancelled. A year without an iris show? Never! So we devised a VIRTUAL iris show and spread the word. The virtual iris show concluded on July 1, 2020: 30 requested entry numbers, 15 entrants, 279 iris entries, 256 Photo Contest entries, 1096 total photos processed, and six states represented. Thank you, participants.

Though this was not an AIS sanctioned show, we followed the normal show guidelines and judging. All sections were included except for English Boxes and Collections. Four pictures were required for each entry; top, side, full stalk, and Glamour Shot (which was entered in our Photo Contest). We were guided by the instructions from the AIS Virtual Iris Show in 2014 designed by Bob Pries.

Not wanting to confuse people, we awarded Balloons instead of Ribbons, Roses instead of Rosettes, and Stars for Best of Section. (Originally, we had not intended awarding more than Balloons, but we had intrepid AIS judges who even picked a Best of Show, a daunting task. A HUGE thank you to the judges.)

When we submitted our Show Bulletin, Lois Rose suggested we offer prizes to the winners. We decided on VIRTUAL prizes. The Blue-Balloon winners received Kaleidoscopic note cards of their winning iris (WORD files). The special award winners received WORD files of address labels using their winning iris. The Photo Contest part of our Virtual Show was judged by Mike's Camera, in Dublin, CA. Instead of picking THE BEST, we asked them to choose all the GOOD pictures. This amounted to 43 winning pictures (Thank you, Andy.) Each of those winners received a Book Plate (WORD file) using their winning photo.

Finally, we produced two videos, one of the Blue-Balloon iris and the other, Photo Contest winners. You can find these on YouTube.

Blue Balloons - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUcqVBd7ago&feature=youtu.be>

Photo Winners - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZidhUKXXwk&feature=youtu.be>

If you have any questions, contact us at [MtDiabloIris@gmail.com](mailto:MtDiabloIris@gmail.com). Until next year?



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Kathy Oldham  
Runner Up (3)



Among Friends ☆ F  
Kathy Oldham  
Runner Up (4)



Latin Hideaway ☆ P  
Kathy Oldham  
Runner Up (5)





Gypsy Lord ☆ A  
Anna Cadd



Stop and Stare ☆ C  
Pam Worthy



St. Patrick's Gold 🌹 L  
Anna Cadd



Damozel 🌹 P  
Margaret Edgington



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Marilyn Kaplan



Camera Ready 🌹 A  
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Kathy Oldham



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i. Munzii 🌹 R  
Kathy Oldham



That's All Folks 🌹 A  
Kathy Oldham



California Dreamin' 🌹 G  
Jan Blaedel



Developing Story 🌹 N  
Kathy Oldham



Silverado 🌹 P  
Margaret Edgington



Iris, A Key Part of the Eye 🌹 Z  
Jan Blaedel



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Kathy Oldham



Belise 🌹 L  
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Margaret Edgington



Skating Party 🌹 P  
Margaret Edgington



It's a Long Way Baby ☆ Z  
Anna Cadd

🌹 Rose, section  
☆ Best of section



## **Sacramento Iris Society**

Like every club, SIS has been struggling with the limitations put on us by these trying times with the Corona Virus causing closures, and measures that limit social contact. This is when we realize that we miss all our iris friends, and the opportunities that the clubs provide for conversing with like-minded folks who love iris and gardening in general.

In early March, we participated in a sale at the Shephard Garden and Arts Center, but attendance was poor, and it rained on the outdoor venue, causing us to give up after one day. We were selling potted iris, and the sales were not good. In addition, our show was cancelled which is the venue where we usually sell most of our potted iris. Thus, we have a big backlog of pots that have to be cared for and watered over the hot summer. To make up for it, the iris in the pots bloomed like gang busters this spring, putting on the best show ever for potted iris. Too bad it could not be shared.

SIS moved forward, with the approval of the Shephard Garden and Arts Center board, to have our annual rhizome sale during the third weekend in July. This was preceded by two dig and labeling parties, one at Ruth Ostroff's House and the other at Mary Ann Horton's Iris Garden. We observed mask wearing and kept our social distance.



**Gwen Joy Assists a Customer in the Rain**



**Stan Logan Helping at the Dig**

**Article and Photos by Phyllis Wilburn**

Because of the cancellation of all our meetings since March, President Cindy Eastman took the opportunity to hold a Board meeting at Horton's Garden. While we had no meetings, we still had door prize iris to distribute, so we held Virtual Door Prize drawings every month until June. We thank Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society for giving us the idea.

The rhizome sale went well with lots of donated iris. We required mask wearing, and had some on hand to give to people who did not have them. We allowed no more than 10 people into the room at any one time. In total receipts, we made about two thirds of what we would usually make, and we were pleased that folks were interested enough to come out and support our efforts. The irises left over were donated to Sierra Foothills Iris Society, who held a sale the next weekend, and did equally as well in total receipts. Their sale was outdoors at a Eiseley's Nursery in Auburn, and they observed similar precautions.

As Guest Iris Chair for the 2021 Spring Regional, I had the occasion to visit Bluebird Haven Iris Garden and took a look at the Guest Beds. They looked great, with no losses. It bodes well for a wonderful bloom at our next Spring Regional Meeting, if we are able to hold it. Let's all think positively on that score.

We are looking forward to digging our door prize iris at Ruth Ostroff's garden in early Sept., and planting the new ones for next year. If we are able to have a Sept. meeting, we will auction off the left over rhizomes that were not won. If not, we will have to devise some other method, such as a Virtual Auction.

Keep safe and well!



**Members (L): Russ & Fran Shields and (R): Ruth Ostroff at the Board Meeting**



## **Sierra Foothills Iris Society**

This year's 2020 SFIS **Officers** are: President: Kathy Braaten, whose mother, Bertha Brownlee, now deceased, founded SFIS; 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Show Chair and Sale Chair: Cindy Eastman; Secretary: Jackie Brown; Treasurer, Debi Mumm; Members at Large: Barbara Kitz, Phyllis Wilburn and Dan Williams. Its **newsletter** is 'The Iris Standard' edited by Mary Ann Horton. SFIS holds **meetings** monthly in Auburn at the Civic Center Rose Room on the fourth Tuesday, with about 15 members attending. COVID-19 has interrupted gathering; however, Mary Ann Horton, Horton Iris Farm, and Russ and Fran Shields, Frannie's Iris Garden, hosted **open gardens** during bloom with COVID compliance rules in place. Many iris lovers were at least able to wave at each other and talk from a distance. Some are tracking open gardens on Iris Lovers Facebook page.

Also, Sierra Foothills Iris Society went forward with its 2020 fundraising **Rhizome Sale**. Ahead of the fundraiser, many members came from Gold Country and even the Silver State (Dan Williams from Geiger Grade near Virginia City, NV) to dig, clean, trim and label sale rhizomes at Mary Ann Horton's farm. The annual fundraiser was graciously hosted again by Eisley Nursery in Auburn on July 25th and 26<sup>th</sup>, chaired by Cindy Eastman, assisted by Bob and Jan Matherly, Mary Ann Horton and Debi Mumm, charter members Bob & Marilyn Baker, veteran Eleanor Streeter, who dutifully trimmed, inspected and sorted along with many other "sales force" members who rallied for the event, and of course, clean-up. Members coped with social distancing and face coverings to work for club income despite the treasury being healthy. President Kathy Braaten posted on social media; Patricia Eisenberg covered broadcast PSAs. Unsold rhizomes are sold on the internet, or become door prizes, or potted and kept for next year. Several SFIS members plan to assist with the AIS National guest iris dig at Dry Creek Garden.

Other SFIS news despite cancellations of show, Regional and National events: Up until COVID, Mary Ann Horton and Barbara Kitz had been supplying and helping the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at **Rock Creek Elementary School**, Auburn, with a 4' x 20' raised iris garden bed. The class had also been working on producing iris artwork. Keep investing in future irisarians!



**Dan Williams prepares rhizomes at the dig**



**Mary Ann Horton and Debi Mumm  
tend to the proceeds**



**Jan Matherly sets out baskets; Gary Mumm and  
Cindy Eastman sort in the background**

**Photos by Phyllis Wilburn**



## **Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society**

Like many other clubs, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society had to curtail many of their activities this year because of shelter in place restrictions. While we were unable to hold our usual in-person show, we held an online show instead, and received a similar number of entries as our usual show. The judges we had lined up to judge the in-person show generously agreed to judge our online show. Congratulations to Marilyn Kaplan, whose 'Stepping Out' was judged best in show!

We have been holding meetings via the Zoom teleconference platform since May, and have had members located as far away as Montana join in. We are currently holding a remote bearded iris rhizome sale, and are probably going to hold our beardless iris sale in October remotely as well. Please see our web site [www.bayareairis.org](http://www.bayareairis.org) for our virtual show and information on our sales and activities.

Jean Richter

President, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



**Louisiana Iris Thriving in the High Desert**  
Photo by Stephanie Jennings



**TB 'That's All Folks'**  
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**TB 'Tahitian Treat'**  
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