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*American Iris Society*

*Region 14*

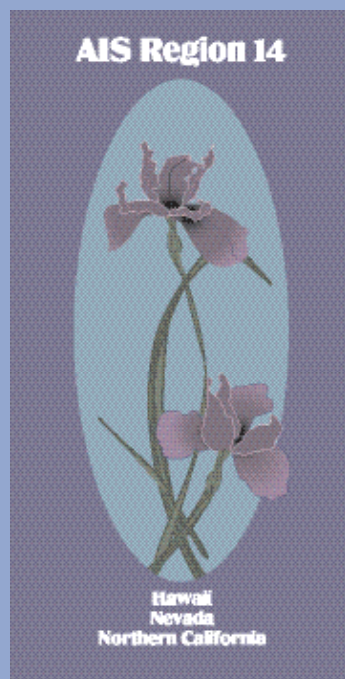
*Winter 2013*



**Fall Regional  
Meeting  
Reports and  
Photos**

**2013 Iris  
Symposium  
Results From  
Region 14**

**President's  
Recognition  
Awards**



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**The Bulletin is published online in March, June, September and December by the American Iris Society's Region 14, a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation whose sole purpose is promoting the culture and improvement of the genus Iris.**

This issue of the AIS-14 Bulletin (Winter 2013), emphasizes the region's 2013 Fall Regional Meeting. The general meeting of members provides a timely opportunity for the conduct of organizational business, most significantly the discussion and approval of a budget for 2014. The approved budget is included in this issue for your review.



The regional meeting's other productive activities included reports from the executive committee and standing committee chairpersons. Those reports are cited in the minutes, and included in the Bulletin for record. The Bulletin includes only an abstract of the minutes; the complete, official minutes are posted on the AIS-14 website.

The Bulletin's Affiliate News section presents reports from the Region 14 affiliated organizations, providing snapshots of local activities and demonstrating both the similarities and differences among the affiliates.

The regional meeting also provides opportunities for conversing with long-time friends gaining new friends among the regional community of irisarians, and gathering new ideas about growing irises and enriching iris societies.

Make plans to attend the next AIS-14 regional meeting in Santa Rosa next May to benefit from these important elements of your appreciation of the Genus Iris.

After a long period of preparation, we have solicited display advertisements in the Bulletin. There are none included in this issue (we are already past the season for purchasing rhizomes), but we look forward to supporting the flow of information between sellers and buyers in future issues.

In a previous *Editor's Notes*, I expressed interest in modifying the AIS policy that prohibits photographs or other identification of youths in materials that are distributed to the general public. This policy applies to information posted on the Internet, such as the AIS-14 Bulletin. Strict adherence to this policy means that the AIS-14 Bulletin could not include even minimal recognition of youths who received scholarships or awards, or who participated in sponsored activities. I had expected that the AIS board, during its November 2013 board meeting, would revise the policy to allow limited identification of youths with the permission of parent or guardian. In fact, the policy was not discussed. Hopefully, the board will address this matter during a future meeting.

As always, we welcome your articles and photos for each issue of the Bulletin.

Tom Karwin

Effective November 20, 2013

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## The RVP's Garden

What a party the Clara B. Rees Iris Society threw for the 2013 Region 14 Fall Regional with a great central location, festive fall decorations, innovative centerpieces, fantastic food and Jim Morris, President of AIS as the speaker. Best of all were the attendees making last minute bids for their prizes in the silent auction. The baskets for the raffle were exceptional. The region made \$1,038 on the silent auction and \$680 on the raffle. Thank you Clara B. and all the bidders and raffle ticket buyers.

Regretfully, Region 14 has lost two affiliates: Redwood Iris Society and Southern Nevada Iris Society. We will miss these societies and hope that those members will join another affiliate.

I welcome Rudy Ciuca to the Region 14 Executive Board as the new Director for the northern region. Also welcome to Barbara Pesek (she made me put this in) as President of the Clara B. Rees Iris Society.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, presented trophies and certificates to Shirley Trio and Riley Probst for winning awards for 'Opposites' and 'Holiday in Mexico', respectively, at the 2013 Spring Regional Garden Tour.

Jim Morris, President of the American Iris Society, presented certificates to Bill Maryott and Joseph Ghio for their part in 'That's All Folks' winning the Dykes Medal and also winning the Region 14 Symposium.

Look for Region 14's top ten irises from the AIS Symposium elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Big thanks to the Sacramento and Redwood Iris Societies for their donations to the Region 14 treasury. Sacramento donated \$250 to the Region 14 Scholarship Fund and Redwood donated \$1,600 to a new fund for helping establish new affiliates.

Rebloomers are the way to go as you can double your pleasure with fall and winter bloom (at least in the Bay Area). I have three in bloom now and five with bloom stalks. Got to buy more. Lucky me.

John Pesek  
RVP



clockwise:

'That's All Folks' (Maryott, 2005, TB) photo by Schreiner's Iris Gardens

'Opposites' (Trio, 2012 TB) photo by Shirley Trio

'Holiday in Mexico' (Probst, 2012 MTB) photo by Riley Probst

## President's Recognition Awards

*American Iris Society  
President's Recognition Award*

*Is Awarded to:  
Joe Ghio  
Region 14*

In Recognition of Outstanding Interest in and Hybridizing of the genus Iris

Joe Ghio has actively hybridized irises in six decades beginning in the 1960s. His over 800 introductions have included Tall Bearded, Louisiana, Spuria and Californicae irises. He was awarded the AIS Hybridizer's Medal in 1979 and his 'Mystique' was awarded the Dykes Medal in 1980. His Californicae series have been awarded several Sidney B. Mitchell Awards/Medals. In bearded irises he coined the term "bubble ruffling."

Presented by Jim Morris, President, American Iris Society, October 19, 2013.



Jim Morris and Joe Ghio



Jim Morris and Bill Maryott

*American Iris Society  
President's Recognition Award*

*Is Awarded to:  
Bill Maryott  
Region 14*

In Recognition of Outstanding Interest in and Hybridizing of the genus Iris

Bill Maryott hybridized irises for 25 years with his first introductions ('Afghanistan' AB OGB, 'Fingerprints' SDB, and 'Bengal Tiger' TB in 1981 through his last ('That's All Folks' TB) in 2005. His irises were awarded 49 Honorable Mentions (35%) and 10 Awards of Merit. 'That's All Folks' was introduced for him by Joe Ghio in 2005 and culminated with the 2013 Dykes Medal.

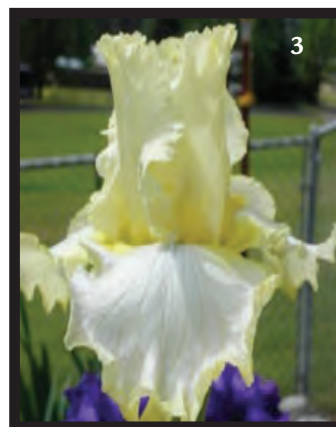
Presented by Jim Morris, President, American Iris Society October 19, 2013.

## 2013 AIS Symposium Results for Region 14

Rank	Name	Year	Hybridizer	Votes	Percent of Ballots
1	That's All Folks	2005	Maryott	27	39
2	Queen's Circle	2000	Kerr	24	34
3	Italian Ice	2001	Cadd	22	32
4	Dusky Challenger	1986	Schreiner	21	30
5	Mesmerizer	1991	Byers	20	29
6 (tie)	Gypsy Lord	2006	Keppel	19	28
6 (tie)	Lady Friend	1981	Ghio	19	28
8 (tie)	Kathy Chilton	2006	Kerr	18	26
8 (tie)	Montmartre	2008	Keppel	18	26
8 (tie)	Skating Party	1983	Gaulter	18	26
8 (tie)	Splashacata	1998	Tasco	18	26

69 people (15% of 479 AIS-14 members) voted  
 120 varieties (25% of all varieties) received 0 votes  
 91 varieties (19% of all varieties) received 1 vote

The complete 2013 Symposium results will be published in the January issue of *IRISES*, the AIS quarterly bulletin.



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- 11-Splashacata



# Calendar

## AIS Conventions

### Déjà vu Dallas 2014!



**April 5 - 10, Dallas, Texas**

2014 Convention Chair:

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2014 Convention Headquarters:

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14315 Midway Road, Addison, TX 75001  
phone: (972) 980-8877

### 2015

**May 18 - 23 Portland, Oregon**

2015 Convention Chair:

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2015 Convention Headquarters:

Red Lion Hotel on the River (Jantzen Beach, Oregon)  
909 N. Hayden Island Drive; Portland, OR 97217  
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## Regional Meetings

### Carnival Carousel of Iris

2014 Spring Regional meeting

May 2 - May 4, Santa Rosa, California

The Santa Rosa Iris Society will host the event.

Regional Meeting headquarters:

Flamingo Resort and Hotel in Santa Rosa.

Tour gardens will include the society's demonstration garden at Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center.

Details will be included in the spring issue of the Bulletin (March 1, 2014) and on the AIS-14 website.

### 2014 Fall Regional

Hosted by the High Desert Iris Society. Look for details in the fall issue of the Bulletin (September 1, 2014) and the AIS-14 website.

### 2015 Spring Regional

Hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society. Look for details in the spring issue of the Bulletin (March 1, 2015) and the AIS-14 website.

### 2015 Spring Regional

Hosted by San Francisco Bay area affiliates and Nola's Iris Garden.



Riley Probst and Shirley Trio with their trophies awarded for the 2013 Spring Garden Show

## Remembering Friends

Region 14 of the American Iris Society recently lost two valued members: Bob Breckwoldt and Hal Mattos.

*Robert (Bob) Breckwoldt*  
*May 24, 1926 – October 13, 2013*



Bob became involved in gardening through his wife, Juanita, whose father liked orchids. Around 1954, dad gave all of his orchids to Bob and Juanita. By that time Juanita had a few irises, more roses, and at one point more than 300 fuchsias. The fuchsias all succumbed to the hard freeze of 1989. Bob and Juanita joined the Santa Rosa Iris Society in 1989 and caught the “iris virus”, focusing on medians. Bob was always a “worker bee”; he shunned the spotlight but was always first to volunteer to help behind the scenes. At one point he served as Vice President of SRIS. Bob was especially generous, kind, and reliable, and worked tirelessly to help everyone he could.

*Harold (Hal) Mattos*  
*January 21, 1924 – August 29, 2013*



Hal loved irises from a young age; his family grew irises and begonias in Watsonville. Hal, his wife Genevieve (Gen), and Hal’s parents were members of the Monterey Bay Iris Society and were friends and customers of Joe Ghio’s Bay View Gardens in Santa Cruz early on.

Later Hal met and became friends with Ben Hager, Sid DuBose, Glenn Corlew, the Boswells, and other iris hybridizers. Hal began growing irises himself about 1968 in Daly City, more successfully after moving to Foster City where it was warmer.

He loved all types of irises, was an early member of Westbay Iris Society founded by Lois O’Brien, and was twice President of Clara B. Rees Iris Society in San Jose during the times that Society hosted the AIS National Convention (in 1968 and 1978). At one point he and Gen belonged to Mt. Diablo Iris Society in Concord. After moving to Sonoma County, he served as president of the Santa Rosa Iris Society. Hal became an AIS Apprentice Judge in 1977, a Garden Judge in 1978, a Master Judge in 1992, and a Retired Master Judge in 2005.

All Leah Haley

Photos by Anna Cadd





# Map of Region 14



## Definition in the Standing Rules of Region 14's Areas of Representation

Here are the region's areas, from the Standing Rules: Those areas are defined as:

- i. North -- (Sacramento, north to the limit of the region including Reno, Nevada),
- ii. South -- (south of Sacramento to the limit of the region, and Southern Nevada)
- iii. Central -- (the San Francisco Bay area -- Carmel to and including Marin and east to Interstate 5, not including Stockton or Modesto -- AND Hawaii).

Southern counties of California are in Region 15

## REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

### Abstract of the Minutes of the Meeting, October 19-20, 2013

#### Los Gatos, California

Note: The official minutes by AIS-14 Secretary Mary Sindicic are available on the AIS-14 website.

RVP John Pesek called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He thanked the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, President Barbara Pesek, Past President Mary Collins, and Carol Dahout for hosting the meeting. He called for a moment of silence in memory of Hall Mattos, a member of the Santa Rosa Iris Society.

RVP Pesek reported that the Southern Nevada Iris Society, the Redwood Iris Society, and the Westbay Iris Society (see page 16) have disbanded, leaving Region 14 with fifteen affiliates. The Redwood Iris Society has donated \$500 in support of new Region 14 affiliates, in accordance with the Standing Rules. MSC.

#### Board Reports

**Secretary** Mary Sindicic: Through online votes, the board approved two donations in memory of Margaret Sutton and George Sutton. Both donations include \$100 to St. John's Episcopal Memorial Building Fund and \$100 to AIS.

**Bulletin Editor:** Tom Karwin introduced Kathleen Sonntag, who has replaced Ann Pike as designer of the AIS 14 Bulletin, and who has just been appointed as the editor of the AIS Bulletin, *IRISES*. AIS President Jim Morris added that he selected Kathleen from a field of eight candidates.

**Treasurer's Report** is on page 12

**Judges' Training report** is on page 10

#### Committee Reports

**Finance/Fundraising:** Chair Carolyn Craft described the 2013 Fall Regional Meeting's basket raffle and silent auction, and plans for AIS-14 T-shirts and a public garden tour at the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting. Tour proceeds will benefit the host society, which could also sell irises and craft items.

**Honorary Awards:** In the absence of Chair Doralene Waite, RVP Pesek reported no nominees this year for the Larry Gaulter Award. He also invited nominations from the Region's middle area and northern areas for Honorary Awards committee members.

**Historian:** Chair Jean Richter is reviewing materials from the Lois Obrian estate. Also, the Region will archive only two copies of the AIS-14 Bulletin issues, and will offer surplus copies to the silent auction.

**Electronics:** In the absence of Chair Ann Pike, Tom Karwin reported that Ann, after leaving the position of Bulletin designer, intends to focus more on being the

Region's web master.

**Membership:** In the absence of Chair Mary Ann Horton, RVP Pesek reported that Region 14 has 478 members, including 78 youth members, making the region number one within AIS. He thanked Lorraine Nicholson for her support of the membership committee.

**Scholarships:** In the absence of Chair Terri Hudson, RVP Pesek reported that she has initiated contacts with schools regarding scholarship awards for spring of 2014.

**Science:** RVP Pesek will form a committee to review the purpose and responsibilities of the Science Chair, and seek a replacement for John Stremel, who has resigned.

**Trophies and Awards Report** is on page 14

**Youth Report** is on page 15.

**Old Business:** Revise article VI (C) of the AIS-14 Bylaws, as initiated during the 2013 Spring Regional Meeting, and published in the 2013 Summer Bulletin, to read: "Meetings of the Executive Board shall may be called by the RVP at each Fall and Spring Regional. Electronic meetings of the Executive Board may also be called by the RVP, in compliance with the Standing Rules." MSC

**New Business:** Elected Rudy Ciuca as director for Region 14's northern area, to replace Larry Lockhart, whose term expired. MSC

Adopted the Region's budget for 2014. MSC (See page 11.)

RVP Pesek appointed Directors Ciuca, Dahout and Hoover as an ad hoc committee to review and clarify the requirements for awards at the Spring Regional Meeting.

RVP Pesek appointed Directors Ciuca, Dahout and Hoover as an ad hoc committee to define "member" as used in the Standing Rule's in the request for contributions by societies for the operation of Region 14.

Retained Region 14's requirements for judges' training hours, which are different from AIS's requirements.

Donated \$100 to AIS in memory of Hal Mattos. MSC

#### Announcements

RVP Pesek announced the Region 14 tallies for the 2013 AIS Symposium (see page 6). AIS Symposium Chair Riley Probst, who is tabulating all AIS votes, announced that, to date, 'Dusky Challenger' is leading, 'Queen's Circle' is in second place, and 'Conjuration' is in third place.

Sacramento Iris Society President Bill Fink announced that SIS will donate \$250 to the Region 14 scholarship fund.

Adjourn the meeting. MSC

Mary Sindicic,  
Secretary

## REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

### 2014 Budget

(Approved October 19, 2013)



Carol Dahout by Mikey Lango



Mary Sindic by Mark Green



Carolyn Craft by Marilyn Boro



Phyllis Wilburn by Marilyn Boro



Helen Franklin by Mikey Lango

#### EXPENSES BY ITEM

Bulletin—Publishing	200.00
Editor's Expense	50.00
RVP Allowance	2,500.00
Finance—Summer Fundraiser	0
Beardless Purchases	425.00
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00
Office/Legal	300.00
Sales Taxes	240.00
Judges' Training	1,000.00
Committees	
Honorary Awards	300.00
Historian	100.00
Internet	110.00
Membership	50.00
Scholarship	575.00
Additional Scholarship, Donated	250.00
Science	500.00
Awards and Trophies	650.00
Youth	500.00
S.F. Flower Show-2011	600.00
Donations	200.00
Start up cost	500.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES      \$9,650.00**

#### REVENUES BY ITEM

Bulletin Advertising	300.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	0
Donations from Societies *	2,400.00
Donations/Raffles	0.00
Interest	200.00
Judges' Training	500.00
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400.00
Finance	
Spring Fund Raiser	1,000.00
Summer Fund Raiser-Rhizomes	1,000.00
Fall Beardless Fund Raiser	900.00
Fall Fund Raiser, Raffle/Donations	400.00
SF. Flower Show	0

**TOTAL REVENUES      \$7,100.00**

Total Expenses	9,650.00
Less total Revenues\$	7,100.00
Surplus/Deficit	<b>2550.00</b>

Helen Franklin, Treasurer



## REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY Treasurer's Report

### Expenses and Revenues 01-01-13 Through 10-16-13

CHECKING ENDING BALANCE	\$9,607.49
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE	\$21,740.42
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$31,347.91</b>

EXPENSES BY ITEM	Budget 2013	Funds At 10/15/2013
Bulletin—Publishing	0	30.00
Reimbursements to Affiliates	50.00	
RVP Allowance	1,500.00	1,668.88
Finance≈	.00	
Summer Fund-raiser Beardless Purchases	425.00	
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00	
Sales Taxes	240.00	159.92
Judges' Training 2013	1,000.00	697.98
Science Committee	500.00	
Awards and Trophies	650.00	
Honorary Awards	300.00	
Office/ Legal	300.00	
Supplies		45.22
Fees		
Historian	100.00	
Scholarship	575.00	575.00
Youth Committee	500.00	387.25
Membership	50.00	
Internet Services	110.00	98.49
S.F. Flower Show-2013	600.00	78.21
S.F. Flower Show-2014	0	355.00
Donation	100.00	400.00
Spring Regional	0	319.00
Start-up Funds	0	400.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,215.41</b>

REVENUES BY ITEM	Budget 2013	Funds At 10/15/2013
Bulletin Advertising	0	
Bulletin Subscriptions	0	
Donations from Societies *	800.00	633.00
Donation-other Room rent		
Donation Memorials		
Donations/Raffles	100.00	
Interest	200.00	328.85
Judge's Training	500.00	814.00
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	300.00	
Finance		
Spring Fundraiser, Raffle	1,000.00	1,490.00
Summer Fundraiser, Rhizomes	1,000.00	237.50
Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations		
Fall Beardless Fundraiser	700.00	
Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	250.00	
Cash Fund		
Subtotal	4,850.00	3,503.35
Use of Reserve Funds	2,250.00	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7100.00</b>	<b>\$3,503.35</b>
	Budgeted	10/15/2013
Total Expenses	7,100.00	5,215.41
Less total Revenues	7,100.00	-3,503.35
Surplus/Deficit	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$1,712.06</b>

Helen Franklin,  
Treasurer

## Judges' Training Report

Many ideas were offered at the Fall Regional concerning judges' training (JT) and I want to share some of them with you. Jeanne Clay Plank has made the point that the training for judges is one of the more important functions of Region 14. Thus, we should all support it in whatever way we can.

Training for judges can take many forms. It can be small or large groups. It does not have to be a big classroom or garden full of people. In fact, some of the best training takes place in small groups where there can be more give and take and sharing between the instructor and student. One judge said that when he gave judges' training, he thought that he learned as much as or more than the students. It is a refresher that all judges need from time to time, whether they are giving or taking the training.

If you are a judge in an affiliated society, you might think about doing some local training. You could provide an after-show group or one-on-one training on show bench judging, or take a group to a local garden and give garden training. The show chair or other interested person also could arrange a training session by one of the judges whom you invite to judge your show. You could also hold a judges' training session in conjunction with one of your regular meetings. Last year, during the regular meetings of affiliates, we had training sessions on show bench judging, arils & arilbreds and artistic arrangements.

Students and apprentices are required to have a specified number of hours of training with one judge and one student. This means that the student or apprentice must arrange with a judge to give them this one-on-one training. This is often a stumbling block for them, especially if they are not familiar with many judges. I encourage all garden and exhibition judges, and master and emeritus judges to reach out to those who are trying to become judges and offer help whenever possible.

One judge mentioned that he had not been asked to give training in a long time. My suggestion is that judges need to be more proactive and offer to do training, especially if it is something that they enjoy doing.

One caveat: all training must be approved in advance by Region 14's judges' training chair. You need to email or call me and tell me the following: who, what, how long, and where the training session will take place, and whether it will be group or one-on-one training. Without advanced approval, credit cannot be given to the trainer or trainees.

As judges' training chair, I hope to arrange a training session with an out-of-region speaker during the early spring. If you have any suggestions for a person that you would like to hear speak, please let me know. Other than occasional opportunities to hear from someone out-of-

region, judges' training is a grass roots activity in which affiliated societies and individual judges arrange to provide training, with approval in advance.

During the 2013 fall regional meeting, I distributed the current list of judges. If you need a copy, you can email or call me. In the near future, I will have the list posted on the Region 14 web site with other judges' training documents. All future training will be listed on the web site as soon as we can make the arrangements, and clear the web site of previous year's trainings.

As reported at the fall regional meeting, we currently have 26 active students, seven apprentice judges, 23 garden/exhibition judges, thirteen master judges, and four emeritus judges. Retired judges are included on the list of judges, but are not eligible to judge shows or give training.

During the past year we had four students advance to apprentice judge. They are: Anne-Marie Hermansen, Terry Toney, Carol Dahout and Joseph Lawrence.

One apprentice, Ted Hawkins, moved from apprentice to garden/exhibition judge.

Two garden/exhibition judges moved to master judge. They are: Helen Bliven and Dorlene Waite.

One Master Judge, Berkeley Hunt, retired.

Sadly, we lost three retired judges, George and Margaret Sutton, and Hal Mattos.

I appreciate the help and support from all the judges in the Region, and the enthusiasm of the students and Apprentices who are working toward that goal.

Phyllis Wilburn  
Assistant RVP



above, Jim Morris in the classroom

below, Joe Ghio in the field



## Trophies & Awards

Chair Bill Fink reported that 2013 Spring Regional Meeting attendees voted and awarded trophies to guest irises in the tour gardens. The winning irises' names are engraved on the trophies and stated on a certificate.

Attendees also voted for the Region 14 hybridizer awards based upon the irises on display in the two guest gardens with the following results:

Knopf Cup for the best seedling by a Region 14 hybridizer was won by 'QDBX40PQ', an MTB hybridized by Riley Probst.

Cotillion Bowl for the best 2013 introduction by a Region 14 Hybridizer was 'Leave the Light On', hybridized by Riley Probst.

Clara B. Reese Cup for the best introduction prior to 2013 by a Region 14 Hybridizer was 'Opposites', hybridized by Shirley Trio.

Jim Gibson Cup for the best plicata was 'Tuscan Summer', hybridized by Keith Keppel.

Melrose Award for the best beardless was 'Caesar's Brother' (Morgan, 1932).

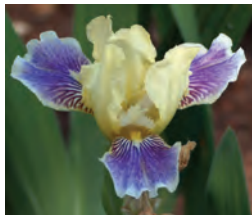
Out of Region Award for the best iris by a hybridizer not in Region 14 was 'Revision', hybridized by Keith Keppel.

Hager-DuBose Cup for the best bearded iris other than tall by any hybridizer was 'Holiday in Mexico' hybridized by Riley Probst.

Notes by Secretary Mary Sindicic



'Caesar's Brother'  
(Morgan, 1932 SIB)



('QDBX40PQ', (Probst,  
MTB)



'Leave the Light On'  
(Probst, 2013 IB)



'Tuscan Summer' Keppel,  
2010 TB)



'Revision' (Keppel,  
2011 TB)

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## Do you have 'That's Just Peachy'?

Since an iris must be named and introduced in order to win the Queen of Show award, it can be assumed that irises that have not been introduced are not eligible to be entered in anything but the seedling category.

I have been trying to find information about 'That's Just Peachy', a tall bearded iris that we received as a guest iris for the 2011 Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting from hybridizer Marlene Schaller. I discovered that there is not an iris with that name registered with AIS. Since it was a seedling, it should have been destroyed or returned to the hybridizer after the dig. Apparently, 'That's Just Peachy' was missed and distributed to affiliated societies, most likely because it had a name.

There were two additional tall bearded seedling irises by Marlene Schaller at that regional meeting that might have been distributed to societies: 'Berry Smoothie' and 'Ruffled Pantaloons'. These have been registered, but there is no evidence that they have been introduced.

Eight or nine affiliated societies participated in the distribution of the 2011 guest irises, so these three irises might be in the gardens of many people in the region. If you have any of these irises, I suggest that you grow them for your pleasure only and avoid furthering the confusion by selling them at rhizome sales or entering them in a show.

Phyllis Wilburn  
Assistant RVP



## Youth Committee Report

We are on our way to having two Classroom Iris Projects (CIP) in our region. The first is in the town of Coarsegold (near Yosemite) and is now about a year old. The Coarsegold kids have planted and tended an iris garden at their school, entered an AIS-approved show and also did well. Carolyn Hoover is their mentor.

We have started the paperwork for the second CIP with 26 youths at Cobb Mountain Elementary in Cobb, California. Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence, members of the Santa Rosa Iris Society, have already been working with Cobb for more than a year. The children entered their first AIS iris show in Santa Rosa this year and did very well.

Each youth participating in AIS-14 (77 as per October 1, 2013) received a historic iris with planting instruction and name stake to plant at his or her home. AIS-14 members donated these gifts.

The American Iris Society President, Jim Morris, who was the guest speaker at the AIS-14 2013 Fall Regional Meeting, mentioned that AIS-14 has the most youth registered in any AIS region. Of course, that could be because we also have the most adults! Jean Morris has some ideas for the Yosemite I.S. Youth Classroom Iris Project (CIP) and may be mailing irises for a new student garden in Coarsegold. That garden has the theme, "Storybook Names," e.g. Star Wars and Jurassic Park. Yosemite I.S. is planning to expand the Youth CIP to include Rivergold Elementary School in Coarsegold.

At the regional meeting, Jean Morris shared ideas for the Yosemite Iris Society Youth CIP and might mail irises for the new student garden in Coarsegold. That garden has the theme of "storybook names," i.e. Star Wars, Jurassic Park. Yosemite Iris Society is planning to expand the Youth CIP to include Rivergold Elementary, another school in Coarsegold. For more information, visit the Classroom Iris Project page on the AIS Youth website

My philosophy is, by "touching these kids now with iris gardening," we will encourage them as adults to remember iris gardening with fond memories.

Lorraine Nicholson,  
Youth Advisor

Note from Carolyn Hoover, President of YIS.

A big thank you goes out to Lorraine Nicholson for mailing a historical iris (along with its label) last summer to each of the students in the YIS Youth CIP program. The students were thrilled and wanted me to thank the person who sent the irises to them. It really helps the youth program when others step up to donate and participate in helping our students have more fun and learn more about our beautiful irises. The students were thrilled to have received such fantastic gifts. How thoughtful!



'Pure As Gold' (Maryott, 1993 TB)  
by Schreiners Iris Garden



'Ziggy' (Keyseer, 2000 TB)  
by Schreiners Iris Garden



'Spinoff' (Maryott, 1987 TB)  
by Schreiners Iris Garden

## Affiliate News

### Westbay Iris Society

This affiliate recently elected Jack Carter as president and Linda Stremel as vice president. We are pleased to report that the announcement at the Fall Regional Meeting that Westbay I.S. had disbanded was incorrect.



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### 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 Lorraine Nicholson at [iris4u@fire2wire.com](mailto:iris4u@fire2wire.com) by the quarterly due dates listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

### Santa Rosa Iris Society

SRIS held its annual summer iris rhizome sale at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center in Santa Rosa on Saturday September 7, 2013. For the second time, the society organized and displayed rhizomes based on the ingenuity and hard work of member Joe Lawrence who thought it up, bought the bags, and prepared the labels. Brown paper “barrel bags” were placed narrow end out on tables, one bag per variety, and labeled on the narrow end with a 3 1/3” X 4” computer generated stick-on label bearing the name of the iris, hybridizer, type of iris, and a photo! The sale drew a steady stream of customers and brought in over \$1,300. We sold about 270 varieties of tall bearded irises and 42 varieties of medians, mostly standard dwarfs. A highlight of the sale was the arrival of a group of residents from Brookdale Senior Living Center in Santa Rosa by bus. They came to our spring show also!

The following week, September 10-12, SRIS sold iris rhizomes at the Third Annual Heirloom Exposition, held at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. We were one of 300 vendors at this internationally acclaimed event. We had a doublewide booth on a corner, which provided great exposure and enough room to display the irises in the bags to good effect. Thirteen members in all manned the booth for two shifts each day for three days and earned over \$3,300 for the Club’s coffers. Betty Ford was chairperson for both rhizome sales.

Santa Rosa Iris Society will host the AIS-14 Spring Regional Meeting, on May 2 and 4, 2014, with the theme, “A Carnival Carousel of Iris.” The meeting hotel will be the Flamingo Resort and Hotel in Santa Rosa.

Two gardens with guest irises from Region 14 hybridizers will be on tour; visits to three additional gardens will be optional. Four judges’ training sessions will be scheduled, with trainings offered by Heather and Bernard Pryor of Australia (Louisiana Irises), Fred Kerr (probably tall bearded), Ross BeVier and Jim Begley (grooming irises and set up of an iris show), and Jim Begley (garden judging of tall bearded seedlings).

Convention Chair Anna Marie Hermansen and Co-chair Jeanne Plank encourage everyone interested in irises to register and attend the tour and judges’ trainings, and to visit both the guest iris and optional gardens.

Alleah Haley

### Shasta Iris Society

Greetings from northern California. I hope everyone had a good and productive summer and is enjoying our beautiful fall weather. As much as we need the rain, it really is a pretty time of the year.

I was just thinking about the fall regional meeting we had in Redding a couple of years ago and how much those of us that were able to attend enjoyed it. It was nice to meet so many of you and put faces with names. Our society’s membership has dwindled, as I’m sure others have, but after our dismal 2012 we are gearing up for next year. We weren’t able to have a show or a sale but certainly will in 2013.

We had an in-house sale at our August meeting and that was successful. I personally am making a new garden bed and was able to purchase rhizomes for planting. I was given a ‘Bountiful Harvest’ a couple years ago after commenting on how beautiful it was and it’s blooming its head off right now. I need to add more re-bloomers; they give me such pleasure.

Our next meeting will be November 16, at noon at the Frontier Senior Center in Anderson. We will have our annual Thanksgiving luncheon and a silent auction. We will also nominate officers for next year. In December, we will have a holiday luncheon and gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

Our scholarship fund is growing due to the raffle we have at each meeting.

Ron and Sylvie Sidebottom hosted our October meeting at the Senior Center. Sandy Olsen gave a talk on plot mapping in the garden and the best permanent markers to use.

Are the markers wild turkey proof? I guess for my garden a map would be best.

Ann Hass

### Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Our annual holiday potluck dinner was held last month for all family and friends. Bob and Jan Matherly brought some out-of-town guests from Montana and Branson, Missouri. It was great getting to visit with everyone and not have to do any work.

Our new slate of officers was presented and voted on for 2014. We had a silent auction, which always seems to be a huge hit.

Happy Holidays to all.

Kathy Braaten



## Affiliate News

### Leo T Clark Iris Society

As its Community Service Project this year, the Leo T. Clark Iris Society elected to plant a Memorial Iris Garden at VECTORS in Chico.

VECTORS (Veterans Executive Corporation To Organize Rehabilitative Services) is a non-profit 501(3)(c) housing facility chartered to provide supportive services to clients of the North Valley Veterans Center.

VECTORS provides disadvantaged male veterans with services from various government agencies which enables members to have housing, counseling, assistance in finding employment, and medical assistance.

The Jerry Knight VECTORS House exists to assist Veterans to reintegrate from transition to independent living. There is no female transition housing currently available, but there are hopes that one will be established in the future.

Members of our society spent one day preparing the site for the garden. Marva Van Gilder served as coordinator of the VECTORS garden project. Rob Marshall was in charge of removing the existing heavy sod. Marva Van Gilder and Kathy Hutchinson placed and leveled the perimeter of the garden's stones while Mary Old-Kooi served as the go-fer, providing materials and tools. Bob and Irene Annand provided encouragement and advice.

The second workday brought out more society members. Kathy Hutchinson and Carol Cullen purchased and planted the especially worthy irises that Marva donated from John and Lesley Painter of the Napa Country Iris Gardens. Delores Bates gave IB irises that were planted in the surrounding areas. Cloudia Owen planned the placement of iris for best color location and provided a five-gallon bucket of special soil amendments. Mary Old-Kooi provided and planted pansies on each side of the iris-flanked walkway leading to the flagpole.

Lowes' Home Improvement Warehouse generously provided the stones for the Memorial Iris Garden project as well as a discount on the gorgeous metal bench that the society purchased so future visitors or Veterans could sit to admire the flowers. Virgil Van Gilder spent hours chopping roots in order to level the ground beneath the metal bench.

Members of the Leo T. Clark Iris Society feel privileged to honor our veterans with the Memorial Iris Garden at VECTORS of Chico, the first grass-roots rehabilitative housing in the USA for veterans.

Mary Old-Kooi

### Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Returning to our tradition of hosting two iris shows in the spring, and attempting to expand our customer base, we have scheduled a new, early show on March 29 at the Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Following that event will be our regular show at First Baptist Church in Walnut Creek on Saturday April 12. At both shows, we will have both potted bearded and beardless iris for sale.

We are a socially active group that is delighted to have two new members. Our annual potluck is scheduled for our November meeting.

Several MDIS members attended and enjoyed AIS-14's 2013 Fall Regional, where we had a chance to meet our new AIS president Jim Morris, take a judges' training class from him, and witness the vast Spring Regional trophy winnings by MDIS members Shirley Trio and Riley Probst.

Congrats to Shirley and Riley.

Marilyn Kaplan

### Clara B Rees Iris Society

It's always interesting to learn about the history of iris society names. The Clara B. Rees Iris Society was formed in 1957 and named after the hybridizer of 'Snow Flurry', which is one of the world's first ruffled irises (registered in 1939).

The society's previous name was The San Jose Evening Iris Society. Our society was the first society in Region 14 to become an affiliate of the American Iris Society and the first to hold a varietal show.

CBRIS has just finished presenting the Fall Regional for 2013 in Los Gatos. It was a successful collaboration of many members and we were thankful to welcome all of our guests.

Barbara Pesek



Jane Jordan and Alice Clark (CBRIS)  
by Mark Greene

## Affiliate News

### Fresno Iris Society

Fresno Iris Society—founded in 1967—is 46 years old, and is moving into the modern age! We are developing a website that will be online shortly. The website address will be [www.fresnoirissociety.org/](http://www.fresnoirissociety.org/).

In addition, one of our members is starting a Facebook page for our society.

Check us out!

In October, we participated in the Big Fresno District Fair by having a table in the gardening section where anyone could obtain irises and ask as many questions as they wished. It was a great time.

In December, our old and new board members meet to plan the program for 2014. Our holiday get-together will be a “Bah, Humbug! Luncheon” in January. It’s going to be an exciting year for us!



Terry Toney and Cris Pesut

Janet Smith

Janet Smith

### Sacramento Iris Society

Our summer activities focused on caring for our rhizomes. We sponsored the Region 14 dig, trim, label and distribution of the guest rhizomes from the Region 14 Spring Meeting on June 22 and 23. It was fun for us all and we were very grateful for the help received from volunteers from all parts of the Region.

June 29 saw us gather at Phyllis Wilburn’s garden to pot the rhizomes distributed to us from the spring meeting.

On July 13 we met in Mary Ann Horton’s garden to help trim and label her generous contributions to the SIS rhizome sale, which followed on July 20, 21 at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento. We had a very successful rhizome sale, many members contributed rhizomes, and many helped with the sale and demonstrations of iris culture to our customers.

We rested for the month of August, but on September 12, we were back at it, digging our door prize rhizomes at Ruth Ostroff’s garden. We sold the extra increases to members at the September 16 meeting and auction. For the first time in my memory all our door prize increases were sold at the auction, with Riley Probst serving as our expert auctioneer.

On October 5-6 we participated in the Garden and Art Center sale with our inventory of potted iris. Because our October 21 meeting was on the Monday following the Region 14 Fall meeting, we were fortunate to have AIS President Jim Morris as part of the program organized by Riley Probst.

Bill Fink

### James Gibson Iris Society

Gibson Gossip: We are proud to announce that we have two new members.

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch, December 14.

We have accepted an invitation to the 16th Annual Porterville Iris Festival, which will be held in April of 2014, in downtown Porterville and at Sutton’s Iris Gardens.

Helen Franklin



David Cadd and Marilyn Boro by Mikey Lango



Eric Hansen and friends  
by Mark Greene

Jean Richter and Bonnie  
Petherham from MTBIS  
by Mikey Lango



## Affiliate News

### Monterey Bay Iris Society

MBIS members have been busy discussing bylaws, educational donations and our upcoming, much anticipated Christmas party. Our finally approved by-laws are posted on our website.

We are investigating a cash donation to our local Cabrillo College Horticultural Department for use for equipment, as opposed to our former rather convoluted scholarship offer to students. Members feel we will have more control over the process and be able to make a more lasting contribution to gardening students by supporting the college directly.

Our Board suggested and members approved a \$5.00 per member donation to Region 14 this year, as we have had a very successful sales season. Our contribution will be decided annually.

MBIS Secretary Brenda Wood has left on an iris adventure in Australia, and we are all excited to hear what goes on “down under” when she returns.

Barbara Hanson

### San Joaquin Iris Society

We are happy to say that our society is on the upswing in enthusiasm!! New members make such a great difference to a society that is starting to show its age; not physical, but just plain tired of keeping things together.

We had a successful rhizome sale due to the generosity of members and the enthusiasm of all. We will be able to provide a scholarship to a student this coming school year.

We also had a sign-up sheet at our flea market sale so we could invite all to our 2014 spring tour in our gardens. Many signed up and seemed excited about the possibility of seeing private gardens.

We were able to provide a basket to the AIS-14 2013 Fall Regional in Los Gatos. The lucky ticket holder got two iris plants plus Halloween goodies.

A “pot party” will be held within the next few weeks. Of course, no weed plants will be available, some of us have too many of those already. The potting will be followed by a “food party.” We have been told that we do provide good eats and time for garden talk.

We wish all societies a wonderful holiday season.

Gordon Nicholson

### Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society was very busy during the fall of 2013! We were working to plant the 2015 Region 14 guest irises in three selected gardens: Creek Ranch Irises, Carolyn and Guy Hoover; Hillside Irises, Bill Tyson, Coarsegold; and Dan Cereghino’s Madera Knolls garden in Madera. We continue to make plans for a fantastic Yosemite experience in Spring 2015! Shirley Trio, coordinator chair for the guest irises, needs to be thanked for all the hours she has put into organizing and delivering the guest irises to our guest gardens. Thanks Shirley, and Riley too!



YIS members at the Regional Meeting by Mikey Lango

Four Yosemite I.S. members—Betty Bridger, President Carolyn Hoover, Secretary Shirley Trio, and Vice President Riley Probst—attended AIS-14’s 2013 Fall Regional meeting in Los Gatos. We all had a fabulous time and a fabulous luncheon, and were pleased to meet our guest speaker, AIS President Jim Morris.

We are planning our regular meeting on November 9, 2013 at the Hoover home, to include an old-fashioned turkey dinner potluck. Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas from Yosemite I.S. to all in Region 14.

Carolyn Hoover



‘Lest We Forget’ (G. Sutton, 2008 TB),





by Mark Greene

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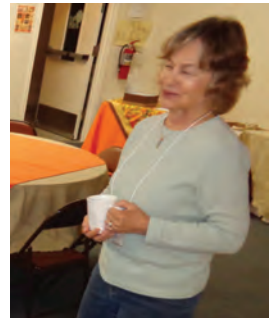
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