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' Splendid Spring' (Lesley Painter 2015)

photo: Lesley and John Painter

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The RVP's Garden

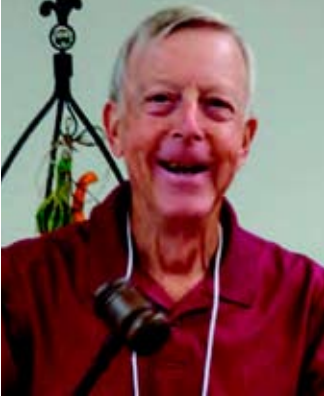


photo: Phyllis Wilburn

A new year is upon us, and for us iris growers, that is a good thing after such a poor bloom season last year due to Mother Nature and her lack of water. With the increased rain we have had, I think this year will be a gorgeous bloom season. I am really looking forward to the spring iris shows.

From what I saw and the comments that were made to me the 2014 Fall Regional in Reno was superb. The speaker and judges' trainer, Kathy Chilton, was very educational and the meals were very tasty. Thank you High Desert Iris Society for having your first regional an overwhelming success.

I feel very lucky that my crop of reblooming iris are doing so well. Some of my favorites are: My Generation (Lauer 2009), Ziggy (Keyser 2000), Recurring Dream (Hagar 1992), Struck Twice (Lauer

2009) and my most favorite a PCN Premonition of Spring (Garry Knipe, R. 2012) which has bloomed every month since September of last year. I love it in the winter as the blooms last so much longer than in the spring. Of course they take longer to bloom but that increases the anticipation.

NOW is your chance to recommend who will lead Region 14 forward. Please see "Nominations Needed" on page 9.

Looking forward to the 2015 Spring Regional put on by our newest affiliate in the region, the Yosemite Iris Society on April 17, 18 & 19, 2015. See the Region 14 website for registration forms.

Then it will be on to Portland for the AIS National Convention. It should be a great iris show up in Oregon.

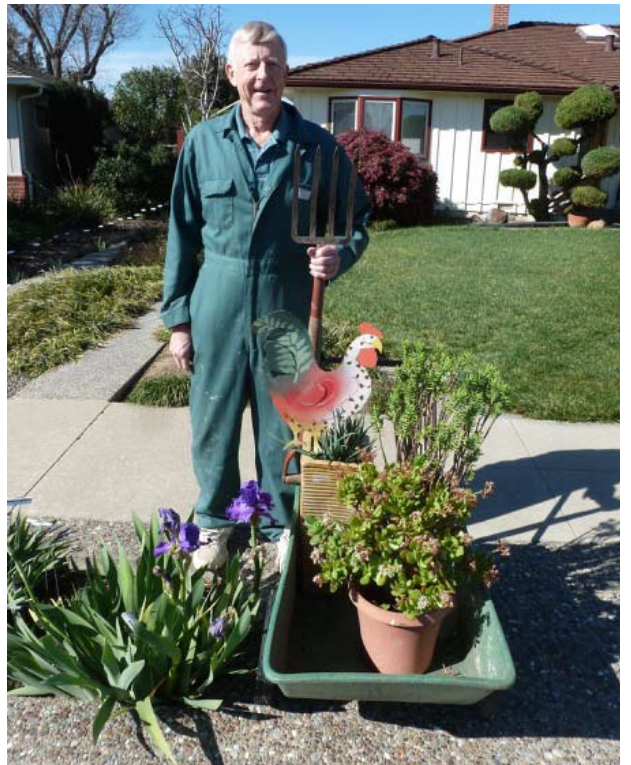
The James Gibson Iris Society has graciously volunteered to host the 2015 Fall Regional on October 16, 17 & 18, 2015. More information will be in the next bulletin.

John Pesek, RVP



Caramel 'N Chocolate (John Painter 2015)

photo: Lesley & John Painter (see page 6)



above: John Pesek with his beloved wheelbarrow

photo: Barbara Pesek



Check out
the AIS Blog!

<http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/>

Editor's Notes ~ Shirley Trio-Probst



We the staff of the Regional bulletin want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. We made our December 1 deadline for print actually one day early. We were nervous and a little scared about what we were doing. We cannot thank you enough for your positive feedback and your overwhelming

willingness to help. Thank you to my wonderful staff -- we actually have fun doing this.

We have some bloom the year around here because we grow a lot of rebloomers; the earliest tall bearded to bloom for us is going to be 'Austin City Blues' by Hooker Nichols of Texas. Now in early March we have 12 stalks about 24 inches tall with 8 buds on each stalk with a few showing color. Hooker's wife Bonnie is the first President of the **new AIS Section for Novelty Irises**. At the Oregon convention Bonnie will be holding a section meeting. Get in on the ground floor and be a Charter member (Jean Richter will be doing the program).

Big News: There is going to be an **Iris Auction** at this Spring Regional during the Saturday banquet -- see page 30 for info.

Jim Hedgecock and his wife Lemoyne (also a hybridizer) will be our special Guest Speaker and Judges' Trainer at the Spring Regional. This will be a special treat, especially for spuria lovers.

So much to see, so much to do, we just can't tell you about all of it. You must visit gardens in the region, attend your Regional, support your region, and support AIS like you would your Mom. If you have any energy to spare well then we will see you in Portland. John Ludi tells me he is expecting over 800 people. WOW.

See you at something!

Region 14 Bulletin!

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

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Regional Meetings

2015 Spring Regional

April 17-19, 2015, Bass Lake, California
Hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society.
See pages 24-30 in this issue.
Look for details at www.aisregion14.org.

2015 Fall Regional

The James M. Gibson Iris Society will host the Region 14 Fall Meeting on October 16th & 17th, 2015.

The hotel, Holiday Inn of Visalia, is located in Visalia, CA., just off the freeway beside the airport on the south side of town. Region 14 has held functions there before so for all of you that go back a few years it will be familiar. We invite all Region 14 members to attend. In the future look at the Region 14 Bulletin and the regional website for more information.

We hope you all come. We are attempting to put together a reblooming full show. We are also working on getting permission to plant October blooming irises on the hotel grounds.

AIS Conventions

2015 Iris in Wonderland



May 18 - 23 Portland, Oregon

2015 Convention Chair:

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<http://www.ais2015portlandconvention.com/>

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503-283-4466; www.Redlion.com/jantzenbeach

and

Another Day in the Garden

Siberian/Species Convention 2015

Portland, Oregon May 24-25, 2015

<http://www.ais2015portlandconvention.com/siberian-convention.html>

NOTE: Alternate hotel for 2015 AIS convention

The alternate hotel is the Oxford Suites Portland - Jantzen Beach, 12226 N. Jantzen Drive, Portland, OR 97217. Reservations: Local Direct - 1-503-283-3030 / Toll Free 1-800-548-7848. Be sure to mention "Greater Portland Iris Society" to get special room rates. Room rates: Studio King Suite - \$109.00; Executive King Suite - \$119.00; Studio Double Queen Suite - \$129.00. Room rates do not include guest room tax. Cut-off date for making room reservations for the special rate is April 18, 2015. Free complimentary shuttle from/to PDX. Hotel is approximately 2 blocks from the Red Lion On The River.

John Ludi, Chair, 2015 Portland Conventions

later AIS Conventions

East We Go in 2016

May 23-28, Newark, New Jersey

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May 22-26 Des Moines, Iowa

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Region 14 Hybridizers ~

John and Lesley Painter's Napa Country Iris Garden ~

how it started

~ by Lesley Painter

Our adventure into the iris world began around 1989. From my initial interest of seeing **Lime Fizz** pictured as a lime green color plus the size and form it showed which I had never seen in an iris before, I was hooked. Of course, I was disappointed the plant didn't actually bloom as lime green. Nonetheless, I began to grow my first irises and since I knew they would multiply and I would be purchasing more, I also knew it would require that I sell the increases. They seemed easy to grow, we had the space to grow them and the soil was good so that's how it all started.

First it was the Farmer's Market selling potted irises and bare root plants. My parents got involved and helped a lot. They had actually moved from Florida and started living on our property to help us out and in turn we helped them. I worked part time at the Payless Drug store as a sign maker in Napa and John was working full time in construction. I then ended up selling some of my potted irises to the store as they also had a nursery section. To make a long story short; everything fell into place with selling the irises and the purchasing of plenty more!! Everyone loved buying irises, especially all the many varieties they could choose from that I could supply. I soon had a following at the store and also some of the local garden centers I sold to. Of course, by then John had also built two greenhouses for me and my potted iris business.

We had opened the garden to visitors in 1991 and soon John was putting everything on the computer. We were also adding fertilizer and truckloads of compost to the soil along with the purchase of a tractor to till it all in. Plus I found I really could no longer dig each hole for the irises with a post hole digger!

Through trial and error we improved on our methods and layout, adding drip for watering and are now running a water soluble fertilizer, 12-26-26 through the lines at low strength. It is the same fertilizer as the grape growers use. (We had to use what is available as we are in a "grapes are everything environment"). Seems to work for us!

Next came the hybridizing. We decided to try our hand at hybridizing and it would be good to have something of our own to offer to the public and iris

folks. The first few crosses were in 1994 with the first introductions in 2003 with John's **Cameo Kiss** and my **Purple Ritz** and **Endearing Charm**. **Purple Ritz** won a Knopf Award, an HM in 2005 and best violet variety in the Italian Premio Firenze competition in 2007. **Cameo Kiss** got an HM in 2008. So we were off to a good start for our irises. There were more awards to follow. **

However, we finally stopped sending irises overseas to the Italian competition because it became too expensive and the regulations were prohibitive. But

we continued to hybridize. It did, however, add a lot of extra work. Little did

I know that my original idea of growing some irises and selling them would end up feeling like a 24/7 job!!!! John is the speedy hybridizer, I ponder and contemplate. I tend to gather multiple pollen to use and end up collecting too much to deal with. I feel guilty sometimes that I'm a pollen waster. I've even asked John do a few of my crosses since I think guys just like to make crosses. I find it somewhat tedious. I have actually thought that "it's a man's world" when it comes to hybridizing. Most of the iris hybridizers are men, right?

I remember one year some of our string labels were missing from the pods that had set. I figured it was probably kids having fun removing them when the garden was open. Needless to say, I wasn't too



Quintessa (John Painter 2015)
photo: Lesley & John Painter

happy. But when I saw a Bullock's oriole sitting on top of a flower one day, trying to pull the label off one and then hearing baby birds in our old oak tree nearby I realized who was taking the labels. Sure enough, there were a bunch of labels hanging from the sides of the Oriole's nest with the string being part of the nest and the paper label hanging out. I never did find all of our labels, however. From then on, we started using plastic labels with twist ties. We have found there are lots of critter challenges around our property. We are out in the country in a small valley surrounded by hills and open fields so we get our share of gophers, voles, moles and also sucking bugs in the spring bloom time that LOVE pollen. Hybridizing has been fun and interesting but along with the fun is a lot of record keeping, evaluating and digging and planting. Some of our favorite irises that we have introduced are *Brilliance*, *Jealous Halo*, *Lemon Cloud*, *Cosmic Celebration*, *Splatter Matters*, *Spice Trader*, *Teasing Tiger* and *Hearts on Fire*.

So a lot of things have changed in the 25 years since we have been selling irises--some good and some not so good. Too bad we couldn't stay as young as we were "back then". My Dad left us when he was 93 but he continued to help with the irises almost to the end. My Mom is now 91 and we are in our 60's. We no longer print a catalog as John spends a good deal of time doing our website. Funny, sometimes I need to refer to one of those catalogs myself and I don't have one. That was his decision since it took a lot of time and it was expensive. We live in a digital age now so it makes more sense to do a website and be able to easily include the many photos of the irises. It also saves paper.

I have orders to cut back on the "numbers" (of varieties!) which has to be one of the hardest jobs in the world, but I keep trying. We still have the two greenhouses full of potted irises. Now it's becoming a time crunch not to mention a back crunch too! I may have to stop potting one of these days. Keeping track of 2000+ pots along with the other chores takes way too much time. So what's the future look like--well, I'm trying out some peonies which seem to like growing and blooming in our valley--gets cold enough here. And peonies are fabulous flowers and of course, there are plenty of varieties! Hopefully, not as much work as irises because John doesn't plan on digging them up every year like the irises. Hmm...

Some garden facts:

1. Location is 9087 Steele Canyon Rd. Napa Ca. 14 miles NE of the city of Napa.

Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10-5, April 17th-May 10th.

2. Iris beds—about 26, size 7'x72'. Are replanted each year, hopefully. Beds are rotated and amended. 7' grass aisles between beds.

3. Climate zone 7 according to the Sunset Western Garden book. We have hot summers and pronounced winters. Great for irises and peonies!

4. Our website is www.Napairis.com. Lots of photos and information. See <http://www.napairis.com/intro.html>

5. Added thought: We intend to cut back!!!

**Editor's note: Lesley's "*Under the Boardwalk*" TB tied with "*Opposites*" for the 2014 Clara B. Rees Cup



Vibrato (Lesley Painter 2015) photo: Lesley & John Painter

From the “Good Old Days” ~ 40 Years Ago

excerpted by Riley Probst

The following article is composed of information and quotes excerpted by me, Riley Probst, from the Fall 1974 Region 14 Bulletin (Volume 18 Number 3) originally edited by Olive Rice. No changes were made from the original context. [My comments are in italics, in square brackets].

Region 14 Regional Vice President, Joe Ghio, states “More and more clubs are having fall beardless sales. The fall regional will also feature a sale of beardless iris. Perhaps a club will have a late show next year to showcase these beauties.

The Popularity Poll (Symposium) results for the region:”

1	Shipshape	Babson	1969
2	New Moon	Sexton	1968
3	Kilt Lilt	Gibson	1970
4	Babbling Brook	Keppel	1966
5	Dusky Dancer	Luihn	1967

“Over 100 ballots were counted with the deadline extended to September 1. Madeline Gonzales and Dorothy Butler won the 1974 introductions offered in a drawing of on-time ballots. We will continue this popular feature next year.”

[Comparison- In 2014 there were 38 votes turned in.]

“Looking ahead to the future. The Fall Regional in Modesto promises to have several activities to suit a variety of tastes”. The registration fee is \$4.00. “I urge you to attend. By early 1975, I hope to have a steering committee looking into the possibility of holding an AIS National Convention in our region.

[In the fall of 1974 there was an affiliate known as The Central Valley Iris Society. Membership dwindled to a few so the club disbanded.]

Our local clubs are the glue that holds the region together. I’m delighted to announce that the Sonoma County irisarians are meeting again in Santa Rosa. We hope to have a club established within the next year in the San Mateo area. If interested please



New Moon (Sexton 1968)

photo: Gesine Lohr, at Schreiner's Iris Gardens

contact Elsie Mae Nicholson.

Through the year, I have been sending a RVP newsletter to club presidents to keep members abreast of what’s happening.

A look at the 1974 awards list shows well the prominence irises created in our region have obtained. Great congratulations to Sanford Babson on winning the 1974 Dykes Medal with Shipshape. A small example shows the great acceptance of Region 14 creations; Just among this year’s TB AM’s 1/3 were created here and nearly 1/3 (31%) of the TB HM’s were by Region 14 hybridizers; this total easily surpasses the long-time leader, Region 13. The center of the iris world has once more anchored itself here!”

Excerpted from the Minutes of the Spring 1974 Meeting:

Membership Chairman Elsie Mae Nicholson reported that AIS records give our region 362 members as of April 1, 1974.

[In Fall, 2014 Region 14 had 510 members.]

Ben Hager reported that iris in the Regional Test Garden would be blooming soon and that Stockton-area judges would judge the entries.

The invitation from Mt. Diablo Iris Society for the Region to meet there in Spring 1976 was again extended by Glenn Corlew.

Total Funds balance as of 8-31-1974 were \$4196.49, Iris Irene Nelson, Treasurer Region 14.

[Comments: It seems that 362 Regional members were getting more done with less money and fewer judges than 510 Regional members are doing with more judges and a lot more money now!] ♪

Nominations & Suggestions Needed!

Elections of RVP and ARVP (assistant RVP) are coming up. If you know someone who you think will make an excellent RVP or ARVP, then send your nomination to Ms. Jeanne Clay-Plank, Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Any other position such as Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Advisor, Scientific Advisor, Regional Editor, Membership Secretary, Scholarship Secretary and so many other positions, please send your suggestions to RVP John Pesek.



Babbling Brook (Keppel 1966)



Kilt Lilt (Gibson 1970) photos: Gesine Lohr

Reblooming Iris in Region 14

~ photos and notes by Riley Probst, at Fleur De Lis Garden



Juicy Fruit (Byers 1989) TB-RE blooming today December 31, 2014 in Fleur De Lis Garden in Modesto, CA Zone 9. This is the 37th day of rebloom since it started reblooming on Nov. 14. We have still not had a freeze yet here; latest ever! However, as I write this the temp is 36F at 9PM with a freeze forecasted for tomorrow morning. I covered about 30 stalks that have not opened yet with socks, I hope it saves them.



Struck Twice (Lauer 2009) TB-RE blooming December 14, 2014 in Fleur De Lis Garden. This is the latest we have gone without a freeze since I started keeping records here in 2006. What is really strange is the coldest low temperature in the 10 day forecast is 42F. We are getting lots of rain now, so we may have more rebloomers.



above: **Zee** (D. Spoon 2004) rebloomed on 12/5/2014

HAPPY WINTER to all rebloom enthusiasts!

Visit the Facebook page of the Reblooming Iris Society, Riley Probst, President, and others post many fine photos ~

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144961258880171/>

and see their website

<http://www.rebloomingiris.com/>



left: **Priscilla of Corinth** (B. Miller 1994) Merry Christmas! blooming today 12/31 at Fleur De Lis Garden. This is the 32nd day of rebloom for this iris this year. Still no freezes and the 10 day forecast only goes down to 34F.

below left: **Cornhusker** (T. Stanek 2005) reblooming February 28th, 2015.

below: **Platinum** (M. Byers 1994) reblooming on 12-24

below at bottom: **Sugar Blues** (L. Zurbrigg 1985), a new historic, reblooming on 12-10.



right: **Sign of Virgo** (L. Zurbrigg 1991)
reblooming on 12-5-2014
below: **Red Revival** (F. Preston 1977),
reblooming 12-7-2014.



Blooming now in Region 14



left: Blooming today, February 28th:

Blue Splatter (Rudkin 2009). Last bloomed in April 2014 - is this rebloom or just getting an early start this year? We've never had a Louisiana iris bloom in February before.. *photo: Jean Richter*

below: Our first iris of 2015 bloomed yesterday February 27th - **Zwanenburg** (Denis 1912). Often the first to bloom, though not usually as early as February. Stalk was taller than usual also - this is a pretty short iris (aril-median). *photo: Jean Richter*



Coarsegold Elementary School ~ AIS Youth Iris Garden

~ photos: Carolyn Hoover, President, Yosemite Iris Society

right: Two third grade students in Mrs. Porter's class who won the weekly iris drawing in February 2015 at Coarsegold Elementary School.

far right: Guy Hoover assisting at the CIP Iris "Storybook Iris" Garden at Coarsegold School

below: 4th grade student with her Iris she won at the Weekly Iris giveaway drawing.



Youth Views, Spring 2015

~ Lorraine Nicholson, Youth Advisor

As of now all members are paid thru June 2015. We have added at least one new member who we welcome to our region. We ask that all societies that have iris shows put out a sign welcoming new youth members. There is no cost to the youth or parent. The information needed is Name, Birthdate (including year), mailing address. We will do the rest, so that that youth will start getting info from our parent AIS and iris news and gifts from our region also. It is a great opportunity for the youth and a bonus for the society. A society can contact me for more information on how to do this.

We also would like to see more CIP or Classroom Iris Projects in our region, another boon for youth and for the society. No cost to society or youth.

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT 01-01-14 THROUGH 12-31-14

~ Helen Franklin, Treasurer

	BUDGETED 2014	Funds At 12/31/2013	Funds At 12/31/2014
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		13,331.75	12441.31
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		23,705.02	24156.72
TOTAL ASSETS		37,036.77	36598.03
 EXPENSES BY ITEM:			
Bulletin- Publishing	200		22
" Editor Expense	50		
RVP Allowance	2500		1582
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	0		125
" Beardless Purchases	425		19
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100		227
" Sales Taxes	240		180
Judges' Training 2014	1000		279
Science Committee	500		
Awards and Trophies	650		
Honorary Awards	300		
Office/Legal	300		205
Historian	100		
Scholarship	575		1000
additional	250		
Science	0		
Youth Committee	1000		927
Membership	50		
Internet Services	110		99
S.F. Flower Show-	600		350
Donation-	200		
Start-up Funds	500		
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>9650</u>		<u>5015</u>

REVENUES BY ITEM:

Bulletin Advertising	300	
Donations from Societies *	2400	396
Donation for Scholarship		275
Interest	200	451
Judges' Training	500	
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400	303
Finance, Spring Regional	1000	1634
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1000	411
Finance, Fall Regional	900	1472
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	400	
Subtotal		
Use of Reserve Funds		
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>7100</u>	<u>4942</u>
Total Expenses	-9,650.00	-5015
Less total Revenues	7,100.00	4942
Excess expose/revenues	-2,550.00	-73



Duo Dandy
(B. Hager 1999)

reblooming
on 12-7-2014
at Fleur de Lis
gardens
photo: Riley Probst

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above: **Plum Wine** (Weiler 1986 SDB) reblooming on 12-24-14, *photo*: Riley Probst

Wanted!

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

This is YOUR bulletin!

AIS Membership Campaign

You have an opportunity to win prizes and help the AIS grow. You or your group can win the new member contest this coming year. The contest period is from the convention to the month before the next convention. Submit the list of names of your new members to the Public Relations and Marketing Committee <AISpublicrelationsmktg@irises.org> by April 15, 2015.

It is easier than ever to get those new members. You can point out the \$25 voucher they will receive when joining. Many clubs throw in extra irises for new members at their sales. Sales and shows are great opportunities to find new members. Sign them up then and there. You can find out all about this new marketing program on the AIS website www.irises.org in the "News" section.

Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Clara B. Rees Iris Society is ready for spring, especially after getting a weather preview in February with a couple of days in the 80's here in Fremont. The theme for our Spring Show has been set. It will be "Simply IRISistible!" It will be held at Westgate Mall in San Jose on April 25th and 26th. Doors open both days at 10:00 am.

We have had excellent programs presented by our Vice President Lynn Stuart. Some topics have been: composting, beardless irises, unusual lesser known and grown beardless iris species, and keeping gardening tools clean, bright and ready for use.

Everyone looks forward to receiving our monthly newsletter from editor Mikey Lango. It is CBRIS's best way to keep informed. I like the graphics and placement of the articles.

We are proud of Carolyn and Wayne Craft who for the past several years have been in charge of the AIS booth at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show. They bring irises, catalogues and membership information from the affiliates along with arranging the schedule of Region 14 members who staff the booth. The show is from March 18th through 22nd from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the San Mateo County Event Center in San Mateo.

Our members are looking forward to attending and seeing friends at the Spring Regional in April.

~ Barbara Pesek – President

Fresno Iris Society

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The Fresno Iris Society started off 2015 with a post holiday party. It was a great time for everyone. Members enjoyed over-eating and stealing gifts from each other.

FIS will have a meeting on March 2 at our usual place the Fresno Hampton Inn at 7 pm. Laverne Cottet, VP, will be sharing her knowledge of Floral

Design so that we will all win Blue Ribbons for our designs when we enter them in the show.

Our members are looking forward to participating in our local Home and Garden Show March 6-8 at the Fresno District Fair Grounds. We will educate the public on planting and maintaining irises: also, we will have for sale a wide variety of potted irises. We hope to welcome some new members.

Our show is scheduled for April 11, 2015 at the Sierra Vista Mall. Our theme is to be "The Garden Path".

Our April 6 meeting will feature Don Fennell demonstrating "Show Preparation" so everyone who enters the show will be on their "A game". Entries are open to the public and will be accepted from 7am to 9:30am. FIS will furnish the containers. For more information regarding the show please contact Chris Andersen 559-631-0691 christina_anderson@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there.

The May meeting to be held on the 4th will be a question and answer discussion. The theme "I have an iris, NOW WHAT?!" We promise a lot of fun. Come join us and see.

DON'T MISS THIS! FIS has a special guest speaker coming to the meeting on NOV 3, 2015.

Steve Schreiner of the Schreiner Family Iris Garden will be with us. We are letting affiliates know early so you can plan ahead: Please join us! RSVP to President Janet Smith if you can attend. We need to make sure we have plenty of seating. *photo: 2014 FIS Show*



High Desert Iris Society

James M. Gibson Iris Society

Other than our monthly meetings, the JMGIS has two big events coming up in the next few months.

Affiliate Happenings

As a matter of fact, they are both in April about a week apart.

The first will be an iris show held at the Region 14 Spring Meeting at Bass Lake. Even though the Yosemite Iris Society is hosting the Regional, the JMGIS will be handling the iris exhibition on Friday evening, April 17th. Entries will be accepted after 4PM. Judging will begin at 6PM. Please bring your named variety cultivars and seedlings to enter in the iris show. The person entering the iris selected as Best In Show will receive a \$50 prize from Yosemite Iris Society as Region 14 has no Best In Show Trophy.

Our club's second big event will be the following weekend. The seventeenth annual Porterville Iris Festival will be on Saturday April 25, 2015. This event is a street festival that extends several blocks along Main Street with all kinds of different booths. One of those booths will be manned by JMGIS members selling potted irises. Last year we took about 250 potted irises and sold out in a matter of hours. This year we are bringing about 400 potted irises. The iris has been Porterville's official flower since 1963. We hope for a sunny beautiful day.

Also, please don't forget the James M. Gibson Iris Society will be hosting the Region 14 Fall meeting on October 16th and 17th. It is scheduled for the Holiday Inn in Visalia, less than ¼ mile off highway 99. We hope you all come. **We are attempting to put together a reblooming full show.** We are also working on getting permission to plant October blooming irises on the hotel grounds

~ Riley Probst, President

Las Vegas Iris Society

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Members of the Leo T. Clark Iris Society have been busy planning their 2015 activities. January brought a new slate of officers and we welcome Kathy Hutchinson and Carol Cullen as Co-Presidents, Deb Rojas as Vice President, Laura McCollum as Secretary and Mary McCune as our Treasurer. We met and set tentative dates for the programs and activities of the season. Starting off with monthly meetings, and engaging speakers from Butte County Master Gardeners and other local gardening clubs, the Club has arranged

for one of our own members, Juliet Barton, to speak to us at our March meeting on the subject of Historic Iris. Juliet has many historic irises in her personal garden and has much information to share with the Club members.

Our February meeting brought us two new members and we welcome Sylvia Guzman and Marcie Angel to our group.

We are busy planning for our Spring Iris Show to be held April 25 and 26 at the Chico Mall. Judges are confirmed and the Mall has been secured. Several of our members have volunteered for strategic committees. Progress! Now if the weather would only cooperate!

In May we will be touring the Annand Garden and Rob Marshall's gardens in Forest Ranch and then enjoying a picnic pot luck. The tour of the Annand Garden has been an annual treat and we thank Irene Annand for continuing to invite the Club to her home and garden. Rob has been one of those people who are the backbone of our club, offering assistance when needed and ever so generous with his knowledge and sharing of his iris. We are grateful to have these people as members of our club.

~ Carol Cullen and Kathy Hutchinson, Co-Presidents

Monterey Bay Iris Society

Monterey Bay Iris Society meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Native Sons of the Golden West Hall located at 239 High Street (about 2 blocks off the freeway). The meeting starts at 7:30 and doors open at 7:00.

Our January bean feed was spectacular, our February lasagna feed was out of this world but our March corned beef feed tops everything. Anyone that has had Brenda Wood's corned beef knows how tender and flavorful it is. The date is March 20th. Brenda says come hungry.

April 20 will be our mini show. Joe will be on hand to teach anyone who needs help how to prepare a stalk for show, such as cut, transport, stage clean, and get the iris ready to be judged. Lots of good tips will be shared. Joe has been doing this longer than anyone we know, so he will be a good teacher.

The show will be April 25th and 26th at the Loudon Art Center at 301 Center Street in Santa Cruz.

Affiliate Happenings

Doors open at 1pm and close at 6 pm. Bring your flowers on Friday night or at 7 Saturday morning.

In May we will have a program, the topic is undecided at this time.

~ Barbara Hansen, President

Mount Diablo Iris Society

The Mount Diablo Iris Society 2015 Show will be held at the Alden Lane Nursery at 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550

Entrants will be able to prepare their specimens from 7-9AM on Saturday morning.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday, April 11th, 1 to 5 pm & Sunday, April 12th, 9 am to 4 pm.

A planned feature this year is an Iris Lecture on Saturday, April 11th at 2 p.m. There will also be a pot sale with dozens of varieties on hand -- many are rebloomers.

As always we meet every second Friday of the month with exception of July when we have our annual picnic and auction and in August when we have our public sale in beautiful downtown and on the water city of Benicia.

~ Stan Morgan, President

Sacramento Iris Society

After a great holiday potluck, with games and prizes, we entered the new year with a new Board. Phyllis Wilburn is the new President, and Alison Willy is the new 1st VP/Show Chair. The other Board members stayed the same: Stan Logan, 2nd VP; Mary Ann Horton, Treasurer; Valerie Wheeler, Secretary. Directors include Bill Fink, Past President, Peggy Ruud, Russ Shields, and Betty Schmidt.

We had our first meeting of the year, and planned activities for the first part of the year, including our Show theme, 'A World of Iris', and the Spring Sale at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center where we will sell potted iris on March 21-22. Alison Willy is the 'keeper of the pots' as we call her, and Stan Logan will chair the sale. The Garden Center sponsors these public sale events twice a year, which gives us a great opportunity to spread the word about irises, and put some money into the coffers at the same time. We will also be selling potted iris at our spring show.

We had a great program given by member Nicolai Laquaglia about 'Growing the Soil', and sustainable gardening. It was an inspiration, and we all wanted to go out immediately and compost, mulch, and improve the soil. We are all looking forward to spring garden tours, including Ruth Ostroff's private garden, Mary Ann Horton's commercial garden, Fran and Russ Shields' commercial garden, and Phyllis Wilburn's private garden. Any Region 14 members who would like to join us on any of these garden visits should contact Phyllis Wilburn (abirder@aol.com) for dates and directions. Enjoying our own gardens in the Spring is important, but visiting other gardens to expand our exposure to other iris types and varieties is important as well. We are looking forward to a lovely iris bloom season!

~ Phyllis Wilburn, President/Editor

below: Iris garden at home, photo: Phyllis Wilburn



San Joaquin Iris Society

Santa Rosa Iris Society

The Santa Rosa Iris Society will hold its annual spring iris show on April 25-26, chaired this year by Jeff Davis. The theme will be "Irises on Safari". Society members and accomplished arrangers Jean Sharp and Anna Cadd will decorate the show with floral creations showcasing irises and utilizing African props. Members are growing approximately 745 pots of irises to sell at the show for \$7 each.

A new, improved irrigation system is being installed at the Society's Display Garden, located at the Luther Burbank and Garden Center in Santa Rosa where the Society holds its meetings, under the direction of Jim Begley, Jeff Davis, and Display Garden

Affiliate Happenings

Chairman Jean Sharp. Hopefully the garden will be in full bloom for the visiting public to enjoy during our show.

New officers of the club for 2015 were installed at the November holiday potluck/ "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" costume party. They are: President Alleah Haley, Past President Anna Marie Hermansen, Vice President Rudy Ciuca, Secretary Jeff Davis, Treasurer Joe Lawrence, and Directors Jim Begley, Marlene Freetly, and Kathy McCallum.

Winners at the Iris Name costume party included Anna Cadd for Best Impersonation for a bunch of candy bars attached to a copy of Life magazine for TB 'Life Behind Bars' (Doug Kanarowski 2011). Cheryl Bryan won the Master Perplexer award wearing a cape of white fabric with Hershey's Kisses® glued on for TB 'Covered in Kisses' (Paul Black 2010). Only one person guessed Cheryl's iris name. Rudy Ciuca won a prize for the most correct guesses (10 of 20).

On January 24, 2015 the Society celebrated its 40th anniversary at The Palms Grill restaurant in Petaluma. Twenty-seven members and six guests attended and wore nametags listing the year they joined. They enjoyed delicious dinner choices, courtesy of the society's coffers, in a private dining room. Historian Anna Cadd displayed historical scrapbooks and gave a PowerPoint program. Highlights were the attendance of longtime members 99-year-old Ginny Howard, who was pruning in her yard when her ride arrived to bring her, and Gen Mattos, who's moved out of the area and can't make meetings often.

~ Alleah Haley, President

Shasta Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sierra Foothills had their first meeting of the year on January 27th 2015. Our officers this year remained the same as last year with Yarda Hansen as our leader and President. We jumped right into business with the planning of the show and sale.

Our show this year will be held on May 2nd and May 3rd in the Rose Room at the Auburn Civic Center in Auburn. Following the judging of our show we are hoping to have a judges' training session at Horton's Iris Garden in Loomis. Please check the

Region 14 website under judges training for time and further information. All are invited to attend!!!! This is a great opportunity to get that much needed garden training.

The second item of our agenda was the annual sale. Cindy Eastman is in charge of our 2 day sale that is held at Eisley's Nursery in Auburn. The dates for our sale this year will be July 25th and July 26th. This event is the biggest of our fund raising activities for the year. We do have a sale of potted iris at our show also.

Our Society is looking forward to a growth year not only in iris, but in future members.

~ Submitted by Kathy Braaten

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

After having a fun and successful potluck and judges' training in January, we're now looking forward farther into 2015. Our March meeting, at 7:30 p.m. on March 27, will feature a presentation by myself on the iris of Lloyd Austin (a slightly expanded version of the

below: Shirley Trio-Probst at our potluck photo: Lohr



Affiliate Happenings

short program I'll be giving at the Novelty Iris Society meeting at the AIS convention in May).

Our show will be held April 25-26, and is open to the public from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday the 25th and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday the 26th. If you'd like to display iris in the show, entries are accepted from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. on the 25th.

In addition to displays of a wide variety of different types of iris, we also have potted iris for sale. Our show and meetings are held at the Oakland Garden Center near Lake Merritt in Oakland (666 Bellevue Avenue). We hope you can come and join in on the fun!

~ Jean Richter, President

Westbay Iris Society

We do not have much to report; we have only one, maybe two formal meetings a year, and do not have a show. This summer there will be a picnic that we look forward to having. We will have an iris auction in the summer.

~ Carol Skarda, President

Yosemite Iris Society

Spring Regional 2015 - We remain busy planning our hosting the 2015 "A Walk in the Pines" Spring Regional to be held on April 17, 18 and 19! We are very fortunate to have Jim Hedgecock, of Comanche Acres Iris Garden, Missouri as our guest speaker at the Spring Regional this year!! We will also be offering three garden bus tours at the 2015 Spring Regional with approximately 200 irises planted in each garden. Many thanks for all the hard work and care of our guest irises at (1) Creek Ranch Iris Garden (Carolyn & Guy Hoover), (2) Hillside Irises (Bill Tyson) of Coarsegold and (3) Dan Cereghino's Madera Knolls Iris garden in Madera, CA.

Many thanks go out to Riley Probst for making labels for each iris in guest gardens. Also, for Shirley Trio-Probst, as coordinator for the guest irises, who continues to look over and visit the gardens to be sure they are getting what they need for a beautiful bloom this spring! The Probst's experience in hosting Regionals and Nationals has provided YIS with great knowledge we needed to host a wonderful Regional. Register today!!

March-John Pesek, RVP Region 14 will be visiting our guest gardens on March 6th and attending

our general March YIS meeting. Also, a new member of YIS, Gary Collings, has assisted in February and March with the Hoover guest garden by putting the labels on each stake and placing them in the guest garden and weeding as needed. Thanks Gary!!

April- We are planning to have our third annual Iris Show on Friday, April 17, 2015 at The Pine's Resort, Bass Lake, CA. Judging begins at 6 PM sharp! Many thanks to Jim Gibson Iris Society's Helen Franklin, Riley, Shirley and other members who will be assisting YIS with hosting this show during the 2015 Spring Regional!! Bring your irises with you to the Regional!

May-Six members of YIS will be attending the AIS National in Portland in May! Riley Probst, Shirley Trio-Probst, Guy and Carolyn Hoover and Gary and Gail Collings can't wait to go! We hope to see you there! This will be the first Nationals that the Hoover's and Colling's have ever attended so we are very excited! YIS will also begin fundraising the one gallon potted irises each Wednesday beginning in May at the Farmer's Market. We found out that our sales are better when the irises are blooming in the pot and we also bring cut irises and display in vases for the public. YIS will have a potluck at home of Guy and Carolyn Hoover for our May 2nd general YIS meeting. We will giving out Show awards and there is always lots of good food and fellowship!

Carolyn Hoover continues to be the CIP (Classroom Iris Project) Leader going to 3 classrooms this year (3rd, 4th and 5th grades) at Coarsegold Elementary School presenting iris education programs and recruiting more students to join AIS as youth members. Look for our article and photos under Youth Programs-Region 14 in this bulletin.

~ Carolyn Hoover, President



above: Gary and Gail Collings photo: C. Hoover

2015 Spring Iris Shows in Region 14

Region 14 Spring Meeting	April 17, 18 & 19, 2015
Clara B. Rees Iris Society	April 25 & 26, 2015
Fresno Iris Society	April 11, 2015
High Desert Iris Society	May 16 & 17 2015
James Gibson Iris Society	April 17, 2015
Las Vegas Iris Society	April 18 & 19, 2015
Leo T. Clark Iris Society	April 25 & 26, 2015
Monterey Bay Iris Society	April 25 & 26, 2015
Mount Diablo Iris Society	April 11 & 12, 2015
Sacramento Iris Society	April 18 & 19, 2015
San Joaquin Iris Society	none scheduled
Santa Rosa Iris Society	April 25 & 26, 2015
Shasta Iris Society	April 25 & 26, 2015
Sierra Foothills Iris Society	May 2 & 3, 2015
Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society	April 25 & 26, 2015
West Bay Iris Society	none scheduled
Yosemite Iris Society	April 18, 2015 w/ Region 14 Spring Regional

Judges' Training

By Phyllis Wilburn, ARVP /Judges Training Chair

Hi All Region 14 Officers, Committee Chairs, Affiliate Presidents, Show Chairs, Judges, Students and Apprentices:

Spring is coming and the Iris Shows approaching fast. All the shows have been scheduled and the Show Chairs are busy getting judges. Please pass on this information to your Show Chairs. If they are having any difficulty finding judges for your show, please contact me. Also, please let me know who your judges will be, so I may make recommendations to those who contact me about getting judges.

I wanted to remind you that we have many Students and Apprentice Judges who will be seeking training during this Spring. The Students and Apprentices will be trying to fulfill their requirements for one-on-one training both in the Garden and on the Show Bench. Each show team may have only one Apprentice Judge receiving training during the show judging. Students, on the other hand, receive one hour of one-on-one training in show bench training, and this may be done after the official judging, so there is no limit to the number of students who may receive training, but it must be on a one-on-one basis. Show Chairs should be asked to approve that training be done at their show, and advance approval from me is also required.

Garden training is the most difficult to get for Students and Apprentices. This is why I encourage you to plan to have garden training in conjunction with your show, or at a club outing. If there is a garden near your show venue, you can ask in advance for one of your show judges or another judge to give a group garden training after the show judging. This has been done very successfully at Sierra Foothills Iris Society for several years. Of course, this must be arranged in advance and approved by me.

If you are a Student or Apprentice Judge, now is the time to plan for your Spring Training. One-on-One garden training is often arranged to take place at the Spring Regional gardens. If you have any questions about finding a judge to do this training, please contact me. This training must be arranged in advance and approved by me.

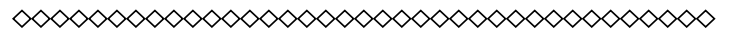
I encourage all judges to be receptive to helping Students and Apprentices fulfill their training requirements. It is amazing how much we learn ourselves, while giving training to others.

The list of judges is available on the Region 14 Web Site (www.AISregion14.org), under Events/Judges' Training. There have been a few changes in phone numbers since the Fall Regional, so you may want to print a current copy from the web site before you start calling judges. I will also post any upcoming group training on the site.

Happy Gardening.

Phyllis Wilburn, Region 14 JT Chair

Phone: 530-642-9942



San Francisco Flower & Garden Show ~ March 18 - 22

The AIS will have a booth in the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show held in San Mateo from Wednesday March 18 through Sunday March 22.

If you would like to work a three hour shift in the booth you may attend free for the entire day. You can go on-line and get the schedule of seminars, lessons and hands on activities and try to schedule your shift accordingly. It is a lot of fun seeing all the displays, shopping for plants and garden items and attending a seminar. We could use your help.

We have an opening for two people to work Friday from 1 pm to 4 pm and another two people to work from 4 pm to 7 pm, closing. We also have an opening for two people to work Saturday from 4 pm to 7 pm.

If you would like to help, please contact Carolyn Craft at 408 266-0945 or e-mail theladygardens@aol.com

<http://sfgardenshow.com/>

2015 Spring Regional Notes ~ April 17 - 19

Guest Speaker ~ Noted hybridizer
Jim Hedgecock

I have been in business 35 years this spring. I have been selling and hybridizing irises for the entire 35 years. I have introduced over 300 irises to commerce and many more for several other hybridizers. I have introductions of tall bearded, border bearded, standard dwarf bearded, Louisianas, aril medians, and spurias. I was raised around irises. My mother and great aunt always had irises and I loved them. We have a picture of me standing in an iris bed when I was 2 years old. Another interesting fact about is that we have traced our coat of arms to England. There is a fleur de lis in one quadrant of our coat of arms.

In 1979 the Army corps of engineers was going to build a large lake near our farm. They tore down a large number of homes. I knew there were lots of irises still left around these homes. My wife, kids, and I went over and dug up a large number to set out on the farm. The next year, from random digging, over 50 colors of irises bloomed. I then wondered how irises were bred. I ordered the World Of Irises from AIS. I was hooked. I went along for about 5 years and the editor of Flower and Garden magazine told me that Gilbert Wilds and Sons in Missouri was wanting to sell their iris division. We bought that division and moved 200,000 plants to Gower the following summer. Wilds was the 3rd largest supplier of irises at that time. For about 10 years, we also held that position. In those years, we shipped over 500,000 plants to wholesale buyers. By the mid 90's we were starting to grow more varieties with less volumes of each. We dropped the huge wholesale sales and concentrated more on hybridizing and selling our intros.

We are now growing about 12 acres of irises, but we are going to cut that back to about 6 to 8 acres in the next couple of years. We are concentrating on growing and introducing more seedlings. I was growing and introducing space age irises when it was still considered the wrong direction to go. Several prominent hybridizers gave me heck for pursuing that course. I have always been extremely interested in black irises. I have introduced several space age black irises. My next goal was to introduce a black iris with flounces. I am almost there. I will introduce a

black border bearded iris next year with large spoons. I have also wanted to hybridize a black plicata with flounces or spoons. I have bloomed one with spoons, but have not decided if it is good enough to claim that title. I have also been a torch carrier for spuria irises. I am President of that society at present. I am a Judge Emeritus in AIS and have been a judge for nearly 30 years.

Finally, we are one of only a handful of growers that make our entire living from the sales of irises. With that thought in mind, it is safe to say, we eat, sleep, and breathe irises 365 days a year. I never get tired of irises and I never met an iris that I did not admire.

Jim Hedgecock

Comanche Acres Iris Gardens

12421 SE St Rt 116

Gower, MO 64454

Website: www.comancheacresiris.com

<http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/2012/04/my-favorite-irises-jim-hedgecock-tries.html>

mentions some of Jim's favorite irises

<http://www.spuriairis.com/>

Spuria Iris Society



Backlit (Hedgecock 2010)

photo: *Spuria Iris Society website*



“A Walk in the Pines”

2015 Spring Regional **UPDATED info is in red**



Schedule of Activities



**Note updated times: updating per Feb 20 version sent to club presidents
Friday, April 17, 2015**

4:00 -9:00 PM	Check-In in Lobby of - The Pines Resort, Bass Lake
4:00- 5:45 PM	Iris Show Registration - Cedar Room A- Pines Resort
6:00 -7:00 PM	Iris Show Judged - Cedar Room. A
4:00-10:00PM	Silent Auction Viewing-Lakeview Room-Pines Resort
7:00- 9:00 PM	General Welcome, General Meeting- Lakeview Room. Coffee, tea

Saturday, April 18, 2015

6:30- 7:45 AM	Breakfast available on your own at Ducey's Restaurant, Pines Resort
7:45- 8:00 AM	Registration Lobby
7:45- 8:00 AM	Load tour bus in front of Pines Resort lobby- Bus leaves 8 AM!!
8:45- 10:45 AM	Dan & Karen Cereghino's Madera Knolls - Load bus @10:45 AM .
11:15- 1:15 PM	Guy & Carolyn Hoover's Creek Ranch -- Lunch. Load bus 1:15 PM .
1:30- 3:30 PM	Bill Tyson's Hillside Iris - - Load bus @ 3:30 PM for hotel.
5:00- 6:30 PM	No Host Bar - Lakeview Room - The Pines
6:30- 7:30 PM	Banquet Dinner Served - Lakeview Room
7:30- 9:00 PM	Award Winners Announced and Guest Speaker-Lakeview Rm.
9:00- 9:30 PM	Silent Auction Final Bid Opportunities and Raffle closed
9:30- 10:00 PM	Silent Auction Closed, payments received, items obtained

Sunday, April 19, 2015

6:30- 9:00AM	Check out / Breakfast on your own- Ducey's will be open
10AM-12:00PM	Judges' Training-Hoover Garden -45812 Old Corral Rd- Coarsegold



The American Iris Society-Region 14



**2015 Spring Regional
April 17th, 18th, 19th**

“A Walk in the Pines”

Hosted by Yosemite Iris Society *UPDATED info is in red*

The Pines Resort & Conference Center- 54432 N. Shore Rd, Bass Lake, CA



Guest Speaker - **Jim Hedgecock**



3 Guest Gardens



Judges Training

Italian Dinner Buffet

Caesar Salad

Meatballs and Italian Sausage w/ Marinara

Penne Pasta Alfredo

Chicken Parmesan

Mixed Vegetables

Fresh Garlic Bread Sticks

Dessert

NO HOST BAR in the Pine’s Banquet Room

For Reservations

1 King Bed Room-\$109*Plus 11% Tax

2 Queen Beds-\$119*Plus 11% Tax

2 Queen-Lakeview Room-\$119*Plus 11% Tax

Deluxe Suite Room-\$149*Plus 11% Tax

Spa Deluxe Suite Room-\$159*

Contact: Diane Brown, The Pines Resort Group Reservationist

(559) 692-8844 extension 444 (til 4 pm) or (559) 642-3121

ASK FOR THE GROUP RATES FOR THE YOSEMITE IRIS SOCIETY

Group Rates and Rooms will be available until APRIL 1

Handicapped and Pet Friendly Rooms are Available

11% tax will be added to all room rates

Note -- Note also that you'll need to leave a one-night deposit on your card when you make the reservation, and the balance will be due when you check in (not when you check out).



Registration Region 14 2015 Spring Regional

UPDATED info is in red

**"A Walk in the Pines"
April 17th, 18th, 19th**



Registrant 1: _____
First name
Last name

Registrant 2: _____
First name
Last name

Address: _____

Email _____ phone # _____

Iris Society Affiliation: _____

*Are you planning to bring Irises to the Show on Friday, April 17th Yes _____ No _____

updated March 4: 4 PM bring irises. Show will be judged at 6 PM

*Are you planning to attend the Judges' Training on Sunday, April 19th? Yes _____ No _____

Full Registration fee Includes: Bus Transportation to 3 Guest Gardens, Lunch & Dinner Banquet w/ Speaker on Saturday & on Sunday - Garden Judges' Training Session 2 hours.

Payment Options: *Note updated options: updating per Feb 20 version sent to club presidents:*

Full Registration fees paid by: March 25, 2015
\$ 95 x person(s) _____
Total enclosed: \$ _____

Full Registration fees paid after: March 25, 2015
\$115 x person(s) _____
Total enclosed: \$ _____

Partial Registration for ONLY the Dinner/w Speaker, Saturday
\$50 per person =
Total enclosed: \$ _____

Partial Registration -Sat. Luncheon and Garden bus tours ONLY (NO Dinner)
\$55 per person =
Total enclosed: \$ _____

Any questions regarding Registration or fees contact Bill Tyson-YIS Registrar (559) 658-7987

Please make checks payable to: Yosemite Iris Society
 Mail to: Bill Tyson, 43315 Ranger Circle Dr., Coarsegold, CA
 93614
 email: billtyson@sti.net

2015 Spring Regional ~ Guest Gardens

Guy Hoover and Gary Collings, members of YIS putting name tags in Hoover Creek Ranch Guest Garden.
Photo: Carolyn Hoover

Three views Hoover Creek Ranch Guest Garden.
Photos: Shirley Trio-Probst





Dan Cereghino, member of YIS
at Hoover Guest Garden in
February 2015
photo: Carolyn Hoover



below:
Dan and Karen Cereghino Master
garden Planting



2015 Spring Regional Notes ~ April 17 - 19

Guest Speaker ~ Noted hybridizer

Jim Hedgecock

The guest speaker will be noted spuria (and other iris) hybridizer Jim Hedgecock; his wife Lemoyne (also a hybridizer) will also be there.

Jim has been a iris hybridizer for over 35 years and is an Emeritus Judge. His irises have won many awards in AIS and in Europe. He speaks all over the country and we are thrilled to have him speak at our 2015 Spring Regional.

Also, Jim will present a Judges' Training in the Garden on Sunday, April 19th!! You don't want to miss it!! Sign up today!!

If you have any questions regarding 2015 Spring Regional please contact me at (559)760-5638 or email guyhandballo@sti.net

Thanks for your support and I will see you at Bass Lake!

~ Carolyn Hoover, President, Yosemite Iris Society

Some of you may remember Jim from the very successful Fall Regional of 2010; Jim spoke on Spuria Irises, which are close to Jim's heart as he is currently the President of the Spuria Iris Society. Jim is also quite knowledgeable on tall and other bearded and has introduced over 300 irises. In case it gets hot on the JT day, as it many times does, there are plenty of cool oak trees on the Hoover place to cool us down.

~ Shirley Trio-Probst

Spring Regional ~ Time for Baskets!

As you all know the Spring regional is coming up in April. Can't wait, what a beautiful location. We are asking again for those clubs who can to donate a basket for the Region 14 fund raising table. This is fun and they are so appreciated and fun.

Some clubs prefer to have other items instead of baskets -- just let me know so we can have the correct table space.

You can pick a theme or not. There are so many ideas of what a theme could be, cooking, eating, wine and cheese, movie night, beach trip, books with tea service, etc. Let your imaginations go and see what you can come up with. It could simply start with a club member saying I have this nice new never used "whatever" I'd like to donate, From there, others

donate things that go with the original donation. Some societies choose to purchase one nice thing to put in a basket, remember MBIS's beautiful chicken that everyone wanted?

Aside from that, any iris or garden related items you would like to donate for the silent auction would be much appreciated. Again, these can be items you would like to find a new iris home for, items you have made or something new you are re-gifting. We have many talented people among us who have donated beautiful items, birdhouses, paintings, quilted items, and more. Have fun and sure hope to see lots of you there. I'm sure we will have a wonderful time in such a setting.

Please remember to forward this to your society members.

Thanks so much, Carolyn Craft

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Spring Regional ~ Iris Auction!

Big News: There is going to be an Iris Auction this spring during the Saturday banquet. Mark your booklets with what you want (Carolyn Craft says bring your check books). Although time does not permit one of each of the guest irises to be auctioned, the best growers are being watched even now.

There will be a list in your garden bag with the varieties that will be auctioned. There may only be 15 to 20 depending on the time. Jim Hedgecock is going to send some of his irises to Riley and Shirley who will pot them up and Jim will draw numbers for the lucky winners.

~ Shirley Trio-Probst



above: *Violet Music* (C. Mahan 1991) reblooming on 12-22-14 for Riley and Shirley photo: Riley Probst

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Emembers also have access to online viewing of The Basic Iris Culture Booklet and access to **irisregister.com**, the online database of iris registrations and introductions.

Additional services may be made available in the future.

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The **AIS Basic Culture** booklet is published by the American Iris Society, Third Edition 2011, 48 pages total.

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