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Bellarosella (Begley 2006)

photo: Jim Begley

The RVP's Garden



When this Bulletin arrives, we ought to be enjoying a profusion of daffodils and other bulbous plants, as well as the first irises of the Spring. In fact the Paper Whites have been blooming here for a month. When I was working, I always took huge bouquets of daffodils to the office for others to enjoy. Most folks had never seen anything except yellow trumpet shaped daffodils, and it was

always a pleasure to share the various types with them. I have not tracked the names of the 40 or so varieties of daffodils, in the same way that I have tracked my irises, but most folks did not care what their names were. As we meet with the public to sell rhizomes of potted iris, I am sure you notice that the names may amuse them, but they are more interested in the color and type. We can stress the enjoyment of the various colors and types of iris, and the finer qualities of each, without getting bogged down with too much detail, unless they ask. In the process, if we encourage the public to purchase irises that are good growers and good bloomers, and especially the newer varieties, we will be contributing to the promotion of the genus *Iris*. Who was it who said that 'nothing succeeds like success'? The more success that the public has growing iris, the more iris they will grow. Simple! And perhaps those folks will be your new members when they become enamored with the genus *Iris*. Young or old, this is the one way to infect people with the love of iris.

As January wanes and I am writing this, I am hearing about the State of the Union, the State of the State, and I am thinking about the State of Region 14. I am very optimistic about the State of Region 14. I am happy to say that Jane Jordan has graciously agreed to be our Secretary. I am also happy to say that most of the committee chairs who have done a great job throughout their tenure under John Pesek, have agreed to stay on. My thanks goes out to all of them for their continued service to Region 14. However, we did have a vacancy for the Scholarship Chair, and I am pleased that Peggy Ruud has agreed to take on this committee. Please see the article, with a link for information about applying for the scholarship, later in this Bulletin. Many heartfelt thanks to Terri and Jay Hudson who chaired the Scholarship Committee for more than 15 years. We have also created a new committee called Regional Events Coordinator, with Kathy Braaten as the chair. By setting up this committee, I would like to avoid the break that comes when the 3-year term of the RVP changes.

Since the RVP has a 3-year term limit, it is sometimes left to the next RVP to pick up and plan events in a short time. With a committee that does not have a term limit, the planning can continue from RVP to RVP without a break. This is the goal, and I am encouraged by the progress that Kathy Braaten has made so far in planning for upcoming Region 14 events. I am pleased that Mt. Diablo Iris Society has offered to host the 2016 Fall Regional.

If you have seen the AIS Winter Bulletin 'Iris', you have read that Fred Kerr, a Region 14 Hybridizer, has been awarded the AIS Hybridizer's Medal. He has introduced over 170 irises and is noted by many for his lovely introduction, 'Queen's Circle', which won the Dykes Medal in 2007. 'Queen's Circle' is also one of the favorites, year after year, on the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium. Another favorite is 'Kathy Chilton', which won the Wister Medal in 2012. Congratulations to Fred Kerr, and well deserved it is!

(right: Fred Kerr)



This is the time of year for planning shows and garden visits. Please let the Judges' Training Chair, Alleah Haley, know about your show plans, time, place, and judges selected. This will help her immensely by enabling her to recommend judges to other clubs, and to keep the web site up-to-date.

Speaking of garden visits! I have a traditional one-day 'Open Garden' at my garden, and I would like to invite Region 14 members to come, if you are up to the drive. The date is Sunday, April 24, and the time is 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. I call it traditional because I have held this event every year since 1999 for old friends and iris lovers. In this way, I am sure that I have introduced many people to irises, who would not otherwise have grown them. I have over 800 varieties of iris, and lots of hummingbirds in a rustic foothill setting. If you are interested, please call or email me and I will give you directions and a phone number for negotiating our one-lane road. We are about 40 miles from Sacramento, off Highway 50, and about 7 miles from Placerville.

As I weed in my garden in preparation for Spring, anticipating a beautiful display, I also look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Regional in Milpitas, April 29 - May 1. I hear that the view from Nola's Iris Garden is fantastic, and the irises are glorious. I hope you will be there to join me in the fun! ~ Phyllis Wilburn



Check out
the AIS Blog!

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

Calendar



2016 AIS Convention

East We Go in 2016

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has info on 2016 AIS Convention

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Reservations may be made after June 8, 2015
Please mention you are with the 2016 AIS Convention
Complimentary shuttle to and from airport

Upcoming Regional Events

~ Kathy Braaten, Regional Events Coordinator

We are fast approaching our 2016 Spring Regional event, "Iris on the Hill", at Nola's Iris Garden in San Jose, April 29, 30 and May 1. Steve Schreiner from Schreiner's Iris Gardens will be our guest speaker. Judges' training is planned in the garden on Saturday with Kitty Loberg. On Sunday morning we will have a classroom judges' training session on spurias presented by Anna Cadd. Please see the Region 14 website (AISRegion14.org) for registration form and schedule for this fun filled event. Register by March 1st to be entered in a drawing for a 2016 introduction!

Mt. Diablo Iris Society has offered to host the 2016 Fall Regional event scheduled in October 2016, actual date to be announced. This will be voted on at our Spring meeting.

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

2016 Spring Regional

Iris on the Hill

~ 2016 Spring Regional ~

April 29, 30 & May 1

Guest Speaker – Steve Schreiner

~ from the world famous Schreiner's Iris
Gardens ~

See the registration form and more information,
elsewhere in this bulletin.

http://www.aisregion14.org/sp_regional.php
has more information as well.

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Editor's Notes ~ Shirley Trio-Probst



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Paper whites have come and gone, daffodils are nodding their heads, lilacs are busting forth but most worrisome are the irises that are blooming way too soon. This is the most beautiful time here in the San Joaquin Valley. The pink and white of the almond, peach and nectarine blossoms is breathtaking. The bright yellow wild mustard is in bloom everywhere. California wild poppies are starting to show color. What a great time of the year.

Flower shows are starting with the cavalcade of camelias, followed by the daffodil show. If you have never attended the daffodil show at Alden Lane in Livermore, please go see the display, you are in for a treat.

Very soon now we will be seeing flyers announcing iris shows. There is an iris show every Saturday in April. Many of us will be judging shows. AIS had a discussion at the annual fall meeting about lifting the suggested restrictions on judges entering irises in shows being judged by the exhibitor -- reason being there are just not enough judges to go around. Most judges like to enter shows so will back away from judging as often as they might. Hopefully show chairs will consider allowing judges to enter the show. Just remember, judges, to step back from judging your own entries.

Our own spring regional meeting soon will be here. The highlight of the meeting will be the visit to the garden of Nola and Gary Prevost. There will be one hundred plus guest irises to see and evaluate, maybe even start a want list, plus several hundred of Nola's personal irises. Come out and show your support for your region. It is not often that we have a spring meeting so close. Let us all take advantage of the short drive. If we are lucky we may get to meet Margie Valenzuela, a hybridizer from Arizona. Steve Schreiner will be on hand for

some fun. If you know Steve, then you know that humor and fun follow Steve like a cloud.

I wish you all a good growing and bloom season. Remember to say something nice to someone everyday. Life gets shorter daily.

~ Shirley Trio-Probst, Editor

Farewell to Eric Hanson

Another member of Region 14 took flight on Sunday February 28, 2016. Our good friend Eric Hanson soared away after a farm accident. We will have more about Eric in our June issue. Eric was husband to Yarda, a good Region 14 judge, grew great and tasty mandarin oranges, and was fun. He had many iris friends waiting for him. ~ Editor



And hello from your designer!

When you send in some text, and want to send a photo also, please do NOT put the photo in the the Word document; rather, send it as a separate attachment.

Thanks!
~ Gesine



above: Astra considering, are we living the life we should?



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

A variety of Novelty Iris

~ Jean Richter

The term "novelty iris" refers to an iris that differs from most iris -- perhaps having a non-standard number of petals; being a "space-age" iris and having horns, flounces, or spoons; having broken color, with irregular color splashes; having flowers that are flat, rather than having standards standing up; and more!

right: Osay Canuc (Burseen 2001) space-age iris
below left: Gladiatrix (Zurbrigg 2003) space-age iris

photos: Jean Richter

below right: Batik (Ensminger 1986) broken color

photo: Riley Probst



above: Full House (Meek 1976)
Non-standard petals: (5) standards and (5) falls

above: May Allison (Allison 1920)
Non-standard petals: (6) standards

If you're interested in learning more about novelty iris, you could join the newest AIS section, the Novelty Iris Society -- Membership: Kathy Wade, 4304 Vista Ridge Lane, Alvarado, TX 76009 email: nisnewsletter@yahoo.com

And remember, our own Lloyd Austin did the first hybridizing of space-age iris!

Hooked on Irises

~ Jim Begley



*above: Jim Begley giving judges' training
photo: Riley Probst*



*above: Tennison Ridge (Begley 1989)
photo: Riley Probst*

When I was growing up my mother had irises in her garden in addition to many other flowers. Irises seemed to be her favorite. She was very active in garden clubs, especially in showing her arrangements.

I bought my 2 1/3-acre property in Santa Rosa in 1974; and when it was time to put in landscaping and flowers, I naturally asked my mother to recommend flowers for my long driveway. She suggested irises and she even showed me how to make iris crosses. It was then that I entered the “iris world”, not knowing their names or even that they had names until I went to a Santa Rosa Iris Society sale where I met Jean Erickson (who later became Region 14 RVP (1986-88)). She invited me to a Santa Rosa Iris Society meeting. That was in 1982.

I immediately joined the society and became hooked on irises. Jean came to see my iris garden and showed me how to cut and groom them for the upcoming show. After seeing one of my seedlings Jean invited me to go with her to see Keith Keppel’s and Ben Hager’s gardens in Stockton. I jumped at the offer! Boy, did I get a lesson, seeing the new introductions and seedlings. In fact, seeing how advanced their seedlings and introductions were

inspired me to throw all my seedlings away and start over.

I have met a lot of iris people who have encouraged me, like hybridizer Jim McWhirter (who was also a Region 14 RVP (1989 -91)) and long-time AIS judge Hal Mattos. Hal would take me out to visit gardens and show me the good things to look for. He would come to my garden and give me advice on how to improve my irises. If Hal said “give it one more try”, I knew he meant throw it away!

My greatest accomplishment has been achieving awards and seeing my irises in Schreiners’ catalog. I consider my 2006 introduction ‘Bellarosella’ my best creation, although I like my first, ‘Tennison Ridge’ (1989), the most.

To date, I have created 12 iris introductions, all TB’s. They are as follows, together with the American Iris Society awards they have achieved. HM = Honorable Mention, AM = Award of Merit.

Tennison Ridge (1989, RE) HM 1991, AM 1993
Panama Hattie (1995) HM 1997, AM 2001
Scarlet Embers (1995) HM 1997
Scotland Yard (1996)



*above: American Pride (Begley 2007)
photo: Riley Probst*



*above: Savannah Fair (Begley 2004)
below: Mojave Moonlight (Begley 2006)
photos: Riley Probst*

Manhattan Hattie (2004) HM 2006
Savannah Fair (2004)
Carnival Carousel (2005) HM 2007
Tahitian Dreams (2005) HM 2008
Bellarosella, (2006) HM 2009
Mojave Moonlight (2006) HM 2009
American Pride (2007)
Lullaby of Broadway (2008) HM 2010 .



*above: Tahitian Dreams (Begley 2005)
photo: Riley Probst*



*above: Jim Begley giving judges' training
photo: Riley Probst*



*above: Lullaby of Broadway (Begley 2008)
photo: Riley Probst*



*above: Manhattan Hattie (Begley 2004)
photos: Riley Probst*



*left: Scotland Yard (Begley 1996)
photo: Riley Probst*



*above: Carnival Carousel (Begley 2005)
photo: Riley Probst*

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

The 100 AIS Youth at Coarsegold Elementary have been busy doing iris sale fundraisers for a 4th grade field trip to Sacramento.

Under the CIP Leaders Mrs. Kyla O'Driscoll and Mrs. Victoria Glines, two 4th grade teachers at Coarsegold Elementary under the mentor leadership of Carolyn Hoover, President of Yosemite Iris Society, have potted up 200 rhizomes in one gallon pots to fundraise. These irises were donated by YIS members, C. Hoover and Gary Collins. The potted irises have made over \$400 and students are still selling irises, in hopes to get enough money to go on a field trip this spring. One AIS student's family purchased \$100 of potted irises at \$6.00 per pot and started her own iris garden at home. She has learned how to plant and take care of irises! Thanks to help of Ms. Glines and Ms. O'Driscoll we had new students join AIS this 2015-16 school year. We could not do it all without their help, enthusiasm and support!

The students can't wait to get back into the school iris garden! Due to so much rain, the students have not worked in the garden lately but are looking forward to sunshine and warmer weather to start pulling weeds and caring for their over 50 irises planted in their school garden. The AIS Youth are also busy entering the coloring contest and all contestants won money from AIS for their artwork.

Next, is the AIS Ackerman 500 word Essay Contest coming up this spring. Students have already begun to work on their essays! The students love the contests that AIS provides for the youth each year. I find that it motivates the students to appreciate and learn to love irises.

Ms. Hoover, CIP Leader, also provides a potted iris to each AIS Youth for their birthday. Now, they are telling me what color they wish to have and I try to meet their requests. It is such a joy to work with all 100 of these students and I wish I could reach more students. Youth will also be participating in the Yosemite Iris Society Annual Iris Show in April. One 6th grade student, has entered her irises in our show the past 3 years and got a blue ribbon each time. She is motivated!!



above: Four 4th grade AIS Youth at Coarsegold Elementary, CIP Program receiving irises from C. Hoover that they earned for helping in student Iris Garden.

photo: C. Hoover



left: 4th grade CIP students fundraising irises with Mrs. Carolyn Hoover, CIP Leader at Country Faire in Coarsegold.

photo: C. Hoover

Judges' Training Report

~ Alleah Haley

We had a nice training on “Ethics of Judging Irises” in conjunction with Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society’s winter potluck on Saturday January 16, 2016 in Oakland, California. About 25 people attended the potluck, with ham furnished by the host society, and a huge array of vegetables and casseroles and an even greater number of scrumptious desserts.

The training was given by a panel of distinguished irisarians – AIS emeritus judge Kitty Loberg, AIS emeritus judge Riley Probst, and AIS master judge/Region 14 Judges’ Training Chairman Alleah Haley. The panel was moderated by AIS garden/exhibition judge and Region 14 RVP Phyllis Wilburn. Phyllis asked scenario questions of a panel member and after the answer, then asked the other members of the panel and then members of the audience if they had anything to add. Then Phyllis asked the next question of a different panel member, so that the feedback was equally balanced. The group emphasized that the guidelines for judging irises, both on the show bench and in the garden, are contained in the *AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, that judges are unpaid representatives of the American Iris Society, and that judges must vote their AIS judges’ ballot in a timely manner and complete ongoing AIS-required judges’ training to maintain their judgeship.

Several of the panel members noted that following the “Golden Rule”: i.e., do unto others as you would have them do unto you, is a good basis for judging irises. The trainees were reminded that at shows, only the judges, apprentices, clerks and the show chairman may be on the floor during the judging; and that judges should not judge their own specimens or those of their family members. Eighteen attendees plus the four trainers received 1 ½ hours credit for the training.

Show Chairmen – remember that each judging panel can have only one apprentice, but if you have two or more panels, you can have an apprentice for each panel at your show. Show Chairmen should send their list of judges and apprentices for their 2016 shows to Judges’ Training Chairman Alleah Haley (alleah.haley@gmail.com) if they haven’t done so already. That

way, shows needing additional judges can contact her for recommendations of available judges. Apprentices usually receive two hours of JT credit for apprenticing a show, but they need to get prior approval from the JT Chairman.

In advance of bloom season all candidate (student), apprentice, garden/exhibition, and active master judges should reread and study the *AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* and review their training requirements to be sure they keep up with required training hours. Students and apprentices should ask experienced judges in their area to give them 1:1 training, either on the show bench or in the garden. Students earn one hour of one-on-one training in show bench judging, and this must be done after the official judging. There is no limit to the number of students who may receive training at a show, 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 the JT Chairman is also required.

Here are specific requirements and timelines for each type of participant in the Region 14 JT program:

Candidate (student) – a minimum of 12 hours of JT within a 3-year continuous period following receipt of their application by the JT Chairman. Includes:

- A minimum of 6 sessions totaling 10 hours in judging irises, AIS show rules, or AIS Awards.
- 2 hours of 1:1 practice judging under an accredited AIS judge: 1 hour in the garden and 1 hour in exhibition. Each session must be pre-approved by the JT Chairman and a completed “Instructor’s Report of Individual Training” must be sent to the JT Chairman within one week following the training.
- Must have been a member of AIS for 3 consecutive years to advance to apprentice.

Apprentice – maintain continuous AIS membership and complete a minimum of 10 hours JT within a 3-year continuous period following becoming an apprentice, as follows:

- Serve as an apprentice at 2 AIS-approved shows under instruction of an AIS judge or

panel of judges. A completed “Instructor’s Report of Individual Training” must be sent to the JT Chairman within one week following the training. The same AIS judge(s) may not tutor the Apprentice in both sessions. (4 hours credit)

- 1:1 judging practice of seedlings or new varieties in the garden under the instruction of an AIS judge – a minimum of 2 periods of 2 hours each. The same AIS judge may not tutor the Apprentice in both sessions. (4 hours credit)
- Complete a 2-hour classroom session on AIS Awards and Ballots and pass the accompanying test (2 hours).
- Submit a timely (by June 1) Judges' Activity Report to the JT Chairman and the RVP each year.

Garden/Exhibition – maintain continuous AIS membership and:

- Attend training or instruct sessions or instruct Candidates or Apprentices for a minimum of 6 hours every 3 years. The 6 hours must include 3 hours garden training and at least one class.
- Submit a timely (by June 1) Judges' Activity Report to the JT Chairman and the RVP each year
- Vote a timely AIS ballot each year.

Active Master Judges – maintain continuous AIS membership and:

- Attend or instruct 3 hours JT every 3 years including 2 hours garden training. One hour credit during the 3-year period may be for giving a 2-hour 1:1 garden training to an Apprentice.
- Submit a timely (by June 1) Judges' Activity Report to the JT Chairman and the RVP each year
- Vote a timely AIS ballot each year.

Garden training is the most difficult for Students and Apprentices to obtain. Clubs should plan to have garden training in conjunction with their 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. Of course, this must be arranged in advance and approved by the JT Chairman. If you are a Student or Apprentice judge, now is the time to plan for your spring training. 1:1 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 the JT chairman. This training must be arranged and approved in advance.

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 website (www.AISregion14.org), under Events/ Judges’ Training. There have been a few changes since the Fall Regional, so you may want to print a current copy from the website before you start calling judges. Upcoming JT classes will be posted on the website as they become known.

Here’s to a beautiful 2016 iris bloom season.
Alleah Haley
Region 14 JT Chairman
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www.aisregion14.org/jt.php has a lot of JT information, including Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges and Region 14 Judges' Roster 2015–2016.



*above: Alleah Haley making a point
photo: Mikey Lango*

Fred Kerr wins the prestigious AIS Hybridizer's Medal!

~ text and photos by Riley Probst

Fred Kerr is a Region 14 Hybridizer from North Highlands, California, near Sacramento. At the 2015 AIS Fall Board Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, the AIS Board voted the Hybridizer's Medal to Fred Kerr. This is quite a prestigious award. But this is certainly not the first award Fred Kerr has won with his irises.

Fred started introducing irises over 20 years ago. Since that time he has introduced 186 irises. They consist of 1 IB, 4 BB's and 181 Tall Bearded. One of his early introductions was 'Kevin's Theme' in 1993. It won HM in 1997 and AM in 2001. About this time Fred introduced some of his first Emma Cook Pattern irises which he is now famous for. In 1999 Fred introduced 'Christiana Baker', a Border Bearded; it went on to win the Knowlton Medal in 2005. In 2000 he introduced 'Queen's Circle'. It is probably his most famous iris to date. It won the Cook Cup at the 2001 AIS York, PA Convention and then won it again at the 2005 AIS St. Louis Convention when I was the Chairman; it is one of only two irises to ever accomplish this. Then in 2006 it won the Wister Medal and in 2007 won the Dykes Medal.

Fred has named several irises after famous iris women: 'Kathy Chilton' (2006), 'Judy Nunn' (2010), 'Jeanne Clay Plank' (2012) and 'Lynn Williams' (2013); the last two are Region 14 Past RVP's. 'Kathy Chilton' went on to win the Wister Medal in 2012.

Some of Fred's irises are rebloomers. Two of note are 'Chartered Course' (2005) and 'Spring Bliss' (2009). He also has done at least one novelty iris; 'Orbison' (2009), a flattie.

The above information discusses 10 irises of the 186 irises Fred has introduced. There is so much more to tell if I only had time and space.



above: Orbison (Kerr 2009)
below: Judy Nunn (Kerr 2010)



above: Queen's Circle (Kerr 2000)



above: Kathy Chilton (Kerr 2006)



above: Spring Bliss (Kerr 2009)



above: Chartered Course (Kerr 2005)



above: Jeanne Clay Plank (Kerr 2012)

What Will I Learn at the Spring Regional? Or, Why Should I Attend the Spring Regional? ~ Nola Prevost



Come one come all and enjoy learning more about irises and seeing thousands in bloom. Yes, thousands of stalks in bloom at the same time.

You will have the opportunity to talk to several hybridizers who will be attending; Anna Cadd, Jim Begley, Riley Probst, Shirley Trio-Probst, Rob Marshall, and possibly Margie Valenzuela (still awaiting confirmation), to name a few. Plus, how often do you get to talk to and meet a member from the world famous Schreiner family, Steve Schreiner?

If you stay for the judges' training, you can learn a lot about growth, formation, hardiness, etc., of different varieties or species of iris. Sunday's training is on spurias!

Take a leap and try it – you might like it! Plus, there is lots to do in the local area. After all, we just hosted the 50th Super Bowl at Levi Stadium just a few miles from the hotel. There's the Great Mall (former Ford plant) that is huge for those shopping enthusiasts, a local winery right here on our hill a short drive away, the Rose Garden in downtown San Jose, a peony farm just ½ mile from Nola's Iris Garden, lots of hiking trails, etc.

Come enjoy! Nola and Gary Prevost





American Iris Society Region 14

Iris on the Hill

2016 Spring Regional ~ April 29, 30 & May 1

Guest Speaker – Steve Schreiner

~ from the world famous Schreiner's Iris Gardens ~

Conference Hotel -- Beverly Heritage Hotel, 1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035

****Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at (408) 943-9080****

To receive the group rate, use the name **AIS Region 14** when making your reservation. The room rate is available until April 8, 2016.

Room rate is \$115.00 (single or double occupancy), \$135 (triple occupancy), or \$155 (quad occupancy), plus all applicable taxes, per night.

The Hotel is 100% non-smoking. However, smoking is allowed outside and on the patios.

There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$75.00 per pet, per stay (not per day).

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Circle your choices (Saturday): Lunch:

Dinner:

Person 1: BBQ (meat) or vegetarian beef, chicken, or vegetarian

Person 2: BBQ (meat) or vegetarian beef, chicken, or vegetarian

If special dietary restrictions, please advise.

Register by March 1st to be entered in a drawing for a 2016 introduction!

Registration fee if paid by April 1, 2016 \$120.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

If paid after April 1, 2016 \$130.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to SBMIS or Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Please send registration to: **Jean Richter**, Registrar, 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

e-mail jeanrichter@berkeley.edu or phone (510) 864-7962

Refunds before April 18, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee.

No refunds after April 18, 2016, or may be decided at the discretion of the registrar.

*****We will be having a full **Iris Show** and will need to set up enough tables.

Will you be bringing bloom stalks? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Clara B. Rees Iris Society will bring containers & entry tags; please bring your own grooming material.

Will you (*write 2 if 2 people*) be attending **Judges' Training**? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

If yes, which session? _____ Saturday 1:30 p.m. in Nola's Garden

_____ Sunday 9:00 a.m. in the hotel, Oak Creek Room

Scholarship Available from AIS Region 14

~ Peggy Ruud, Scholarship Committee Chair

The Region 14 budget has a line item for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a student who is studying floriculture, horticulture, or a closely related subject. The initial reason for this scholarship was to provide a scholarship for a youth member or relative of a Region 14 member, but over the years it has expanded to include any eligible student in the Region (Northern California, Nevada, Hawaii).

This scholarship has been handled very successfully for more than 15 years by Terri and Jay Hudson. The method of distribution of the application was a faxing system which has become outdated. Since Terri and Jay have requested to be relieved of the scholarship chair responsibility, I volunteered to take over the scholarship chair duties of distributing and collecting the applications, finding a committee of readers, awarding the scholarship, and acting as the contact person. We are trying a method of distributing the scholarship application that involves the affiliate clubs.

The affiliate president may appoint a person in their club to distribute the scholarship application to local high schools and colleges, usually by sending it to the counseling office or student services. One way to contact these schools is to call the county office of education and get the phone numbers of the high school districts which have graduating seniors. Then call the high school district office for the email address of the person who handles scholarships. Then send the application to that person. The application is posted on the Region 14 website (www.AISRegion14.org). If you have a youth member or someone in your organization who has a relative who would qualify for this scholarship, make sure that it is made available to them. Any member of Region 14 should feel free to distribute this application to any student who is eligible, or to any local school that they know about. The goal is to distribute it as widely as possible to allow for the most number of eligible students to apply.

Although the budgeted scholarship amount is \$1,000, there have been donations to the Region for scholarship purposes from various sources usually bringing the total scholarship amount to \$1,500. The deadline for application is April 6, 2016. This and other information is also in the application document.

Thanks for your attention to this process. It could make a real difference for a student who is contemplating the expenses of going to college. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to be a reader of the applications when they arrive, please call or email me:

Peggyr36@gmail.com, (559) 312-6553.

Forms may be copied from Region 14 Website --

<http://www.aisregion14.org/>

Scroll down and click on

<http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/ScholarshipApplication2016-17.pdf>

to download a PDF file with information on how to apply for the scholarship.

[There are also other things on the Region 14 website, <http://www.aisregion14.org/> you can download:

2016 Spring Regional -- schedule, registration form, and a write-up about the regional

2016 AIS Convention -- brochure, registration form]



Happy irisarians!

above: At left, Deb Rojas, at right, Leo T. Clark Iris Society President Carol Cullen

photo: Rob Marshall (son of Bob Annand)

Farewell to Betty Alene Johnson Coyle

Former Region 14 RVP

~ by Bill Coyle,

with some additional information by Shirley Trio-Probst

Betty, at the young age of 69 passed away on October 17, 2015, while a patient in the Cedar Park Regional Medical Center in Cedar Park, Texas. Betty died of heart and lung problems complicated by pneumonia. Betty had been ill for a while and had suffered for years from a very painful malady.

Betty came into this world on December 28, 1945 in Laurel, Mississippi, to Leroy and Neva Jones. Betty had two brothers, Ralph and Robert, and a younger sister Connie (deceased).

Betty attended early grammar school in Soso, Mississippi. Betty graduated from Fortuna High School in Fortuna, California where she was an honor student. Betty worked as a bookkeeper, secretary, and as Receptionist for the Dental Assisting program at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California. Betty lived in Soso, Mississippi; Fortuna, California; Carlotta, California. She and her husband Bill spent seven years traveling full-time to 39 states and two Canadian provinces.

Betty married Bill Coyle of Fortuna, California on December 25, 1979 in Stockton California. Betty grew up in the Baptist Church and when she met and married her husband Bill, they became members of the Wood Street Chapel in Fortuna, California.

Betty enjoyed gardening, crocheting and crossword puzzles. In 1995 she contracted the "iris virus" from her good friend Nancy Dimick and until a stroke in 2008 slowed her down she grew hundreds of irises, winning many show awards.

Betty held virtually all of the offices in Region 14 of the American Iris Society, and was the AIS Regional Vice President of Region 14 from 2003 until 2006. Betty was chair of the very successful AIS National Convention in Fresno, California.

In 2008 Betty received the prestigious Region 14 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award from Region 14.

Betty and Bill had been staying in Georgetown, Texas since August of 2014 while Bill received treatment for cancer.

When Bill gets a three month break he will return Betty's remains to their home in Fortuna for a memorial service. Betty will be interred with her parents and son. Betty is survived by her husband Bill, stepson Chris (Jody), stepdaughter Lisa (Mike), granddaughter Caree (Scott), step-grandchildren Brad, Shannon, Daniel, Samuel, Sarah Jane, Kathleen, and great-grandson Torin Liam Brooks. Betty was predeceased by her parents, sister and son.

Betty will be missed by all of her friends and family.



Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Mary Collins our president got the year off to a good start. In January we had the panel discussion; it is surprising what can be learned from a panel when each person on that panel tells us about a different cultivar.

In February we were treated to a program on historic irises by Jean Richter who drove all of the way from Alameda just to give us a great program. There were photos of some rare beauties. In March our program speaker is Brad Daniel. He is going to teach us how we can start saving roof run-off water. Please come and join us, we have a large group but always room for one more.

In April we have our long awaited show. The show chair is Carol Dahout. Our show this year will be titled "The Colors of Spring". The show dates are April 9-10 2016 at Westgate Mall, Center Entrance, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, CA 95129. Entries will be accepted at 7a.m.-10:15 a.m. on April 9. Artistic entries will be accepted from 7 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. We tear down promptly on April 10 at 5:15 p.m. In May we will celebrate the winners of the show.

We have a very nice meeting place and we would love to share it with you. Come to a meeting and check us out. You will not be disappointed.

Fresno Iris Society

Kicking off a new year is always fun because we start off in January with our Bah Humbug party and luncheon. This year we gathered at the Marie Calender Restaurant where we had a very good meal. Then FIS members had a lot of fun with the gift exchange, or should I say temporary gift exchange, because the Bah Humbug rules are if someone takes a shine to your gift they can steal it.

The new board has put together a schedule with some great programs and speakers.

The club's focus is on fostering irises through fellowship and education. We teach our members about hybridizing so they can get excited about creating an iris of their own.

In our Club Directory we have a section called "Now Is the Time" that was authored by the Fresno Iris Society founder John Weiler. It outlines the way to healthier irises and reminds us what we should be

doing with our irises each month. This article helps us have very nice irises for the show; and if the members are so inclined, makes for some healthy iris donations for sales or giveaways.

For new people, and experienced alike, who would like to enter our show April 9-10 at the Sierra Vista Mall (Center Court, 1050 Shaw Ave. Clovis, CA) we have classes on Floral Design and Show Preparation for the iris. The show theme will be "Awakening after the Rain". Entries will be accepted from 7:00 – 9:30 the morning of the show and it will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In the Winter Bulletin Carol Cullen, the President of the Leo T. Clark Iris Society, asked other clubs to share some insight to the same issues we all face as club members. If I might paraphrase:

Q: How do we keep the interest of our veteran members while teaching the new members?

FIS answer: I believe we need to ask what each group needs and not dwell on any subject for very long. Have the veterans teach the new people.

Q: How to liven it up?

FIS answer: We have a Treasure Chest (box) that members donate things into; during the meeting break we hand out previously marked napkins. If you get a marked napkin you get to pick from the Treasure Chest.

Q: How do we increase revenue?

FIS answer: Our members look for different things to sell at our club sales, such as tote bags with irises on them and afghan throws with irises on them. FIS also has a person in charge of advertising; it's a big help.

These are some of the things that FIS does that are successful for our club. We hope this helped you some Carol.

Any others that have any ideas, remember to share.

~ Don Fennell

President, Fresno Iris Society

High Desert Iris Society ~ no report

Affiliate Happenings

James M. Gibson Iris Society

The James M. Gibson Iris Society welcomes you to the 18th Annual Porterville Iris Festival. This event takes place on Saturday, April 23 from 9am-5pm on Downtown Main Street in Porterville Ca.

The JMGIS will have a booth for selling potted, named irises and dispensing information about AIS, and our club. Look for us.

Crowds average in excess of 25,000. The Porterville Chili Cook-off will also be held and is a very popular event with entrants coming from all over including out of state.

So, plan a day trip to Porterville and enjoy the festivities with us!

Las Vegas Iris Society

Back to Basics -- Our 2015-16 year has been great! We have some new members, Yay!! And our Board has switched positions. So everyone is in a learning mode.

We began the year with a Rhizome Silent Auction as well as our door prize rhizomes. We have pictures and catalogs so we can look at the rhizome and see what it will be in the spring.

Our members brought in containers of soil from their gardens, so we were able to see and touch the differences. Our most seasoned members had the loamiest, richest, most workable soil. This shows what years of amending can do for Vegas dirt.

Christine and Mike brought in some 4-5 year old clumps. Mike set up work stations and got everyone started on how to trim the fans and roots and separate the rhizomes. We got to see how the new rhizomes form from the "mother toe" which will never bloom again. Each member took home these mystery irises to plant. We are competing to see who can identify the cultivars when they bloom.

Our next meeting using tubs of potting soil we got to actually learn hands-on how to plant rhizomes, map out our gardens, place markers. If you are going to show and sell iris you need to be sure what is planted where.

Don Fabbi gave a great presentation on gardening tools, highlighting safety, maintenance, and types of tools.

February Cecil Taylor is going to bring in his earth worms and explain his composting worm farm setup. I visited his worm bed, believe me they are very well treated, fat and happy.

Happy growing everyone, you are always invited to visit.

LVIS Showdate: April 16-17

Location: Lorenzi Park, 800 Twin Lakes Dr.

Theme: Colorful World

Show Chair: Fred Parvin

For information Phone: 702-372-3873

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Our first meeting of the year brought out 19 members and much discussion regarding our 2016 proposed programs, the annual Spring Iris Show and requests from many members regarding possible new programs.

If you would like to join us at one of our scheduled meetings, we normally meet the first Sunday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The venue does change depending on our program that month, so call either Carol (805) 441-4433 or Kathy (530) 894-6916 for meeting place and directions.

We will be holding our annual Spring Iris Show on April 23 and 24 at the Chico Mall, 1950 East 20th Street, in Chico. Entries will be accepted on Friday evening, April 22 after 9:00 p.m. and also Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. In addition to the Horticulture Section there will also be an Arrangement Division. Judging starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday. If you have questions regarding set up or would like to receive a show program, email carolcullen805@gmail.com.

Our February program will be a presentation by David Walther, owner of Spring Fever Nursery and Gardens in Yankee Hill. David not only talks at local garden clubs but is also a fixture at the Saturday morning Chico Farmers' Market. We are trying to set up a presentation by the owners of the local (Chico area) Worm Farm for our March meeting. Our April program will cover grooming iris for show and also how to completely and correctly fill out entry cards.

The proposed May program will be a potluck and garden visits. It will be time for a breather after our

Affiliate Happenings

April Iris Show!

There will be several members traveling to the Spring Regional this year. See you there.

~ Carol Cullen, Co-President

Monterey Bay Iris Society

The New Year started off with a bang for the MBIS. Our membership has grown so much that we fill the room. Our meetings are fun, our programs are fun. We have a ball even when we work fund raisers.

We started off the New Year with a new President, Craig Tarr. We have a ton of activities planned for the next few months. Our regular monthly meetings are held on the third Friday of every month except July and August at 239 High St. in Santa Cruz. Doors open at 7 and meeting starts at 7:30. We hold our annual picnic in July and our big public sale in August.

In March we hold our famous St. Patrick's Day dinner. Brenda Wood and her sister-in-law Larissa Daniel make corned beef and all the trimmings. Their corned beef is the best in the land. During the April 15th meeting we will have a mini show complete with judging to help the new people and maybe give some pointers to seasoned exhibitors. April 22,-24 is our big show held annually at the Loudon Nelson Art Center at 301 Center St. in Santa Cruz. Set up time is Friday beginning at 7 pm. Judging is Saturday April 23 at 9am with viewing open to the public 1-6 pm, Sunday view the irises noon to 6 pm. This year we will hold a potted iris sale in conjunction with our show. Charlie Kearns is in charge of the show. Any questions contact Charlie at kcf@verizon.net. Everyone is welcomed to enter the show.

The fun continues with our May meeting and Pizza feed. We will go over our show results and present the awards to the show winners. See more in the June Region 14 bulletin.

This club is a modern progressive club and we welcome everyone. Not much ever gets serious, but the fun never stops.

Mount Diablo Iris Society

Our new club meeting location and day for the months of January, February and March 2016 are a successful transition. Iron Horse Middle School in

San Ramon, California provided their large and comfortable library for our use. This location proved to be more centrally located for members who live more to the south and southeast of Walnut Creek and who travel long distances to make the meetings. A special "Thank You" to Jan Blaedel for securing this new location. Again, our new meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday. Address is 12601 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, California, just off Highway 680.

For the following months of May, June, September, October and November, our meetings will be held at The Lindsay Wildlife Museum back in Walnut Creek, California. Address there is 1931 First St., Walnut Creek. This is just a few blocks off of Highway 680. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. and the new day of 2nd Thursday. The club is excited and looking forward to this new building and all that it offers to us.



'Fruited Plain' (Sutton 2012) brought to the January MDIS club meeting by Linda Woods the grower.

Photo: Eileen Roark

Affiliate Happenings

April 23 and 24, 2016 is our annual iris show and potted iris sale at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane in Livermore, California. It is a two-day weekend show with a large display of judged show irises and hundreds of potted irises for the public to purchase. This nursery is located among the most beautiful, majestic and mature oak trees that you will ever see. Come visit us that weekend.

Other upcoming events include our June meeting which hosts our annual awards dinner and trophy presentations. July is our annual door prize auction and picnic to be held in Livermore. Dates to follow. The following month of August is our Peddler's Fair event in Benicia, California with the Saturday date of August 13, 2016. We operate two booths to sell bare root rhizomes, aprons and other iris related items. We also educate the public on all aspects of irises and try and recruit new members to our club.

Mt. Diablo Iris Society is online! We are now up and running on Facebook. Please check us out at [Facebook.com/MtDiabloIrisSociety](https://www.facebook.com/MtDiabloIrisSociety). A special "Thank You" to Kathy Oldham for taking on this project and creating a wonderful and informative platform for our club.

~ Eileen Roark

Sacramento Iris Society

Sacramento Iris Society started the new year with a new President, Ruth Ostroff. We had our first meeting at which we approved a budget and had a great demonstration on Tool Sharpening, by Stan Logan who writes a column for our newsletter under the byline "Stan the Tool Man".

Our spring show is scheduled for April 16-17, and the theme "Country Living" was announced by Show Chair, Alison Willy. The show is open to the public Sat. 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, and Sun. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The week after the show we will have two days of garden visits which are not yet scheduled. The gardens to be visited will be Ruth Ostroff's, Horton's Iris Garden, and Shield's Iris Garden.

We also had a meeting of the committee that is planning the 2017 Spring Regional which SIS is co-hosting with Sierra Foothills Iris Society. Chair Kathy

below: Stan Logan giving tool demonstration



Braaten announced the hotel choice, the theme, and we voted on the menu. With Kathy at the helm, we are sure to be well organized. There are 150 or so guest irises growing in the two guest gardens, which are Horton's Iris Garden and Shield's Iris Garden.

More immediate is our upcoming potted iris sale in March which is part of a Plant and Craft Sale that is sponsored by the Shepard Garden and Arts Center (SGAC), 3330 McKinley Park Blvd, Sacramento, where we hold our meetings and shows. Clubs that meet at the SGAC are expected to participate in two sales each year, with some of the proceeds going to the SGAC. Each year, we pot about 400 irises to be sold at these two sales, and at our annual show in April. We have these sales organized with photos of each iris attached to tongue depressors. We save the photos from year to year to reuse. We make a spreadsheet of the potted irises at the beginning of each year, so we can check to make sure that the photos are available for each sale. All in all, it is a pretty smooth operation and the photos sure help to sell the potted irises.

Affiliate Happenings

Sacramento Iris Society changes meetings from evening to daytime starting in January each year. Call or email for exact times if you want to visit, or if you want to attend our garden visits, Ruth Ostroff, President, ostroffr@gmail.com, 916-813-9381. If you would like to be on our newsletter, 'The Lore', email list, contact Phyllis Wilburn, Editor at abirder.aol.com.

~ Phyllis Wilburn, Lore Editor

San Joaquin Iris Society ~ no report

Santa Rosa Iris Society

The first meeting of the year is a Board Meeting where we plan the year's programs and budget.

Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month February through October at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, California. The programs start at 7:00 P.M. and the business meetings follow at 8:00 P.M. The meetings are open to the public.

Our program on February 8 will be Anna Cadd presenting "New Trends in Iris Hybridizing." The March 14th program will be Adam Schmidt of Nor Cal Gopher presenting "Getting the Gophers." The April 11th program will be Jim Begley, Ross BeVier and Jeff Davis presenting "Preparing your Irises for the Show." Members will hold a mini-show.

Saturday and Sunday May 7th and 8th will be the annual SRIS Iris Show and potted iris sale at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center. The theme will be announced. Entries will be accepted on Friday, May 6th after the 5:00 p.m. set up and on Saturday between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. The potted iris sale is between 10 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. both days. The show is open for visitors on Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

~ Rudy Ciuca, President

Shasta Iris Society ~ no report

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year! Our monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each

below: Cindy Eastman with 2015 Best of Show 'Drama Queen' (Keppel 2003)



month except July, November and December. We meet in the Rose Room at the Auburn Civic Center 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California. This year our show will be held on April 23 and April 24 in Auburn. The show is held at the same address as our meetings. The theme this year for our arrangement division is "Celebration Time". Our show is open for all to enter. Entries will be accepted on Friday, April 22, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you would like a show schedule or need further information on our show, contact the show chairman Tim Braaten at 530-477-2811.

Cindy Eastman is the President of Sierra Foothills Iris Society for 2016. She can be contacted at 209-483-6027 or by e-mail at rocind@att.net

~ Kathy Braaten

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Here at SBMIS we're gearing up for a busy spring season. We're trying something new for our March meeting (March 25) - instead of a lecture on how to show iris, we'll be having a hands-on workshop (with flowers and vases provided) to give members a chance to try putting together a show entry for themselves, with judges and other experts on hand to give advice. This is all in preparation for our show, which will be held at a different location this year - the Lake Merritt Sailboat House (just down the street

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below: Bonnie Petheram staffing the SBMIS booth at the Alameda County Home & Garden Show



going to sell potted iris at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show on President's Day weekend. We got a very good table rate (well below the commercial rate) and hope this will be a good fundraiser. If all goes well we'll sell at the September show as well, so stay tuned.

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society annual show will be Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2016 at the Lake Merritt Sail Boat House, 568 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Show setup 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Friday, April 15. Show entries accepted from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. on the 16th, judging at 10:00 a.m. Entrants are invited to participate in the judges' lunch at noon. Design entries are accepted; this year's design theme is "Iris On Parade." Show open to the public 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on April 16 and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on April 17.

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. We do not meet in November and December, and hold a daytime potluck lunch in January.

~ Jean Richter, President, SBMIS



above: The potluck/judges' training in January (photo: M. Greene)

from our usual location). Details are below. Another new activity we're trying out this year (though it will happen before this bulletin goes to press) is that we're



above: WBIS with flower arrangements!

Westbay Iris Society

We are a small club that is made of folks that share a passion for the beautiful iris flower. We meet at 7:30 P.M. on the third Friday of the month in January, March, May, June and October. Our main meeting place is at the Shoup Park Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos. We have programs or events that cover the iris flower. In July we meet at the park for a picnic and to pass out door prize irises

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that have been won throughout the year.

Here is a photo of some of us with our floral arrangements after having a class with Barbara Gordon. She always makes it look so easy! Who knew that we would all be so good? We are looking for ways to increase club membership so that WBIS can grow and that we may continue sharing our love of irises.

~ Mikey Lango

Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society will have a busy, fun 2016 this Spring! YIS meets first Friday of each month at 7 PM at the Yosemite Lakes Park Clubhouse in Coarsegold, CA (except for Dec. Jan, July and August).

YIS 4th Annual Iris Show will be held Sat. April 16, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Coarsegold School Multipurpose Room, Coarsegold. We should have a lot of youth entries this year with over 100 students at Coarsegold School who are members of AIS waiting to enter.

Riley Probst, YIS Vice-President will be our speaker in Feb. on “Rebloomers”. We also would like to have Jean Richter, to speak on “Historic Irises” in the fall and Phyllis Wilburn, RVP to visit YIS this Spring.



above: “Masai Warrior” (Rogers 1999) TB RE, reblooming at Hoover garden, Coarsegold (photo: Guy Hoover)

April, “How to Show Irises and Win”, and May, Bill Tyson will demonstrate, “How to Hybridize Irises.” We also are planning a July BBQ and auction 7/16/16, a “Figgy Pudding Christmas and Gift exchange Party” 12/3/16. This will be our first Annual Christmas Party!

Fundraising the one gallon potted irises of YIS will begin in mid March at local farmer’s market. We take 100 pots each Wed. in Spring to the market. We bring cut iris flowers and display in vases and it really helps the sale of potted irises!!

Six YIS members are planning on attending the Spring Regional at Nola’s Garden and can’t wait to see the bloom!

Our club really likes Rebloomers, thanks to Shirley Trio and Riley Probst sharing their rebloomers and providing presentations of these beauties. What a blessing and joy to have these two as charter members of our club! They are a wealth of information. YIS also subscribes to the Rebloomer Magazine which is shared with its members. It sure brightens the rainy days to walk out into my garden and find an iris or two blooming in dead of winter. Reminds me of Spring to come!! So far we have had 16 rebloomers in our garden in 2016 Winter. What joy!

~ Carolyn Hoover, President of YIS



Members of YIS learning how to show irises: Left to Right: Gail Collings, Valerie Porter, Maureen LeForge, Carolyn Hoover and 6th grade AIS youth member. (photo: Guy Hoover)



BROKEN BORDER

Bill Tyson 2016 BB-BC
\$30

Fleur De Lis Garden
2701 Fine Ave.
Modesto, CA 95355

shipping \$6

shirleytrio@gmail.com
rprobst02@earthlink.net

OPPOSITES



S. Trio 2012 TB \$12

POWER LINES



R. Probst 2013 TB-SA \$15

NOT BROKE THIS TIME

B. Tyson 2015 TB \$25



BROKE AGAIN

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



~ Some iris who are blooming now ~

above: Miss California (Salbach 1937)

below: *Iris confusa* Sealy (Collected by J. R. Sealy, 1937, China)



left: A New Mexico sunset on Las Cruces trip

all 3 photos: Jean Richter

~ Advertising Manager ~

The Region needs your help. Like so many organizations Region 14 needs money for operating expenses. Also it would be nice if the bulletin could become self sustaining. We need a friendly person to make a few phone calls, maybe send out a few e-mails to garden related businesses, to hybridizers and commercial gardens to seek out advertising.

Anyone can do it. It will take about an hour every couple of months. Our fees are incredibly low. Contact the Bulletin Editor for details.

Give it a try. Contact the Editor!

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** shirleyjtrio@gmail.com by the quarterly due dates listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

This is YOUR bulletin!

Slideshows for club meetings

Do you present slideshows for club meetings? Perhaps we could make a regional listing of people who can present slideshows, so we could share this out in a wider way!

In February, I presented a slideshow on old iris, to a Pinole, California, garden club, and Jean Richter presented two slideshows on novelty iris (in Tucson and Las Cruces!). These were very enthusiastically received (it's so nice to be appreciated!). Riley Probst had, last year, presented at both the Tucson and Las Cruces clubs.

So, please email me, Gesine.Lohr@gmail.com, and we can compare notes!

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Bluebird Haven Iris Garden, Mary Hess, 6940 Fairplay Rd., Somerset, CA 95684; 530-620-5017; www.bluebirdhavenirisgarden.com .

Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden, Anna and David Cadd, 329 North St., Healdsburg, CA 95448; 707-433-8633; email caddsisiris@comcast.net.

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Fleur de Lis Garden, Riley and Shirley Trio Probst, 2701 Fine Ave., Modesto, CA 95355; 209-551-6323 (call first – we might be out visiting gardens ourselves); email: rprobst02@earthlink.net, shirleytrio@gmail.com

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Mariposa Iris, Douglas Kanarowski, 6147 Smither Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338; 209-966-3496 www.mariposairis.com .

Napa Country Iris Garden, John and Lesley Painter, 9087 Steele Canyon Rd., Napa, CA 94558; 707-255-7880; www.napairis.com .

Nola's Iris Garden, Nola Prevost, 4195 Sierra Rd., San Jose, CA 95132; 408-929-6307; www.walking-p-bar.com; email: orders@walking-p-bar.com or gprevost@sbcglobal.net.

Pleasants Valley Iris Farm, Kendall Richard, 7317 Pleasants Valley Rd., Vacaville, CA 95688, 707-451-3367; www.irisfarmer.com; email irisfarmer2006@yahoo.com .

Rainbow Acres, Fred Kerr, Box 2191, North Highlands, CA 95660; 916-331-3732. <http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/iris1.html> email: rainacre@aol.com

Superstition Iris Gardens, Rick Tasco and Roger Duncan, 2536 Old Highway, Cathey's Valley, CA. 95306; 209-966-6277; NEW email: randrev@sti.net

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Treasurer's Report
01-01-15
THROUGH
12-31-15

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TRESURERS REPORT 01-01-15 THROUGH 12-31-15

	BUDGETED 2015	Funds At 12/31/14	Funds At 12/31/15
CHECKING BALANCE		12,757.34	11,549.41
SAVINGS BALANCE		24,156.72	22,756.39
SAVINGS for NEW CLUBS BALANCE			1,861.38
TOTAL CASH		36,914.06	36,167.16
PRE-PAID EXPENSES 2016 REGIONAL			1,433.45
EXPENSES BY ITEM:			
Bulletin- Publishing	200		166.52
* Editor Expense	50		
RVP Allowance	2500		2,493.00
RVP Gift Finance, Summer Fundraiser			235.00
* Beardless Purchases	425		170.99
* Misc.Raffles/Auctions	100		
Office/Legal	300		123.62
* Sales Taxes	240		93.00
Judges' Training	1000		152.90
Science Committee	500		
Awards and Trophies	650		149.96
Honoray Awards	300		
Historian	100		-
Scholarship *includes donation from Redwood Iris Society	1300		1,500.00
Scholarship-additional *money left from 2015			
Youth Committee	1500		1,500.00
Youth-prepaid 2016			583.00
Membership	50		
Internet Services	110		98.49
S.F. Flower Show-	600		288.78
Donation- Basket for National	200		39.00
Start-up Funds	500		
Regional-Spring 2016 - Deposit on Hotel			
Regional-Spring 2016 - Airfare			
Youth prepaid for 2016 (savings of est \$500)	10625		7,594.26
TOTAL EXPENSES			

later
AIS Conventions

2017 AIS Convention
~ May 22-26
Des Moines, Iowa ~

Convention Chair:
Kelly Norris
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REVENUES BY ITEM:

Bulletin Advertising	300
Donations from Societies *	2400
Donation for Scholarship	
Interest	200
Judges' Training	500
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400
Finance, Spring Regional	1000
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1000
Finance, Fall Regional	<u>900</u>
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	400
Use of Reserve Funds	3225
Totals	<u>10,625.00</u>



Going East in 2016

The American Iris Society Convention Registration
May 23-28, 2016

Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
Newark Liberty International Airport
1 Hotel Road, Newark, NJ, 07114
Phone: 973-623-0006



Contact the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
1-800-MARRIOTT (1.800.627.7468) and ask for the "American Iris Society
event" rate of \$114. Reservations must be made by Monday, May 2, 2016.

Hotel room reservations are separate from Convention Registrations!

Please complete and mail this form so that it arrives **no later than May 15, 2016**. Registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and event tickets at check-in.

PLEASE PRINT – Fill out one form per person attending.

Name to appear on name badge: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ AIS Region _____

IF POSTMARKED	BEFORE Feb 1, 2016	Feb 1-Apr 30, 2016	AFTER Apr 30, 2016	TOTAL
Full Adult Registration	_____ \$299	_____ \$310	_____ \$325	= _____
Includes Welcome Reception, Awards Banquet, Garden Tours, Judges Training and Convention Book				

Garden Tours ONLY (May 26, 27, and 28)	_____ \$195	_____ \$205	_____ \$215	= _____
Full Youth Registration (18 and under)	_____ \$150			= _____

Dinners ONLY (No garden tour, judges training or convention book)

Welcome Reception (May 25) _____ \$40 = _____

Awards Banquet (May 28) _____ \$73 = _____

Please select from the following choices:

_____ **Sliced Tenderloin of Beef** _____ **Roasted Tuscan Chicken**

Optional Tour to The U. S. Independence National Historic Park &

Morris Arboretum _____ \$60 (includes bus, admission and lunch) = _____

TOTAL Enclosed = _____

Payment Method: CHECK - Make Payable to AIS Convention 2016

CREDIT CARD (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)

CC# _____ MM/YY _____ CVV _____

Send Registration & Payment to:

Ken Fuchs, 710 N 11th Street, Temple, TX 76501-3016, 254-721-6217, kenfuchs42@hotmail.com

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER MAY 10, 2016 unless there has been a death in the family.
Cancellations after May 1, 2016 but before May 10, 2016 are at the discretion of the Registrar.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

_____ Gluten Free _____ Lactose Intolerant _____ Diabetic

Other: _____

GEEK DINNER: Registration for the Geek Dinner should be made to Joanne Prass-Jones, 35572 Linda Drive, Fremont, CA 94536 joanne@usjoneses.com.

Visit the AIS Convention website for more information: www.ais2016convention.com.

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We will publish advertisements for irises and other garden-related goods and services. At our discretion, we will place ads throughout each Bulletin, or group them together.

Submit text advertisement copy or display advertisement artwork to the editor, **Shirley Trio-Probst** shirleytrio@gmail.com. We cannot accept MS Publisher or Word Perfect files.

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AIS-14 Treasurer Helen Franklin
5621 Oakhill Court
Santa Maria, CA 93455

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3" text advertisement (2.25"w x 3.00"h)	\$5.00	\$18.00
Display Advertisement (color photos with text)		
1/4 page (3.65"w x 4.875"h)	\$20.00	\$72.00
1/2 page, horizontal (7.50"w x 4.875"h)	\$40.00	\$144.00
1/2 page vertical (3.65"w x 9.875"h)	\$40.00	\$144.00
Full page (7.50"w x 9.875"h)	\$80.00	\$288.00
Full page, inside cover	\$125.00	

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For technical questions, including full-page ad copy specifications, contact bulletin designer Gesine Lohr at gesine.lohr@gmail.com

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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.

A summary of the current AIS service links found within the AIS Emember service area includes:

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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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