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The RVP's Garden



Region 14 RVP Jean Richter Representing the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society at a Local Home & Garden Show Photo by Bonnie Petheram

As I write this message we're having some decidedly spring-like weather in our area - the iris are starting to wake up and begin growing in response to the warm temperatures and sunshine. It certainly would be nice to have some more rain, though!

After the whirlwind of activity in putting on the national convention last year, things are returning more to normal in this first year of a new decade. Plans are proceeding for a fabulous spring regional, which, as detailed elsewhere in this bulletin, will be held May 2-3 at the Dry Creek Garden in Union City, the showcase garden of last year's convention. The bloom in this garden should be just as spectacular this year, so get those registrations in!

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, who recently stepped up to host the 2020 fall regional. The regional will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at the Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto.

We are actively looking for a host for the 2022 spring regional. That may seem relatively far in the future, but guest iris will need to be planted this fall for that event, so a sponsor is needed now. Please discuss with your club whether you would be willing to host (or co-host) this event. Region 14 is very willing to assist in any way they can to help put on a successful event.

I am also actively looking for some new faces for the Region 14 leadership, as several long-serving officers and committee chairs have indicated that they will step down this year. Of the highest priority at the moment is a new treasurer - please consider helping the Region in this essential role. You don't need to have formal accounting training (although that certainly helps) - a reasonable facility with numbers and willingness to pitch in is all that's required. We can provide the guidance and specific instructions needed to keep the Region's finances in order. If you know of someone who could serve the Region in this position, or wish to volunteer yourself, please contact me.

Best wishes for a terrific start to the Roaring Twenties!

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Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! I hope this finds you all well, and undoubtedly gearing up for a busy Iris season ahead. We've had a particularly mild winter here in the Truckee Meadows and all of our Irises here are showing unusually robust growth for it being so early. If you don't receive AIS's magazine, *Irises,* I encourage you to ask your club's President to share the secondary club copy we all receive - the 100th anniversary edition recently published is stellar!

Speaking of AIS's 100th Anniversary, here are the dates for the 2020 & 2021 Nationals:

2020 AIS Convention

May 18-23, 2020, Newark, NJ

2021 AIS Convention

April 12-17, 2021, Las Cruces, NM

The next Bulletin will come out in August 2020. The deadline for submitting items to me is Saturday, August 1, 2020. Remember - This is YOUR newsletter, so what's important to me is including and showcasing the information that <u>you'd</u> like to share. Reminder - if you'd like to print this issue but don't want to use the volume of colored ink it requires, simply set your printer setting to print in black & white.

Regarding items for submission - thank you for keeping the following in mind; as it will help me a lot:

- Please send articles/text in any MS Office application
- If providing an article written by someone other than yourself, please make sure you have obtained permission to use/reprint
- Please provide photos in jpeg format
- If you don't have the individual photo files, but they are already embedded in an article you're submitting, that's no problem
- Please identify (if known) the photographer of any photos
- If the photographer is unknown, please indicate from whom or the source from which you obtained the photos

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

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Winner, Best Design of Show High Desert Iris Society 2015 Show, "America the Beautiful"

Photo by Stephanie Jennings

Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenues by Item - Year-end Income

REVENUES BY ITEM: AV COST- Reimbursed by AIS Bulletin Advertising Bulletin Subscriptions	300		12/31/2019 2680.9
Donations from Societies *	1800		1680
Donations/other			
Interest	200	est.	141.75
Judges' Training	500		
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	200		
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-			
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1500		500
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	1100		5930.78
Finance, Spring Regional co/hosted by Region 14			6987
National Convention			81870.69
Total Revenues	5600		99791.12
Total Expanses	12007		-119528.1
Total Expenses	-13887		
Less total Revenues Excess exps/revenues: funds needed from	5600		99791.12
reserve	-8287		-19736.98

Prepared & Submitted by Helen Franklin

2019 Year End Expenses

	14 OF THE AMERICAN IRI TREASURER'S			
	REPORT	Funds at	12/31/18	12/31/2019
Bank of Am-checkin	g		10949.49	13076.13
Coast Hills- shares			2225.13	11274.01
Coast Hills-CD			22912.18	
Petty Cash			50.00	50
Convention 2019		spent in 2018	8000.00	
Total Cash			44136.80	24400.14
EXPENSES BY ITEM:		Budget		5Å.
Bulletin- Publishing		300		
" Color Page	5	500		
" Editor Expe	nse	100		
" Mailing		175		
RVP Allowance		2500		
Finance, Summer Fi	undraiser	50		
" Beardless	Purchases	425		
" Miscellane	eous/Autions/Raffles	100		
Finance, Spring Reg	ional c/o hosted		FedEx	
" Sales Taxe	s	240		
Finance- fall region	al			1821.63
Judges' Training		500		26.12
Awards and Trophie	25	650		162.38
Honorary Awards		300		
Office/Legal		300		259.43
Historian		100		
Scholarship		1000		
Scholarship expense	es	250		1202.98
Science		500		
Youth Committee		3500		2232
Membership		30		
Internet Services	(11) (11) (11) (11) (11)	200		172.89
Donation-	Fire Fund + others	200		3930
Start-up Funds	otileis	500		3530
alty-cashed CD		.500		
vention 2019		1467		109720.6
AL EXPENSES		13887		119528.

Prepared & Submitted by Helen Franklin

Region 14 Fall Meeting Minutes-Preliminary

Minutes to be Presented and approved at 2020 Spring Regional

AIS Region 14 Fall Regional October 27, 2019 Shepard Garden & Art Center Sacramento, California

Minutes of the Budget Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President, Jean Richter, called the Budget Meeting to order at 8:50 AM.

The **Treasurer.** Helen Franklin, was not present. Terry Toney from the Fresno Iris Society distributed Helen's Treasurer's report and the budget for 2020. The total expenses for 2019 were \$27,890.78. The total income was \$11,127.90, creating a deficit of \$16,762.88.

Shirley Trio-Probst explained that the deficit was a result of the 2019 National Convention that Region 14 sponsored in April. The region had to pay the hotel for 50 rooms that were below the amount required by the contract. The AIS has recently been the beneficiary of a large estate. It was suggested that some of that money might be available to defray the deficit from the National Convention. Jean Richter will approach the AIS for funds.

The 2020 Budget as presented showed expenses of \$11,820, revenues of \$5600, and a deficit of \$6220.

Jean commented that the region can not continue to operate with a deficit and would like to encourage donations to the region. The affiliates are already donating \$4 per member. It was suggested that a donate button be added to the website. There was a discussion on selling the increase from the Dry Creek Garden to the public. Jeff Bennet explained that the Dry Creek Park (part of the East Bay Regional Parks System) cannot sell to the public, but it can sell to the region affiliate members. Jeff suggested creating a one-day membership in an affiliate with dues of \$1 so that the general public could purchase rhizomes. Anna Cadd suggested selling at the Santa Rosa Sale at the Heirloom Plant Festival at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Several line items in the budget were reduced to decrease the expenses. Alleah Haley changed the Judges Training budget from \$500 to \$125. Carolyn Hoover announced she was removing 100 kids from the Youth Program saving \$800 from her budget. Mary Ann Horton announced that she was reducing her membership expenses to \$10. Riley Probst commented that he did not need his \$500 allocation. Jean Richter announced that she will not be using the RVP allowance since she deducts the expenses on her taxes. (The latter two items remain as usual on the budget as the science chair amount is stipulated in the standing rules, and the RVP amount requires an executive vote to change.) The final budget has expenses of \$10,625, revenues of \$5,600, and a deficit of \$5,025.

Laura Gonzales moved that the budget be accepted with the proposed changes. Terry Toney seconded.

The motion was passed.

There was a round of applause to thank Jean Richter for donating her RVP allowance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Minutes of the General Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

RVP, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 9:51 AM.

Roll Call was taken.

Terry Toney moved that the Minutes for the Spring Regional General Meeting be accepted as

presented. Jim Cummins seconded. The motion was passed.

Judges Training Chair, Alleah Haley reported that there were nine JT classes this year. She thanked all the trainers. There are 90 folks in the JT program. Four apprentices moved up to G/E judges: Gail and Gary Collings, Carol Cullen, and Patricia Eisenberg. Two students moved up to apprentice: Sandra Saelens and Dan Williams. One G/E judge advanced to Master judge: Jim Begley. There are five new students: Jeff Davis, Lucy Fink, Elaine Fischer, Steven Giguere, and Katie Hendrickson. The All Star Judge Award, an engraved acrylic star, for the accredited judge with the most JT hours went to Master Judge Anna Cadd and Emeritus Judge Riley Probst, each with 11 hours. Runner up was Shirley Trio-Probst with 10 hours. The apprentice who had the most JT hours was Craig Tarr with a whopping 18 hours!

Secretary, Jane Jordan, reported that the Executive Committee had confirmed Lee Dickey of the Shasta Iris Society as Region 14 Scholarship Chair by online voting.

Bulletin Editor, Stephanie Jennings, reported that her second Bulletin was published in late August.

The next issue will come out in mid-February. The Deadline for submissions in February 1, 2020.

Affiliates please report your club happenings.

Central Director, Craig Tarr, reported on the memberships and activities of Clara B. Rees Iris Society, Monterey Bay Iris Society, Mount Diablo Iris Society, and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society.

Southern Director, Linda Hood, was not present, recovering from knee surgery. Carolyn Hoover reported for her on the San Joaquin Iris Society, Yosemite Iris Society, Fresno Iris Society. James M. Gibson Iris Society , and the Las Vegas Iris Society.

Northern Director, Anna Cadd, reported on the activities of the High Desert Iris Society, Sacramento Iris Society, Santa Rosa Iris Society, Shasta Iris Society, and Sierra Foothills Iris Society. There was no report from Leo T. Clark Iris Society.

Immediate-past RVP, Phyllis Wilburn announced that the AIS Board is looking for volunteers. Being on the AIS board involves a monthly teleconference and going to the National Conventions a day early for ten hours of meetings. **Regional Events Chair.** The position is empty.

Honorary Awards Chair, Marilyn Kaplan and her committee of Terry Toney, Patricia Eisenberg, and Linda Hood selected Carolyn and Wayne Craft to receive the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to Region 14. Carolyn has been the Region 14 Fundraising Chair for many years and has organized the Silent Auction and Raffle baskets providing income and entertainment for the region.

Carolyn is retiring as Fundraising chair. Marilyn Kaplan and Patricia Eisenberg have agreed to be co-chairs. Kathy Braaten moved that we accept the new co-chairs. Rick Tasco seconded. The motion was passed.

Historian, Jean Richter reported that Bryce Williamson is digitizing the Region 14 scrapbook. He needs help identifying people and events in some of the images.

Internet Chair, Ann Pike was not present. She is having technical difficulties with her computer and her internet connection.

Membership Chair, Mary Ann Horton reported that there are 620 AIS members in the region. 275 are youths. We are the largest region, even without the youths. She sends renewal reminders three months after the expiration date.

Scholarship Chair, Lee Dickey was not present. A copy of the scholarship application is included in the registration packet. Please circulate to your local schools.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, reported that he had not received any requests for science research in the last six months. Please send your question to him. Roger Duncan posed the question "Where does the fragrance come from?".

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, reported that there were no Region 14 awards because of the AIS National. He asked for volunteers for the Awards committee. The committee cares for the trophies and has them engraved. The keeper awards for the winners are also engraved.

Youth Chair, Carolyn Hoover has 15 new members in the Classroom Iris Program. There are 290 youth members, but 100 will be dropped. An Anonymous donor gave \$100 for soil for a new garden.

Howard Dash donated over 100 rhizomes. Riley and Shirley contributed 50 rhizomes from the National Convention.

Old Business

The 2020 Spring Regional will be held May 2-3. Sydney B. Mitchell IS and Mount Diablo IS will host the event. The guest iris garden will be the Dry Creek Garden in Union City.

The details for the hotel and the speaker will be announced later.

The 2021 Spring Regional will be held at Bluebird Haven Garden. The Region is the sponsor.

Affiliate Hosts are needed for the **2020 Fall Regional and the 2022 Spring Regional**. Guest iris for the 2022 Spring Regional need to be planted next year (2020).

Tall Bearded Symposium Chair, Riley Probst reported that the results are in, but not tabulated. When the results are ready they will be in the Bulletin.

New Business

Northern Director. Anna Cadd's term as Northern Director is over. Nominations were taken for a New Northern Director. Phyllis Wilburn nominated Cindy Eastman; Shirley Trio-Probst nominated Carol Cullen; Kathy Braaten nominated Dan Williams. The Nominees left the room while the vote was taken. Cindy Eastman was elected Northern Director.

Current Openings on the Executive Committee: Regional Events Chair, Treasurer. The JT Chair will be open in nine months.

Announcements

Ginny Rudkin recently passed away. Her 95 year old husband, Pete Rudkin, will come by at lunch time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM

Prior to the regional meeting, Lynn Williams sent the following communication:

I can't tell you how disappointed I am in the fact that the board has chosen to move the Fall Regional from a Saturday to a Sunday. Because of this, I am not able or willing to attend this year or at any future Fall Regionals on a Sunday. Please read this to the Board at the Fall Board Meeting.

Thanks,

Lynn Williams

The RVP wishes to express her regret that this statement was not read at the regional, and apologizes for the oversight.

Prepared & Submitted by Jane Jordan

****SAVE THE DATE****

Region 14 2020 Fall Regional - Saturday, October 3rd

Clara B. Rees Iris Society will host the 2020 Fall Regional on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 at the Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto, CA

Region 14 2020 Spring Regional

2020 Spring Regional: May 2-3, 2020

The 2020 Spring Regional will be held on Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd & 3rd in Union City, California, hosted by the Mt. Diablo and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Societies and Dry Creek Garden - site of the master planting for the 2019 AIS convention! -Read more about Dry Creek on the next page.

There are several great options for a guest speaker, and we'll let you know when confirmed.

We have arranged for a special hotel rate at the Union City Crowne Plaza Hotel of :

\$99.00 per night without breakfast, either single or double occupancy \$119.00 per night with breakfast, either single or double occupancy

The rate is available through April 1st, 2020, and valid for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, May 1-3. To receive this rate, ask for the "Region 14 Spring Regional Rate" when making your reservation.

The Crowne Plaza offers free parking and free WiFi.



Aerial View of Dry Creek Iris Garden Photo by Bill Probets, Courtesy of Jeff Bennett

Spring Back To Dry Creek! AIS Region 14 Spring Regional



Did you like Dry Creek Garden at the 2019 AIS Convention? With over 8,000 Bloom Stalks in 2019, We are expecting *12,000* to *15,000* Bloom Stalks from over 2,100 varieties in 2020! May 2-3, 2020

Please attend the AIS Region 14 Spring Regional at:

Dry Creek Garden in Union City California 550 May Road 400 May Road(for best gps address) Union City, Ca 94587 Speaker, Judges' Training, Iris Show, Auction, & Banquet Hosted by Mt. Diablo and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Societies

Information: Jeff13bennett@gmail.com 510-677-0803

The registration form to print & send in to Jeff Bennett appears on the next page

AIS REGION 14 SPRING MEETING MAY 2-3 2020 Dry Creek Garden 550 May Road Union City, Ca 94587

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel (510)489-2200
32083 Alvarado – Niles Road
Union City, Ca 94587
Room Rate: \$99.00/ night without breakfast/single or double occupancy \$119.00/ night with breakfast/ single or double occupancy
Free Parking
Free WiFi
 Reserve your room by April 1st at this rate. Ask for Region 14 Spring Regional Rate
Registration includes lunch, access to all meetings, judge's training, iris show and
evening banquet.
Registrant 1 First NameLastName
Registrant 2 First NameLastName
AddressCity, State, Zip
PhoneEmail for Confirmation
Iris Club Member? Y N If Yes, Local Iris Society
Registration fee if paid by April 1st, 2020 \$100 x person(s) = Total \$
Registration Fee if after April 1st, 2020 \$110 x person(s) = Total \$
Lunch and Judge's training only by April 17th \$35 x person(s) = Total
Special dietary needs
Make checks payable to Mt Diablo Iris Society. No refunds after April 17, 2020
Mail to: Jeff Bennett
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2020 Spring Regional Silent Auction

20/20 Focus for Region 14 Silent Auction and Baskets for May 2-3 in Union City!

<u>Silent Auction</u> Re-purposing and recycling is always in vogue! You would be doing AIS Region 14 a big favor by donating special iris treasures for the Silent Auction fundraiser at the AIS 2020 Region 14 Spring Regional, Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd at the Dry Creek Garden, Union City, California.

Iris-related items such as plates, tea or coffee cups, glassware, vases, framed pictures, iris fabric, cookware or other items that you can part with will be happily put into the Silent Auction by Fundraising co-chairs, Marilyn Kaplan and Patricia Eisenberg. Check your cupboards for floral arrangement accessories that could be used by others for Iris Show artistic arrangements. Other ideas are past Region 14 Bulletins and AIS and HIPS magazines, newer and vintage iris supplier catalogs (Schreiner's, Cooley's, etc.), jewelry, china, needlework (kits-finished or not), clothing, garden gear, paintings and prints—gardening and floral art books, too!

Many worthy Region 14 efforts are funded from the auction and drawings. As a 501(c)(3) IRS-designated non-profit organization, your donations on your bids for Auction items will be acknowledged with a receipt showing the Region 14 tax ID number. Keep Region 14 in mind when shopping, thrifting or visiting yard/estate sales. If items are clean and ready for display, they may be brought directly to the Regional at Dry Creek in May and given to Marilyn or Patricia at the display tables for Region 14's wonderful fundraising events.

Based on past donations and the great work by Carolyn and Wayne Craft, the raffles and auctions are fun and successful. Our Region 14-funded activities benefit from attendees who pass along one-of-a-kinds and gems that others will appreciate, enjoy and learn from. And, you may certainly donate iris for the Iris Auction, too.

Baskets Please also keep the beautiful, themed baskets full of tasty treats, bird houses, garden art and other raffle items coming. Many societies make a basket with an attached list of contents for Regional raffles, and they boost Region 14 fundraising efforts with so much fun and suspense!

Some easy-to-ship items will be used for the basket representing Region 14 at the Diamond Jubilee National AIS gathering in Newark the week of May 18th.

Gratefully,

Marilyn Moore Kaplan Kaplan87@comcast.net

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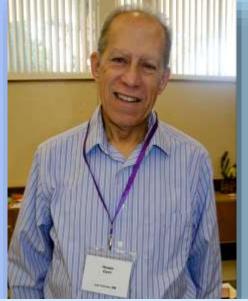
Carolyn Hoover at the 2018 Fall Regional Photo by Patricia Eisenberg

Region 14 2019 Fall Regional

A successful, productive Fall Regional meeting was held on Sunday, October 27th at the Shepard Garden Center in Sacramento, CA. We welcomed guest speaker Howie Dash of Las Cruces, New Mexico - - AIS Judge, Hybridyzer, 2021 AIS Convention Chair, and founder/owner of Picacho Mountain Iris.

Originally from the Hudson Valley of New York, Howie and his wife Lilly moved to southern NM in 2009. They began Picacho Mountain Iris in 2016, and you can visit their website at: picachomountainiris.com

Howie gave an informative presentation and comprehensive sneak peek of the preparation and current status of the gardens for the 2021 Convention. He is particularly passionate about and has had tremendous success with Arilbreds, which he spoke about and on which he later presented a Judges' Training.



Guest Speaker Howie Dash Photo by Mikey Lango



Region 14 2019 Fall Show By Riley Probst

On Sunday, October 27th, AIS Region 14 held their Fall Meeting. It was held at the Shepard Garden Center in Sacramento, CA. There were about 60 attendees. In conjunction with the meeting, they sponsored a Judges Training on Arilbreds by Howie Dash from Las Cruces, NM, a Reblooming Iris Show on Sunday morning, and an iris auction and sale. There were 13 different cultivars entered by four different exhibitors: Jeff Bennett, Carol Cullen, Riley Probst and Craig Tarr.

Selected Best SDB and Best in Show was SMELL THE ROSES (M. Byers 1988 SDB) exhibited by Carol Cullen. An interesting side note to this is that the day before the show, Carol did not have any rebloomers open. Early Sunday morning she picked two stalks of SMELL THE ROSES in bud. They both opened on the way to the meeting. She selected the best one of the two and entered it in the show, her only entry. And guess what, Best of Show!

SMELL THE ROSES exhibited by Carol Cullen as Best In Show was the first winner of a new trophy; the Riley and Shirley Probst Perpetual Trophy for Best In Show at the Region 14 Fall Reblooming Show. The new trophy was donated to Region 14 by Riley Probst and Shirley Trio-Probst. It will be awarded each fall.

Selected Best TB was BARN DANCE (M. Byers 1991 TB) exhibited by Riley Probst. Selected Best Seedling was 20526-ROL (M. Locketell TB) grown and exhibited by

Riley Probst.



Irises in the Region 14 Fall Show

AUTUMN BREEZE (M. Sutton 2012 TB) AUTUMN CIRCUS (B. Hager 1990 TB) BARN DANCE (M. Byers 1991 TB) DOUBLE SHOT (G. Sutton 2000 TB) FEED BACK (B. Hager 1993 TB) HARVEST OF MEMORIES (L. Zurbrigg 1985 TB) JOY RETURNS (R. Shadlow 2016 TB) OCTOBER SKY (L. Lauer 2000 TB) ROSALIE FIGGE (J. McKnew 1993 TB) X 2 SMELL THE ROSES (M. Byers 1988 SDB) SUMMER WALTZ (G. Sutton 2002 TB) Seedling 20526-ROL (M. Locketell TB)



Best TB BARN DANCE (M. Byers 1991 TB) Photo by Riley Probst



Best In Show SMELL THE ROSES (M. Byers 1988 SDB) Exhibited by Carol Cullen Photo by Riley Probst



Judging Photo by Mikey Lango

Remembering Friends

It is with deep sadness that we in CBRIS experienced the loss of Barbara Pesek on December 21, 2019, when she passed into the next phase of her eternal existence from an unexpected stroke.

She was a lovely genteel lady with a rather shy smile, and a sincere heartfelt interest in her family, friends, peers, and associates. She was never pushy, but she was always ready to lend a hand or provide her special words of friendship, support and acceptance. She did not seek personal attention, nor shun mundane tasks. She understood the necessity to be a team worker. When Barbara Ann Murphy Pesek, ever-loving wife of John M. Pesek III volunteered for even a minor committee position, or when she worked on a broader scale with immigrant groups through her church, or when she accepted the gavel of Clara B. Rees Iris Society, she did so with the deep seated conviction that membership in an organization --or in life---carried with it the implicit demand for every person to step up and take a turn responsibly. Barbara lived this conviction. It guided her life at home, during her school work days, and at her many social and religious activities....including her long membership in Clara B. Rees Iris Society.



Written & Submitted by Philippa Alvis



Photo by Mark Greene



Photos by Mikey Lango

During her tenure in CBRIS, Barbara became an AIS Judge, the president of the Society for two years, a stalwart member of many committees, and an enthusiastic supporter of all things iris...even to showing up in lovely iris decorated clothing at meetings and events. One of her most cherished experiences at their home in Fremont, CA, was to see her adored grandson, John M. Pesek V (Jack) work in their home garden with Grandpa John.

A funeral Mass celebrating her life was held at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont, CA, on January 3, 2020, where the pews were filled to capacity with the people who knew her, loved her, and respected her. Barbara is sorely missed by her compadres in CBRIS and in Region 14 of the AIS.



The Pesek family thanks us and was sincerely touched by the donation made by Region 14 in Barbara's memory to Bay Area Cancer Connections (BACC). A letter from BACC appears on the next page.

"Thank you Region 14 for the donation to the Bay Area Cancer Connection. The BACC really helped Barbara triumph over cancer. I know Barbara will miss all her iris friends."

John Pesek





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Dear Helen,

On behalf of Bay Area Cancer Connections, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$200.00 in memory of Barbara Pesek. Every dollar you contribute makes a difference for the clients we serve and the communities in which we work.

Twenty-five years ago, when Bay Area Cancer Connections was founded, we vowed to provide the very best care for anyone facing breast cancer, at a time when such services didn't exist. We made a promise to support our clients from the moment of diagnosis through treatment and beyond, addressing the multitude of physical, emotional, social and financial challenges.

Today, we remain steadfast in that promise. While there have been significant advancements made in the treatment of cancer, the number of people with breast and ovarian cancer continues to grow and there is an increasing demand for support and information. You are a critical part of the work we do, which begins with each client and ripples far beyond. Thanks to donors like you, we can take a comprehensive approach to caring for the whole person -- transforming families, communities, and healthcare systems.

Given that one out of every three people will face a cancer diagnosis at some point in their life, living with cancer is a topic that touches all of us. It is your generosity and belief in our mission that enables us to make a positive impact on our community, one person at a time. We are deeply grateful for your compassion and your choice to partner with BACC.

With sincere appreciation,

Liz Apell

Development Manager

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Bay Area Cancer Connections, a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization, has not provided any goods or services, in whole or in part, to you in consideration for this voluntary contribution. Bay Area Cancer Connections EIN: 77-0417605

Remembering Friends



Roger Duncan

On January 6th, the Iris world lost Roger Duncan, a true pioneer who brought joy and beauty to many. Defined as "the backbone of Superstition Iris Gardens" by partner of 47 years Rick Tasco, he celebrated stunning introductions and an incredible garden.



Roger and Rick in 2012 at Superstition **Photos courtesy of Facebook**



Receiving an Award at 2019 AIS National Convention L-R: HIPS President Cathy Egerer, Roger Duncan, Rick Tasco, **Immediate Past AIS President Gary White** Photo courtesy of Cathy Egerer

Roger's TB Registrations included 'All Night Long', 'Arctic Burst', 'Brainstorm', 'Fantasy Ride', 'Go West', 'Hollywood Nights', 'One More Night', & 'Shakedown'



TB 'Artic Burst' 2008 Award of Merit 2012

Photos courtesy of AIS

Iris Shows & Show Judging By Jean Richter

In the course of my duties as both an AIS judge and as RVP, I have had numerous conversations both with my fellow judges and with members of affiliate clubs expressing frustration with the process and results of judging affiliate iris shows. Such conversations have run the gamut of opinions from club members being frustrated with perceived harshness of show judging, to judges expressing opinions on the level of knowledge of iris show entrants.

Much of this frustration seems to focus not so much on the culture and growing of the flowers themselves, but on the manner in which stalks are displayed. I would like to offer some suggestions on possible ways to deal with this issue. In this I am not speaking ex cathedra, but merely as a judge and iris show entrant who has perhaps heard more opinions on this topic than average.

The ultimate resource for all matters of show judging is, of course, the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, commonly referred to as the judges' handbook. Exhibition guidelines are laid out for all types of iris; for simplicity's sake, I will draw my remarks largely from the tall bearded iris section of the handbook, as those tend to comprise the majority of iris in a typical iris show in our region.

The suggested point scale for exhibition judging allots 100 points, 75 of which are for cultural perfection, and 25 of which are for condition and grooming. Thus, it is readily apparent that a well-grown stalk might qualify for a ribbon even with significant faults in grooming or display, even a blue ribbon if the display faults are not severe.

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One particular aspect of stalk display which seems to be especially contentious is stalk placement in the vase. Many judges have particularly rigid criteria for what constitutes proper stalk placement, a rigidity which is not reflected in the judges' handbook. The stalk height paragraph in the judges' handbook merely states: "It is generally recommended that a stalk be exhibited at an appropriate height that is proportional. Indeed, proportion is an individual perception, and the suggestion here is only to avoid extremes." I would humbly suggest that judges perhaps take a more holistic view of a stalk's placement rather than narrowly focus on specific criteria.

It also behooves clubs, particularly clubs that do not have judges among their membership, to inform themselves on AIS standards for show judging. Consider purchasing a judges' handbook for your club to serve as reference material, or invite a judge from a nearby area to give a meeting program on displaying iris for exhibition. One club suggested to me that clubs could ask judges appointed to judge their show in advance what their criteria for stalk placement are, so that entrants clearly understood what was expected.

Putting on an iris show should be a fun and rewarding experience for both entrants and judges alike. While judging standards should definitely always be maintained, a harshly judged show with few ribbons awarded is frustrating and discouraging for entrants. I have seen far too many club members who no longer wish to enter shows because of situations like this. Sometimes just a bit of consideration for local weather conditions or the relative experience of a show's entrants can go a long way towards a better show experience for everyone.

Judges' Training Report

The following judges' trainings were held or are scheduled in Region 14 during Spring 2020:

- January 21 Dorlene Waite on AIS Awards and Ballots (2 hr. classroom), Las Vegas, Nevada. 6 people attended.
- January 25 Bryce Williamson on Color Patterns in Irises (1.5 hr. classroom) at the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society winter potluck in Oakland. 29 students, apprentices, and judges attended.
- February 18 Fred Parvin on Louisiana Irises at 6:30 p.m. in Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact Dorlene Waite, 702-876-1525 or <u>lvirises@aol.com</u> for info.
- March 8 Riley Probst on AIS Awards and Ballots (2 hr. classroom), at 1:00 p.m. at Oakhurst Library, 49044 Civic Circle, Oakhurst, California 93644.
- March 9 Kitty Loberg on Classes of Bearded Irises (1 hr. classroom) at 7:00 p.m. at Santa Rosa Iris Society, Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, California.
- March 28 Carolyn Craft on PCIs (1.5 hr. garden) at 10:30 a.m. in Jane Jordan garden, San Jose, California. **Space is very limited** Register ahead– Contact Linda Stremel: lindastremel10@gmail.com, or Jane Jordan, 408-472-3897 or Janeirisjordan@gmail.com.
- April 11 Dorlene Waite on Tall Bearded Irises in the Garden (2 hr. garden) in Dorlene Waite garden, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact Dorlene Waite, 702-876-1525 or <u>lvirises@aol.com</u> for info.
- May 2-3 Region 14 Spring Meeting (garden training), Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park, 400 May Rd., Union City, CA 94587.

We have 99 persons enrolled in JT this judging year including 30 Garden / Exhibition judges, 18 Master judges, 4 Emeritus judges, 12 Retired judges, 5 Apprentices, and 29 Active Student Judges. One former judge is working towards reinstatement.

I encourage everyone in the Region 14 judges' training program to take every reasonable opportunity to attend training when it's given. Remember to take your "Handbook for Judges and Show Officials" to each session you attend. Please think about the kind of training you would like to receive. Garden training is a real priority. Feel free to contact me at <u>alleah.haley@gmail.com</u> or 707-799-1422 with suggestions.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Regional, May 2-3 in Union City! It promises to be a glorious affair.

Written & Submitted by Region 14 Judges' Training Chair Alleah Haley

January 25, 2020 - Oakland, CA **Color Patterns in Irises Judges' Training Presented by Bryce Williamson**







(L) Patricia Eisenberg and (R) Anna Cadd



(Front) Jane Jordan and (Background) Trang Bui



Photos by Mikey Lango

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Region 14 News & Notes

Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award

As a recipient of the Larry Gaulter Award for 2018, I want to express my thanks and gratitude for this award. I have worked hard to make our Region 14 great. We have wonderful people in this region and I am proud to be one. Kathy Braaten was very tricky when she called me to inquire about our club, James M Gibson, she said that a friend was moving to the Porterville area and wanted to know where we meet. I told her we would be glad to have new member, we great potlucks and a terrific Christmas Party. We also have a booth that we sell potted Iris at the Porterville Iris Festiable. Little did I know she was just fishing for information.

Once again, thanks. Helen Franklin

The Camp Fire

A Great Big Thank You.

All Societies and individuals that donated money for the two ladies who lost t heir homes in that fire thank you. We were able to send checks to each for \$1,865.00—wow! This was great. They will be able to use some of the money to once again have a beautiful Iris garden.

Helen Franklin

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

September - We installed our new officers and directors who will serve for the next two years. In a very creative and humorous skit written by Trang Bui, two aliens discovered our iris society and expressed their confusion with our motivation and purpose while the board members introduced themselves and explained our obsession with iris. Carol Dahout and Mark Greene are our new Co-Presidents.



(L-R) Carol Dahout & Mark Greene, New Co-Presidents



"Aliens" (L-R) Mary Collins and Peter Marra Photos by Mikey Lango

Jeff Bennett shared an example of great iris increase from a single rhizome at the Dry Creek Gardens, 30 plus increases in two years! Jeff also conducted a question and answer session on growing iris.

October - Jane Jordan and Trang Bui presented a slide show of all the AIS awards including the Dykes Medal from 2015 to 2019. The history of each of the awards was presented as well as photos of the winners in all categories including bearded and beardless. We were pleased to congratulate Riley Probst on winning the 2019 Sass Medal for Leave the Light On.

There was also a discussion of beardless iris culture.



Jeff Bennett with Increases Photo by Mikey Lango



CBRIS Members Dressed as Irises Photo by Carl Boro

In celebration of Halloween, we encouraged our members "Come dressed as an Iris". The following iris were represented: Lightly Buttered, Stairway to Heaven, Gordola, Accidental Woman, Night Owl, Sharp Dressed Man, O Canada, Snow Flurry, and I Wuv Roses. **November** - Hybridizer Garry Knipe presented a program on Pacific Coast Native Iris. He discussed his process for growing and hybridizing PCI including which soils and fertilizers to use and the best growing locations and conditions. He reviewed the history of the Sydney B. Mitchell Medal and showed photos of the irises that had won the award.

December – Andrea Clague was the chair for our annual holiday potluck party with turkey and ham and all the fixings. We had great fun with the secret Santa gift exchange as the popular gifts such as flower vases and garden ornaments changed hands often.





Enjoying the Holiday Potluck Party (L) David & Andrea Clague, (R) Helen Bliven

January - Riley Probst presented a program on Rebloomers. He showed many slides of the iris he grows in his Fleur de Lis Garden. He discussed the need to water and fertilize more often for rebloomers. Riley also brought some potted rebloomers to add to the door prize drawing.

February - Jane Jordan and Trang Bui presented a program on Companion Planting with Iris. They covered the advantages of using companion plants and the various plants that work well with iris.

High Desert Iris Society

HDIS had a busy, fun-filled 2019, which was our 10th anniversary. We celebrated a successful year of knowledge, fundraising, growing, and the welcoming of new members with a big holiday potluck and gift exchange at member Susan Duncan's home in November.

During the winter months, we take the opportunity to participate in various workshops and learn about different aspects of horticultural/botanical subjects. In January, the club enjoyed a "learn how to build your own arrangement" seminar at the largest florist in our area—Sparks Florist. Under the instruction of owner Tony Fiannaca, 32 of us learned how to properly create and balance a professional arrangement. We also got a comprehensive tour of the design center, and learned about aspects of the professional floral industry.



HDIS Members Constructing Arrangements

In February, we attended a workshop at Nevada company Big Horn Olive Oil, where owners Mercedes & John Burkavage gave an interesting presentation about olive oil and the olive oil industry. This was followed with fabulous taste-testing of different olive oils, and combinations of olive oils and balsamic vinegars.

In March we'll visit and get a tour of a unique operation - Nevada Division of Forestry's Washoe State Tree Nursery. The Washoe State Tree Nursery supplies plant materials native or adapted to the Great Basin and Sierra Nevada. The state nursery program can produce up to 200,000 plants each year and has experience growing 250 different plant species.

Many of you visited the Wilbur May Arboretum during the 2018 Fall Regional and met Horticulture Director Bill Carlos, who explained the Botanical Garden and the plans of increasing the species grown/represented. HDIS has partnered with the Arboretum on a professionally designed & approved irrigated Iris garden with educational signage that will feature as many species as will grow in Reno's climate. A Dykes section will be included. We'll continue to report on the project's progress.

Photo & Submission by Stephanie Jennings

James M. Gibson Iris Society

The James M. Gibson Iris society meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Potluck is at 6 pm with meeting following at 6:45 pm.

We had a successful rhizome sale at the farmers market in August followed by a potting party where we pot Iris for next year's Porterville Iris festival sales.

We have two fundraisers each year with one being at the Porterville Iris festival which is April 18th from 9-4 this year. The other is the rhizome sale in Visalia at the Farmers market in August.

We have a drawing for guest Iris at each of our meetings.

We had our annual Christmas party with a gift exchange in December at Marie Callender's in Visalia.

Submitted by: Linda Hood, President

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Greetings, Everyone, from Leo T. Clark Iris Society. It's been another fall and winter of everything being semi-dormant, and it's time to wake up and look lively! (The irises too, hehe.) Our club activities this fall and winter included our Christmas potluck and gift exchange, the discovery of a new location for club meetings in the beautiful rec room of member Bonny McDaniels' mobile home park, and an awesome presentation and slide show on iris from Mary Ann Horton.

This spring looks to be promising, with field trips to local gardens on the agenda, including Horton's Iris Garden. We will be having our spring iris show on Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27 at the Chico Mall. Our annual potted iris sale will be held on Saturday, May 9 at member JoAnne Gershon's home.

We are looking forward to a great year celebrating our beloved iris, and we hope all of our fellow irisarians do the same!

Deb Rojas

Co-President, Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

2019 was a busy year for Mt Diablo Iris Society. Starting off the year as the new president of MDIS, preparing Dry Creek Garden for the convention and learning my new duties as president, I was unable to get my updates to our regional bulletin. It's a new year and I am making up for it in this edition.

We began 2019 preparing Dry Creek Garden beds for the Garden Tour on April 27th. Clara B Rees, Sydney B. Mitchell and Mt Diablo shared the work of weeding and getting the homemade signs made for each guest and resident iris. On average, there were two work parties per month in January, February and March. Once in April. The three societies were instrumental in getting the garden to where it was for the convention tour. We can't thank them enough!

We held our annual show on April 13th and 14th at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Queen of the Show was Purr Form Mints TB-SA entered by Linda Wood. Best Tall Bearded was That's All Folks entered by Mary Sindicic. The Silver Medal for most blue ribbons went to Jeff Bennett and the Bronze went to Mary Sindicic. We sold potted iris at the show which is always a success.



TB Centennial Celebration Blooming January 29, 2020

We are now accepting payment with credit cards or ATM cards. This has been a big help with sales as many people don't always have enough cash once they see the potted irises they want and usually don't have their checkbook with them. The service charge we pay seems minimal compared to the amount of sales and the money goes straight to our account!

Two weeks later it was all hands on deck for the 2019 AIS Convention in San Ramon. MDIS members helped with registration, bus captains, silent auction, speakers, judging, and garden tour snacks, lunch and guidance while visiting irisarians were at Dry Creek Garden. It was a spectacular day and our 4 years of planning for great weather and bloom was right on the nose! A final "Thank You" to Riley Probst and Shirley Trio-Probst for not only the countless hours they put into the convention but also Dry Creek Garden.

We had our annual rhizome auction at the end of July and two weeks later our public rhizome sale at The Peddler's Fair in Benicia. This is a great fundraiser for our club. Over the years it has been refined with individual iris bins and great photos to help sell them. We also sell out our grab bags every year. We put 10 different rhizomes in a bag and off they go. Set up and take down is a smooth running event that we do in record time with our members help. All in a good day's work! We ended the year with our beardless auction and pot luck dinner in November. It was a time to look back at a busy year filled with new acquaintances, beautiful irises and teamwork!

Our annual show is April 25th and 26th at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Jan Blaedel and Mary Sindicic are co-chairs of the show. The theme of the show is "Seeing Iris in 20-20". A very clever theme for a new year. Last fall we potted up 500 leftover rhizomes to sell at this spring's show. It was a fun event to get so much done in a short time. The pots are being held at Dry Creek Garden until show time.



Mt. Diablo Potting Party

Potted Up for the Spring Show April 25 & 26

2020 brings another busy year almost identical to 2019 for Mt Diablo Iris Society. MDIS and SBMIS are co-hosting the 2020 Region 14 Spring Regional Conference at Dry Creek Garden in Union City. See the registration form on page 16 in this bulletin. All the guest irises from 2019 are intact as third year clumps that are not to be missed. Dry Creek now boasts over 2,150 bearded and beardless irises. We are having the regional a week later than last year's convention because the bloom was even better a week after the 2019 Convention. Don't miss this one!

Our awards dinner will be June 11th at The Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek. July will be our auction and August will be our rhizome sale at The Peddlars Fair in Benicia again.

Late August will be the big dig of guest irises at Dry Creek. Plan to help if you can. Dates TBA.

One last item of importance: Mt Diablo Iris Society turns 60 this year. Plans are to have a special dinner commemorating this milestone.

It's not about waiting for the storm to pass, It's about learning to dance in the rain.

Article & Photos by Jeff Bennett

Santa Rosa Iris Society

Our meetings are usually held the second Monday of each month, February through October, at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center (LBAGC), 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, California 95405. The programs start at 7:00 P.M. and the business meetings follow at 8:00 P.M. All meetings are open to the public.

Officers were elected at the annual "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" potluck/ party held December 7, 2019 at the Santa Rosa home of member Anna Marie Hermansen. The party was postponed from early November due to evacuation of 200,000 county residents because of the Kincade wildfire that began October 23 in the Geysers Geothermal complex and PG&E public safety power shutoffs in the area. (At over 77,000 acres, the Kincade fire was the largest in Sonoma County history). Officers for 2020 are President Jeff Davis, Vice President Anna Cadd, Secretary Diana Ford, and Treasurer Kitty Loberg.

Programs for 2020 will include RVP Jean Richter speaking on "100 Years of the American Iris Society: Some History of AIS and Irises" on February 10, "Classes of Bearded Iris" with one hour judges' training by Kitty Loberg on March 9, and "How to Make Flower Arrangements" by Cheryl Feuerborn of the Santa Rosa Flower Arrangers Guild on May 4. Our iris show on May 9 and 10 at LBAGC, with Alleah Haley as chairman and Jeff Davis as assistant chairman, will include an artistic (arrangement) division but no potted iris sale this year. The show theme will center around the 100th anniversary of AIS.

The Society will have their annual picnic/ iris auction at Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence's C&L Vineyard in Sonoma on Sunday August 2. Rhizome sales will be Saturday, September 12 at LBAGC and Tuesday through Thursday September 15-17 at the 10th Annual National Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa 95404 (across from the Vet's Building). Santa Rosa Iris Society has participated each year since the start of this "world's largest pure food fair" (the Expo features all thing small commercial and home gardening and farming), and we welcome repeat customers each year for hundreds of varieties of rhizomes at very reasonable prices.

Submitted by Alleah Haley

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society, centered around the Auburn, CA area, has enjoyed a healthy number of new members over the last year, boosted by an active Facebook presence maintained by Kathy Braaten. Newly appointed AIS Judge Cindy Eastman had also taken on role of SFIS Show Chair earlier in the year and had more entrants than in the previous year, and had won Best of Show with 'Lady of the Night.' Due to Prospectors Nursery having closed suddenly in Nevada City, the Annual Rhizome Fundraiser at Eisley's in Auburn on a very hot day took in nearly \$1,000 with nearly half in credit card transactions. Not long after July 29th digging, trimming, labeling and bagging National iris at Frannie's Garden, in August the SFIS Potting Party was hosted at Cindy Eastman's house. The annual digging and potting of SFIS door prize iris took place at Horton Iris Garden in Loomis, as well as the large project of digging guest iris from National.

Photography author Melanie North was well-received as the August guest speaker on capturing close-ups of iris, groupings and artistic arrangements. Phyllis Wilburn present a September program on the April National Convention in San Ramon area. Sadly, SFIS lost one of its charter members suddenly in October; ever-cheerful and active Darline Garcia passed away. Her memorial was held Oct. 26th in Meadow Vista. The October Elections took place during the Holiday Dinner with Kathy Braaten re-elected president. The following week, many SFIS members attended the Fall Regional in Sacramento, featuring Howie Dash from the border of New Mexico and Texas on arilbred iris.

The New Year 2020 launched with its January Board and regular meeting planning the budget and yearly cycle of activities. Due to geographic proximity, SFIS frequently partners with Sacramento Iris Society and has some overlap of members and activities with High Desert Iris Society in Nevada. Members will have a 3-club picnic-- SFIS/SIS/HDIS-- at Cindy Eastman's on June 6th.

Mark your calendars!: The April 25th-26th SFIS Iris Show will be at the Auburn Civic Center Rose Room, 1225 Lincoln Way in Auburn, and SFIS would be delighted if other Region 14 members would make the trip to show their iris. The show theme will be "National Parks." Contact Show Chair Cindy Eastman for a Show Schedule.

Written & Submitted by Patricia Eisenberg

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society recently held a potluck lunch and judges' training on January 25. We had a great time, with attendees from across the region, and an excellent judges' training on color in iris by Bryce Williamson. (Please see photos, pages 28-29)

Looking forward, we will be holding our annual iris show and potted iris sale on Saturday-Sunday April 18-19. The show will be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. We welcome any and all entrants - if you would like to enter the show, entries are accepted between 7:00 and 9:30 a.m. on the 18th. The show will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on the 18th and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the 19th. See you there!

Looking further ahead, we will have our bearded iris rhizome auction and sale on Friday, July 24 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. We will have a rhizome sidewalk sale on Sunday, July 26 at the Ace Hardware Nursery, 4001 Grand Avenue in Oakland.

Jean Richter President, SBMIS

Yosemite Iris Society

YIS meetings are held on the 2nd Friday, 6 PM a potluck @ the Madera County Oakhurst Branch Library, Oakhurst, CA General meeting begins @ 7 PM. YIS does not meet in Jan, July, Aug. or Dec. Our annual summer BBQ and Iris Auction will be on August 1st Christmas Party, Sat. Dec. 5, 2020. To attend, please contact Carolyn Hoover @ yischoover@gmail.com or 559-760-5638.

YIS has just held their first meeting of year on Feb. 14, 2020 and had a workshop of making **English boxes** for our YIS Iris **Show to be held on Sat. April 25th, 2020** at the Coarsegold Community Center. We also have a full slate of activities planned for 2020 to include an approved **Judges' Training "Awards and Ballots**" conducted by Riley Probst on Sunday, March 8, 2020 @ 12:30 PM at the Madera County Library in Oakhurst, CA. All members from Region 14 may attend. Please RSVP to our President, Sandra Saelens, if you plan to attend. Potluck lunch begins @ 12:30 PM and Judges' Training to follow.

Artistic Design floral arranging will be provided at April meeting. **Bryce Williamson** will be our guest speaker on Nov. 13th with his topic "This and That."

YIS Summer BBQ and Iris Auction will on August 1st and Christmas Party on Sat. Dec. 5, 2020. We currently have 41 members.



L-R: Sandy Saelens, Carolyn Hoover (background), & Amberlee Pick Making English Boxes



Lori Peterson Making English Boxes

Yosemite Iris Society, Region 14



2019 Holiday Party

Submitted by Carolyn Hoover Photos by Aleli Kelton

Region 14 Youth Program

The youth have been busy at Coarsegold Elementary School under the CIP leadership of Mrs. Victoria Glines, 3rd grade teacher. Over 20 students participated in the AIS Coloring Contest last fall and just received their cash awards in January 2020.

Students are now working on their essays for the Ackerman Essay Contest due March 15th. (Information on next page)

First place winner in the coloring contest was Samantha Anderson of Reno, NV. Her sister, also of Reno, NV, was Sabrina Anderson, age 11, who won 2nd in her age group. I am very proud of Samantha and Sabrina; as they are my granddaughters.

Carolyn Hoover



Sabrina Anderson Photo by Guy Hoover



Coarsegold Elementary 3rd Grade Class with Carolyn Hoover, Youth Director. Students are receiving AIS Coloring Contest awards and cash. They also receive a potted TB Iris from Carolyn Hoover for participating Photo by Victoria Glines

Youth Ackerman Essay Contest

Hello All of You Wonderful American Iris Society Youth! As a member of The American Iris Society all the youth iris lovers in the world are very important to us. AIS and the AIS Foundation sponsor an exciting activity for you that has awards and free new iris hybrids. It is the *Youth Ackerman Essay* contest. This year you will have the opportunity to hone up on your writing skills and write a persuasive imaginative essay. I am announcing the 2020 theme and deadline for the Ackerman Essay Contest. The theme is:

It is the 50th Anniversary of the American Iris Society this year! Imagine that you are the President of the American Iris Society 50 years from now, on the 100th Anniversary of AIS. How would you encourage people to join AIS and continue to support growing and sharing irises into the future? What do you think irises will look like in 2070?

You are going to have to dig really deep into your imagination to write this one. Think hard and out of the box. Tell us things that come into your mind when you think about your iris what the future might be like. As you write, explain with examples and paint a picture with your words as you tell us what you would share about growing iris, how they might be grown and what changes might have occurred over the years with the plant, the colors, the size, the bloom times, etc. Be careful not to just list things, remember this is an essay, so write details with creativity.

There are three age groups, therefore awarding three 1st, three 2nd, and three 3rd place prizes; one in each age group! The age groups are **9 and Under**, **10-12**, **and 13 and Over**. All three age groups will receive: \$100 for First Place, \$50 for Second Place and \$25 for Third Place, courtesy of The American Iris Society Foundation. They will also receive a 2020 iris from one of our wonderful hybridizers. And of course, there are some other rules:

Essays should be written in **500 words or less**. The deadline for getting the essay finished and sent in to me is **March 30, 2020**. Mail your essay to:

Debbie Strauss 2213 Hereford Blvd Midland, TX 79707 Email: debbie@loveiries.com 432-352-5483

Or, send as an attachment to me via e-mail at: <u>debbie@loveirises.com</u>. If you have any questions, email or call me. Everyone that enters will receive a lovely participation certificate.

Don't wait until the last minute to work on your essay. When you have a quiet or free time, make a list of the what the future of the iris looks like and how you can help them be important in our gardens. Then when you have more time, add more ideas or refine the ones you already have and decide what you want to write about. This will get you started and you won't be so overwhelmed with writing the essay. If you have any questions feel free to email me or call me.

Sincerely,

Debbie

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