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**TB 'Wizard of Odds' (Black, 2007)
Photo by Stephanie Jennings**

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The RVP's Garden



I sincerely hope that all of you reading this are doing well and staying safe. This pandemic has certainly affected our lives in so many profound ways. Cancelled shows (and regionals), meetings, and fundraisers have hit all of our clubs hard, and dealing with income loss, illness and, unfortunately in some cases, passing of our friends, family members, and club members has taken its toll as well. I am hopeful that things will begin to turn a corner soon as vaccines become more widely available, but in the meantime, please continue to protect yourself from this terrible disease.

We are busily preparing for our spring regional at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden. Our current plan is for the meetings to be online via Zoom, and garden visits will be in small groups over a longer period rather than having everyone visit the garden at once. Please see elsewhere in this bulletin for further information.

I would like to welcome the new board members and committee chairs who have recently been appointed: Carol Cullen is our new assistant RVP and judges' training chair, Bonnie Petheram is our new treasurer, Jeff Bennett is the new director for the central region, and Shirley Trio-Probst is our new membership chair. Welcome to all of you, and thank you very much for stepping up to serve the Region!

My iris are starting to wake up from their winter sleep, and let's all hope that spring will bring us beautiful blooms and better times!

Jean Richter
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Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family and a very happy 2021 to you! I hope this finds you all well, and continuing to navigate these unprecedented times with humor and grace. As I sit and write this, the Reno-Tahoe region is tucked neatly under a thick blanket of snow, providing welcome moisture and insulation for all of our plants so that they may awaken and emerge strong and rested. And after the extensive gut punch we've all endured, more commonly known as 2020, I hope the same for you! Here's to a healthy, healing 2021!

2022 AIS Convention April 11-16, 2022, Las Cruces, NM (Postponed from 2021)

2023 AIS Convention April 2023 dates to be determined - Dallas, TX

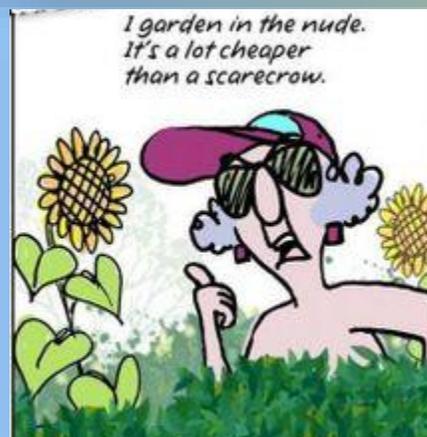
The next Bulletin will come out in August 2021. The deadline for submitting items to me is Friday, July 30, 2021. Remember - This is YOUR newsletter, so what's important to me is including and showcasing the information that you'd like to share. Reminder - if you'd like to print this issue but don't want to use the volume of colored ink it requires, simply set your printer setting to print in black & white.

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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Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

Region 14 of the American Iris Society			
Treasurer's report for Spring Bulletin 2021			
Current monies:	Checking account	34207.52	
	PayPal account	1937.82	
Total Monies:		36145.34	
			Notes
Recent Expenses:			576 Dry Creek postage costs for mailing rhizomes
			25 State of CA filing fees
			2 Sales tax paid to the State of CA for 4th quarter of 2020
Recent Income:		1200	High Desert Iris Society Scholarship donations
		200	Mt. Diablo Iris Society donation in memory of irisarians
(recent expenses and income are already figured into current monies)			that passed away in 2020
Budgeted Expense items for upcoming year 2021			
(likely ones for an atypical year)			
Bulletin editor expenses		30	
Bulletin-reimbursing club presidents for printing & mailing		100	
Beardless iris purchases for Fall Regional		425	
Miscellaneous expenses for auctions, raffles, etc.		100	
Sales taxes on items sold from regionals, etc.		150	
Judges' Training Chair expenses		125	
Awards and Trophies for Spring Regional		650	
Honorary awards		300	
Treasurer office/legal/CA state filing expenses		200	
Historian Chair expenses		100	
Scholarship Award		1500	An extra \$500 than typical likely to be awarded this year
Scholarship committee expenses		250	because of donation from Sacramento
Youth committee expenses		500	Donations often help cover some costs
Membership chair expenses		30	
Internet services (Region 14 website)		200	
Donations		200	
Total Projected Expenses for 2021			4860
Budget Expense items that are unlikely to occur specifically in 2021			
RVP allowance		2500	Will definitely not be spent by RVP
Science fund		500	
New club Startup funds		500	
Total of other expenses that are not likely to happen in 2021			3500

Prepared & Submitted by Bonnie Petheram

Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

Budgeted Revenues for 2021:

Bulletin advertising	20
Dues from societies	1480 -Dues from Societies-\$4 per member, July
Judges' training	200
Registration fees from Fall regional	200
Rhizome Sales from Spring Regional	400
Fall Regional fundraising	800
Donation received from Sacramento club for scholarship fund	500
Donation received from High Desert club for scholarship fund	1200
Total Projected Revenues for 2021	4800

Total projected revenues	4800
Total projected expenses	4860
Projected Funds needed from reserve	60

Comments: Of course last year, 2020, was very unusual and we did not have many of the usual expenses. We also had a much larger than usual revenue stream from the Dry Creek rhizome sales. This year, 2021, will be atypical as well, probably fewer expenses but also fewer revenues. Long term, we do need to figure out how to generate more revenue; as we usually spend quite a bit more than we bring in.

Region 14 Fall Meeting Minutes-Preliminary

Minutes to be Presented and approved at 2021 Spring Regional

AIS Region 14

Fall Regional October 3, 2020

Online via Zoom

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

Outgoing **Treasurer, Helen Franklin**, reported that the Region has \$29,726.06 on hand as of October 1st. Expenses were \$865.94 and Revenues were \$6,241.86. The Summer Fundraiser, selling the iris from the Dry Creek Garden, brought in \$5,400 from Clubs and individuals.

There are some out of region sales that have not yet been paid. There are more rhizomes available. Jean will update the list of what is left and distribute it to the club presidents. It was noted that the deficit incurred from the 2019 AIS National Convention was \$16,000 and that the National AIS gave us \$2,100 for Audio/Visual Expenses. John Pesek moved that the report be accepted. Lynn Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New **Treasurer, Bonnie Petheram**, presented the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by sharing the screen to Zoom. It was noted that some funds allocated in the 2019-2020 budget were not spent, in particular the RVP's budget and the Science budget. These items are required to be listed in the budget, but will not be spent in this year either. Several adjustments were made, notably an increase in the scholarship fund to account for the \$500 donation from Sacramento IS and the Youth budget was decreased from \$1,700 to \$500, because there are only 27 youth members. With the schools closed there is no way to contact the students. We will be exploring ways to increase our income. Patricia Eisenberg volunteered to look into finding grants for 501c3 organizations for special projects, such as youth programs. The Final Budget shows \$8,795 in expenses and \$6,100 in Revenues with a deficit of \$2,695. However, with the allotted expenses that will not be spent, the budget is close to being balanced.

Riley Probst moved that the Budget be accepted. John Pesek seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

The Budget meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

RVP, Jean Richter, called the Business Meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

A moment of silence was held for Gordon Nicholson who passed away on August 10, 2020. Gordon, along with his wife Lorraine, worked tirelessly on behalf of Region 14 for many years. Kathy Braaten moved that the Region donate \$200 to AIS in memory of Gordon. Phyllis Wilburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Carol Cullen moved that the minutes from the 2020 Spring Regional Business Meeting be accepted. John Pesek seconded. The motion was passed.

Judges Training Chair, Carol Cullen, reported that the Region had 12 shows in 2018, 11 shows in 2019, and no shows in 2020. Three apprentices moved up to G/E judges: Craig Tarr, Sandra Saelens, and Norma Jean Paul. The Training Reports will go out next week.

In order to provide Garden Training for judges and especially for students and apprentices, the Region is proposing that judges organize 2 garden trainings be scheduled on the same day, morning 10-11:30 AM and afternoon 1:30-3:00 PM so that no overnight stay is required. It would reduce the cost and small groups would be able to social distance. Also, there needs to be an Awards and Ballots Training because 2 apprentices need this to move up. The Star Award for the most Judges Training hours taken by a judge was awarded to Anna Cadd.

Secretary, Jane Jordan, reported that there was no board activity since the Spring Regional.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented at the Budget Meeting.

Bulletin Editor, Stephanie Jennings, thanked the contributors to the August Bulletin. The deadline for the Spring Bulletin is February 1st. That issue will contain a remembrance for Gordon Nicholson. Please send photos and personal stories to be included.

Central Director, Craig Tarr, reported that Monterey Bay Iris Society, Clara B. Rees Iris Society, and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society have been meeting via Zoom. Mount Diablo Iris Society has not been meeting.

Southern Director, Linda Hood, was not present, but sent a report. Many events were cancelled, but iris have been potted for a Spring Sale.

Northern Director, Cindy Eastman, was not present and sent no report. Representatives from the various clubs gave brief reports on outdoor meetings, iris sales, and online auctions.

Past RVP, Phyllis Wilburn, will Chair of the Nominating Committee for the next Regional Vice President and Assistant RVP/Judges Training Chair. The committee is comprised of the 3 Directors, a Club President, a Judge, and one other person.

Honorary Awards Chair, Patricia Eisenberg, thanked her committee members. She is preparing a list of previous winners of the Larry Gaulter Award for Service to Region 14. This year's recipient is Phyllis Wilburn for her 8 years of service to the region as Secretary, Judges Training Chair, and Regional Vice President. Phyllis thanked her mentors and encouraged everyone to volunteer for the Region and to promote iris.

Fundraising Co-Chairs, Marilyn Kaplan and Patricia Eisenberg, reported that the only fundraising was the sale of the Dry Creek Garden rhizomes. There were 50 volunteers who helped dig and label the iris. Patricia will be researching grants that may be available for public gardens and youth programs. They are also exploring online sales and auctions. Please donate iris related memorabilia to the Region. There are several items to be auctioned off today. That will happen after the afternoon Judges Training.

Historian, Jean Richter, reported that Philippa Alvis donated a box of historic memorabilia. Bryce Williamson is working on digitizing the Region Scrapbook.

Internet/Electronic Services Chair, Ann Pike, was not present but sent a report that there are no changes to the website.

Membership Chair, Mary Ann Horton, sent a report. The number of youth reported was corrected by Carolyn Hoover, the total membership is 372 with 27 youth members. Pam Messer is taking over the National Membership Chair from Tom Gormley. Mary Ann would also like to retire as Region Membership Chair.

Scholarship Chair, Lee Dickey, was not present. Jean will follow up with him.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, is working on several articles.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, reported that there were no awards since there were no garden visits in the Spring.

Youth Chair, Carolyn Hoover, reported that there are 27 youths. She will clarify the list with Pam Messer. Many youths were removed since there was no way to contact them while schools are closed. Two third-graders in the Youth Program won 2nd and 3rd place awards in the essay contest. Howie Dash donated 50 iris to the program.

Old Business

The 2021 Spring Regional is planned for May 8 at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden near Placerville. At this time, it is not clear whether it will be an in-person event. However, the garden will be open for small groups over several weekends. All are encouraged to visit the garden and vote on the guest iris. There will be a sign up for time slots so there won't be too many people at once. Bruce Filardi will be the guest speaker possibly via Zoom.

The 2021 National Convention is on hold at the moment. A decision will be made in November.

The Spring 2022 Regional will be hosted by Sydney B. Mitchell and Mount Diablo Iris Societies at the Dry Creek Garden. Jeff Bennett reported that guest iris are arriving. The iris are going into pots at the moment waiting for the beds to be prepared. There will 150-170 guest iris. Jeff specified that hybridizers may only send 10 seedlings.

The 2021 Fall Regional will be hosted by Clara B. Rees Iris Society at the Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto.

A host is needed for the 2023 Spring Regional. The guest iris need to be planted next year.

Riley Probst reported the top ten results of the Tall Bearded Symposium for Region 14. That's All Folks (31 votes), Absolute Treasure (21), Gypsy Lord (21), Haunted Heart (19), Autumn Explosion (18), Lady Friend (18), Bottle Rocket (16), Dusky Challenger (16). Several Regions have not reported their votes yet for the national symposium.

New Business

Bonnie Petheram nominated Jeff Bennett for the 3-year term as the Central Director. There were no other nominations. John Pesek moved that the nominations be closed. Lynn Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Jeff was elected.

Jean Richter appointed Shirley Trio-Probst as the new Membership Chair. The Board approved the appointment with a voice vote.

The nominating committee for the next Regional Vice President and Assistant RVP was selected.

It includes Phyllis Wilburn, Chair, the 3 directors –Linda Hood, Cindy Eastman, and Jeff Bennett, plus Anna Cadd as a judge, Sandra Saelens as a Club President, and Mikey Lango as another person. John Pesek moved that the committee be approved. Lynn Williams seconded it. The motion passed.

Jeff Davis, president of Santa Rosa Iris Society, asked how other clubs were managing with Zoom meetings. Several clubs have slide show presentations that can be shared with other clubs.

Jean Richter will make a list of available programs and explore sharing with other regions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 PM.

AIS Region 14 Spring 2021 Regional “Blooms and Bluebirds”

AIS Region 14 invites you to their 2021 Spring Regional, “Blooms and Bluebirds.” The guest iris are located at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden, 6940 Fairplay Road, Somerset, California, which is near Placerville in the wine country of southern El Dorado County. Bluebird Haven has four acres of permanent iris plantings (mostly historic iris with some more modern iris as well), so there will be plenty of iris to enjoy!

Due to the pandemic, we will be doing things quite a bit differently this year. Garden visits will be scheduled in small groups rather than having everyone visit the garden at once. Meetings will be held via Zoom on May 8. In addition to the general meeting, we will have hybridizer Bruce Filardi as our guest speaker, and we hope to arrange for him to give an online judges’ garden training! We are also trying to arrange for judges’ garden training at Bluebird Haven within the small groups visiting the garden. Please indicate on your registration form if you need or are willing to provide garden training.

To sign up for a garden visit time slot, please email jean-richter@berkeley.edu or call (510) 864-7962. You will have a two-hour time slot to view the regional planting, and you can enjoy the iris in the rest of the garden before and/or after your time slot. Time slots are available from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., and 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Bluebird Haven is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and the visit days for the regional will be April 28 – May 2, May 5 – 9, and May 12 – 16 (Wednesdays – Sundays). Peak bloom is usually the second week of May, though keep in mind that the regional planting includes some median iris that may only be in bloom in the earlier time period, and of course weather may affect bloom time.

Signing up for multiple visits to the regional guest iris is possible, but please wait until April to sign up for a second visit, to make sure everyone can get a visit time. Groups for each time slot are limited to six people or fewer – that is the maximum that can safely physically distance within the regional beds.

To keep everyone safe, masks and six feet of physical distancing (from people not in your household) are required while in the garden. Anyone not following these requirements will be asked to leave. A mask will be provided to you in your registration packet, and personal hand sanitizer bottles will be available near the regional beds.

Your registration packet will be mailed to you prior to the garden visit times. It will include a mask, a pin, the regional booklet and awards ballot, a notepad and pen, and other goodies. It will also include a name badge which must be worn to access the regional beds, which are not open to the general public (it also allows you to enter Bluebird Haven without paying an entrance fee). We have endeavored to keep costs as low as possible to make this regional accessible to all. Awards ballots can be placed in the ballot box in the garden, or submitted by mail or email.

We hope that lodging will be available during the regional, though of course this is subject to any local restrictions due to the pandemic. The nearest motels are the Best Western Placerville Inn (6850 Green Leaf Drive, Placerville), located just off State Highway 50 in Placerville, local phone number (530) 622-9100 and Best Western toll-free reservation number (800) 780-7234, and the Shenandoah Inn (17674 Village Drive, Plymouth, located just off State Highway 49 in Plymouth, (209) 245-4991. Both are about a 25 minute drive from Bluebird Haven. The Best Western's rates are more affordable. There are also nearby bed and breakfast inns (please be sure to check for availability).

2021 AIS REGION 14 SPRING REGIONAL “BLOOMS AND BLUEBIRDS”

Meetings held online on Saturday, May 8, 2021

Featured Online Judges’ Trainer: Bruce Filardi

Guest iris planting at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden, 6940 Fairplay Road, Somerset, California 95684 (near Placerville). Visits will be in pre-scheduled small groups (six or fewer). Time slots available Wednesdays – Sundays April 28 – May 16 at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. Please email jeanrichter@berkeley.edu or call (510) 864-7962 to reserve your time slot. Masks and physical distancing will be mandatory in the garden.

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Iris Club Member? ____ Y ____ N If yes: Local Iris Society _____

Are you interested in receiving garden judges’ training? ____ Y ____ N

Are you interested in giving garden judges’ training? ____ Y ____ N

Do you have disabilities that need accommodation? ____ Y ____ N If so, please describe:

Registration fee: \$30 per person if paid by April 15, \$35 per person afterward = Total \$ _____.

Checks payable to AIS Region 14, or you may pay via PayPal to info@aisregion14.org. Mail to: Bonnie Petheram, 1226 High St., Alameda, CA 94501 or email to bpetheram@gmail.com

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Remembering Friends

The Iris world is deeply saddened by the loss of Gordon Nicholson, who passed away August 10, 2020. Gordon and wife Lorraine worked tirelessly for Region 14 for many years, and were recognized for their efforts by receiving the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017. Gordon - you are and will continue to be greatly missed.



**Lorraine & Gordon Nicholson Receive the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award, Presented by Jean Richter, Region 14 RVP
Photo by Mikey Lango**



**Lorraine & Gordon Nicholson at a Regional Meeting
Photo by Mikey Lango**

Judges' Training Report – Spring 2021

Judges' training has been very different for all of us this past season and year. From August 1, 2020 to date, Judges in Region 14 have completed 162 hours of training via Zoom. The last two training session topics, both held in October of 2020, were Spurias, given by Andi Rivarola, and Siberian Iris, sponsored by Region 2, and featuring Bob Hollingsworth. A total of 44 members attended the Spuria training and 10 members from Region 14 participated in the Siberian training. We do have a number of Judges who need additional Garden Training and some are still missing Classroom Training. Region 14 is hoping to sponsor additional trainings prior to July 31, 2021 to help meet these needs.

As of November 15, 2020 AIS had 458 Judges including 115 Retired Judges. It was announced that as of January 1, 2021, Region 14 will have a new Emeritus Judge. Congratulations to Bryce Williamson on his advancement to Emeritus status! Quite an honor, and well deserved.

Since we are in need of additional training opportunities, I encourage each Club (or individual) to consider offering training needed in your area. Listed below are the steps to take to initiate a training session:

Call, email or snail mail me with your request, which needs to be approved. You will need to provide the following information:

1. Type of training proposed and sponsor (Your club? An individual?)
2. Proposed Judge who will be giving the training,
3. Date and location of the proposed training,
4. Any limitation to the number of students (quite possible due to Covid issues). Could be a 1:1 training as necessary,
5. Judge must provide a test to be completed by all attending. (10 questions per hour of training is required.)

The sign in sheet and completed tests will need to be returned to me within two weeks of the training.

Any questions? Please call or email me.

For those of you needing Garden Training, this may be a realistic way to provide/receive that training as necessary.

I wish you all good health.

Carol Cullen, JT Chair

Nominating Committee Report

Who will lead the Region?

The Nominating committee has started their work to gather nominations for the next Regional Vice President (RVP) and Assistant RVP/Judges Training Chair (ARVP/JT Chair)). The makeup of the committee is set out in the Region 14 Bylaws, and it consists of a Chair, Phyllis Wilburn, as Immediate Past RVP, the three directors, Jeff Bennett, Linda Hood, Cindy Eastman, a judge, Anna Cadd, a member-at-large, Mikey Lango, and a President, Sandy Saelens. I am glad to see that there is representation from most areas of the Region.

There are many great leaders out there in our clubs, so I urge you to put on your thinking cap and make recommendations to the committee members. The term of office is set out in the AIS by-laws, as the AIS Board approves the RVPs for all regions at their Fall board meeting every year, with a term limit of 3 years.

Our job is to select one nominee for RVP, and one for ARVP/J T Chair, to be announced in the August 2021 issue of the Region 14 Bulletin. If there are no candidates set forward by petition after the announcement (for this see the Region 14 by-laws), the candidates are approved and take office at the Fall Region 14 meeting. The official change, however, takes place when the AIS Board approves RVPs at their Fall Meeting.

There is the assumption that the ARVP would move up to the RVP role, but this has not always been the case. In many recent elections, the candidate for RVP has come from the members at large, with some or no previous board experience. If we get several nominations, we can arrange for interviews with the candidates during the Spring Regional in May. This was done for the last transition. Then the committee votes to select their recommended nominees.

There is no term limit on the ARVP/JT Chair. Since Carol Cullen is fairly new to the ARVP position, she has expressed that she would like to stay in her current position. This does not mean that you cannot nominate someone for this position. However, it does reduce the job that we have to do.

Please contact anyone on the committee to suggest or nominate candidates. You know the folks in your clubs best, and you can judge who would be a qualified leader for Region 14. We are the largest region in terms of membership, and have the most iris judges, so our potential for leadership should reflect that. There is no time to waste, as we must have nominations before the Spring Regional meeting, so **April 15 is the deadline for nominations.**

Thanks for your participation in this process. It is very important to the Region. **And don't forget that you can nominate yourself! Anyone can say 'I could do that' but it is better to say 'I will do that' and follow through.**

Phyllis Wilburn, 2021 Nominating Committee Chair

Special Awards Committee Report

by Patricia Eisenberg, 2020 Committee Chair

As the previous Chair, my **thanks** to Special Awards Committee Members Linda Hood, Terry Toney and Kathy Oldham. The Committee offers its **condolences** to Lorraine Nicholson in the loss of Gordon, both of whom were previously awarded the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award for service to Region 14.

Our Committee studied the bylaws and standing rules on Region 14's website and reviewed former recipients of the distinguished Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award. We collected nominations, compared guidelines to submittals, confidentially asked questions, obtained input and finally voted based on narratives submitted and our experiences with the nominees. (Clarifying the nominating process, service to iris clubs and work for AIS National is only 'adjunct' to Region 14 service—adding a "halo" but not substance for consideration. The Chair does not vote except to break a tie). The recommendation was submitted to Jean Richter, Region 14 RVP, and subsequently approved.

Thus, the **Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award** was recently presented during the Fall Meeting of AIS Region 14 to a person honored for the zeal that comes from a heart devoted to iris. Tirelessly encouraging all of us who are attracted to iris, the recipient has been accessible, and knowledgeable-- often found with a camera handy. This natural teacher and approachable, good listener among us is known for taking initiative with a sharp focus on iris education in offering presentations and **judges trainings**.



Hybridizer Larry Gaulter (1908-1991)
Photo courtesy of AIS

The Larry Gaulter Award was presented to **Phyllis Wilburn of Rescue, California**, to honor her indefatigable heart and mission-mindedness in gathering people around the culture and improvement of the genus *iris* to the betterment of Region 14. An advocate of proper procedure, Phyllis has held several **significant roles** involving enormous work: Secretary for Region 14 for 3 years under RVP Jeanne Plank, 2011 – 2014; Region 14 Judges Training Chair for three years under John Pesek, 2013-2015; Region 14 RVP, 2016-2018, and is currently the Past RVP for the Region. Phyllis is a Director for the American Iris Society, and the Section and Cooperating Society Liaison for AIS and the membership secretary for the Tall Bearded Iris Society.



Sacramento Iris Society Show, 2020
Photo by Kathy Braaten

Region 14 and its affiliates have been fortunate having Phyllis--a committed enthusiast who grows many iris varieties and species—willing to share vast knowledge in the culture of each, maintaining a large, historic iris collection. Phyllis has been Regional Guest Iris Chair many times for the Region 14 **Spring treks**. Phyllis is an exceptional resource on the long tradition of showing, judging and promoting **AIS Iris Shows**, a good help to student judges and show chairs.



Horton Iris, April 2018, admiring
'Eleanor Ditha Fink' (Kerr, 2015)
Photo by Kathy Braaten

With analytical questions to balance her intrepid project bravery, Phyllis is always ready to plant or dig iris on grand scale! A long-time Region 14 member, Phyllis is an “all in” irisarian through thick and thin, whether battling gophers, recruiting volunteers, competitively bidding in iris auctions, supporting Basket raffles or working on potted iris or rhizomes for fundraising. She is humble and apologizes for an error, and gives credit where due. A team-minded event participant, as ready with a shovel, scissors, paper bags, snacks and Sharpies, as with a quick wit and laugh, Phyllis can be found after day-tours and meetings offering wine, soda and snacks in a hotel-room-turned-hospitality-lounge, discussing artistic arrangements and seedling introductions while attentively welcoming new attendees.

This collegial-minded, former Region 14 RVP always expands the number of people learning the ropes by matching new recruits to needed tasks-- as easily as she coordinates her artistic earrings and necklaces! A caring leader who generates group positivity, Phyllis’ upbeat, “no-complaints” style attracts others to say ‘yes’ on pitching in, and to expand curiosity about iris. Thank you, Phyllis Wilburn!

P.S. Only one Award may be given per Regional, but there is no limit on the number per year nor an obligation to award this honor each year. The Larry Gaulter Award has been traditionally given once a year to a person, couple or entity contributing at least 8 years of notable service to Region 14. (As yet no entity has received the award). Time to think of nominations and those whose Region 14 service we want to recognize and honor. Submittals may be sent to Linda Hood, 2021 Chair, and Committee Members.



**L-R: Rick Tasco, Phyllis,
Roger Duncan (RIP 2020), Christine Dickenson
Photo by Kathy Braaten**



**Phyllis, Oregon Gardens, 2013
Photo by Kathy Braaten**

The Larry Gaulter Award

I am truly honored to have been given the Larry Gaulter Award for service to Region 14 at the 2020 Fall Meeting. I was on the board for nine years as Secretary, ARVP/JT Chair and RVP. It was a great ride and I learned so much about AIS and the workings of the Region and the affiliate clubs. What I especially value from the experience, is the opportunity it afforded me to meet so many of the members and get to know people in the Region. I am currently a Director on the American Iris Society (AIS) Board and continue to represent the concerns of Region 14. We are the largest Region, so representation on the AIS Board is very important for us. I encourage all of you to volunteer for positions on the Region 14 Board or committees, and to consider being an AIS Director. I value the time spent serving the Region, but I could not have done it without the support of the members and the special people who stepped up to take on jobs that needed to be done. Volunteers are a blessing for anyone in a leadership position and I appreciate all the help that I received. It is our organization, and we should all want to be a part of the workings and decisions that make it a success. Thanks again for the honor and the beautiful plaque to remember it by.

Phyllis Wilburn, Immediate Past RVP



**Phyllis, Holding her Award
Photo by Jack Wilburn**

Region 14 of the American Iris Society, Scholarship

Counseling Office

Attention: Academic/Scholarship Advisor:

RE: Scholarship Application for the 2020-2021 school year.

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The members of Region 14 of the American Iris Society are pleased to offer a \$1,000 scholarship with the intent of promoting interest in irises.

The award shall be given to a student who is pursuing a career in horticulture, floriculture, landscaping, nursery production or a related field. Applicants may be current seniors in high school, attending college or a university or be returning to college by fall 2021. All those interested are encouraged to apply. The applicant's home address must be within the Region 14 area of Northern California, Nevada or Hawaii.

I am requesting your help in disseminating the attached scholarship application to your students who have an interest and staff who teach in these areas of study. If you have any questions, you may email or call me. When calling and leaving a voicemail, please speak slowly and clearly.

Lee Dickey, Scholarship Chair
270-839-2791 or ledickey@gmail.com

Completed applications are to be mailed to Lee Dickey, Scholarship Chair. They must be postmarked by **March 30, 2021**. A committee will screen and evaluate all submissions. In order to allow students to be honored at their senior awards or scholarship presentation, counselors will be notified of the results of the selection for the scholarship by email, no later than May 15, 2021. If recipient of the scholarship is currently attending college, they will be notified personally by email.

Thank you for your assistance in promoting this financial opportunity for your students. For additional copies of the scholarship information and application please check the homepage of the Region 14 website at: www.aisregion14.org.

Sincerely,

Lee Dickey
Scholarship Chair, Region 14 AIS
20636 Bernard Way
Redding, CA 96003-8916

Region 14 of the American Iris Society, Scholarship

Dear Applicant,

The members of Region 14 of the American Iris Society are pleased to offer a \$1,000 scholarship with the intent of promoting interest in irises.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA

Student must:

1. reside within the region 14 area of Northern California, Nevada or Hawaii.
2. be a graduating high school senior, community college or 4-year college/university student or a returning student.
3. be pursuing a career in horticulture, floriculture, landscaping, nursery production or a related field.
4. Have an interest in irises or related fields
 - a. Demonstrate interest in iris activities or
 - b. Interest in the fields listed in #3.
5. Complete the attached Scholarship application
6. Include a copy of your current transcript and grades in progress, if available.
7. Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, counselor or administrator
8. Include two (2) character references
9. Application must be postmarked or email by deadline: **Monday, March 30, 2021.**

Please send your completed application to:

Lee Dickey
Scholarship Chair, Region 14, AIS
20636 Bernard Way
Redding, CA 96003-8916

You will be notified by email when your application has been received. A committee will screen and review all applications to select the recipient. All applicants or their current school counselor will be notified of the results by email no later than May 15, 2021.

To claim the scholarship, the recipient must provide verification of current enrollment and commitment to attend a community college, 4-year college or university by October 15, 2020

If you have **any** questions you may call **(270-839-2791)** or email me: **ledickey@gmail.com**

Please be sure to complete your application **in full** in order to be eligible for consideration for the scholarship. Best wishes for a successful year and in pursuing your future goals.

Lee Dickey
Scholarship Chair
Region 14, American Iris Society

For additional copies of the scholarship information you may check the homepage of the Region 14 website at: www.aisregion14.org.

***Application for \$1,000 Scholarship to be Awarded by Region 14
of the American Iris Society (AIS)***

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: () _____

Affiliation with Region 14 of AIS: no () yes ()

Which Society _____ Name/relationship to member _____

Current School/College: _____ Current Grade: _____

School/college currently attending or returning student? _____

Name and Location of school: _____

What type of school/college do you plan to attend? _____ Trade/Technical
_____ Community College _____ Community College w/transfer _____ 4 yr college/university

Name: _____ Location: _____

Major Area of Study: _____

Occupational Goal: _____

Please include with your application:

1. A copy of your current transcripts & grades in progress report.
2. A letter of recommendation from teacher/professor, counselor or administrator.
3. Two (2) character references

The recipient of the scholarship will be sent a check upon proof of successful admission and commitment to attend a Community College, College or University.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNSELING OFFICE (for high school students only)

Overall Grade point average _____ Current gpa _____ Class Rank _____ of _____

SAT scores: Verbal _____ Math _____ Writing _____ ACT _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____ email: _____

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper or to complete your responses below.

AWARDS, HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS

ORGANIZATIONS (School and Community)

WORK EXPERIENCE

OTHER ACTIVITIES (School, Community, Hobbies, etc.)

Please write a paragraph about your goals and how you plan to achieve them. If you have been an active member of Region 14, please tell us of your achievements and the activities in which you have participated.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian's signature (if under 18): _____ **Date:** _____

Printed name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Do not write below this line

Date received _____ **Affiliate Group** _____ **Score** _____

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

CBRIS has been “zooming” its way through the pandemic. We floundered a bit at first, but we have our zoom technique down pat now with 20 plus participants at our online meetings.

In June, Jane Jordan gave a presentation on Ben Hager, one of the most decorated and influential hybridizers in AIS history, and his prize winning iris in all the iris categories.

We didn't hold our annual picnic this year in July., but we held the auction online.

Dykes Medal for Best Iris from All Categories



Ben Hager with the Prima Donna



Beverly Sills 1985
#12 TB Symposium



TB 'Edith Wolford' (Hager, 1986)
Photo courtesy of AIS



TB 'Hemstitched' (Hager, 1990)
Photo courtesy of AIS

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

In August, we were able to have our rhizome sale at Yamagami's Nursery. Our booth was set up in the parking lot by the front entrance rather than at back of the store. This location was very beneficial for our sales, plus everyone seems to be gardening now!



CBRIS Rhizome Sale
Yamagami's Nursery
August 8, 2020



Photos by Mary Collins and Trang Bui

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

Also in August, we sold rhizomes out of Elaine Fischer's driveway.



**Last Chance
Rhizome Sale
Aug. 15, 2020**



Photos by Mikey Lango.

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

In September, Jean Richter, Region 14 RVP, gave a presentation entitled “100 years of the AIS” featuring trend-setting iris hybridized in each decade since 1920.



'Quaker Lady' (Farr, 1909)



'San Francisco' (Mohr, 1927)



'Unicorn' (L. Austin, 1954)

In October, Jane Jordan gave a presentation on beardless iris featuring photos and culture tips for Louisiana, Japanese, Siberian, Spuria, Species, and Species Cross iris.



Cute As LA



Lois Setser LA



Best Kept Secret SPU



Red War Clouds SPU

Beardless Iris



Japanese Plum JI



Enchanted Lake JI



Black Joker SIB



Strawberry Fair SIB

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

In November, Pacific Coast iris hybridizer, Garry Knipe, presented a slide show featuring some of his favorite PCI. He covered iris breeding, focusing on the “Valley Banner” pattern. He also shared photos of his recent seedling.



Garry Posing With One of His Many Best Seedling Awards



**PCN 'Premonition of Spring'
(Knipe, 2021)**



Garry Knipe Seedling 1613_2

Photos courtesy of Garry Knipe

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

In December, Trang Bui and Jane Jordan created a slide show of iris with Christmas themed names set to a poem in the style of “A Night before Christmas”. Trang is the Poet. The slide show was quite popular. It was shared with several other clubs and was posted on Facebook.



In January, guest speaker Patrick Spence, of Cascadia Iris Garden in Lake Stevens, WA, gave a very informative presentation on Japanese Iris. He started with a brief history of the iris in Japan and then showed examples of 3-fall, 6-fall, and 9-fall irises. He covered the culture for growing and dividing Japanese iris. He shared photos of his 2021 introduction “Barbara Said So” as well as several of his seedlings that are destined for introduction.



JI ‘Barbara Said So’ Spence, 2021
Photo by Margaret Spence

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

High Desert Iris Society

Like all clubs, we are and will continue to navigate the unknown and plan accordingly. We're especially appreciative of longtime partner Moana Nursery. We are very thankful that last August, Moana permitted the fundraisers to take place on two consecutive weekends - - we all of course were diligent about upholding the requirements for masks at all times and social distancing. Although sales were much lower than usual, (as expected) we did part with a total of 1,305 rhizomes and enjoyed meeting and signing up 4 new members!

Thankfully, Moana is also permitting us to hold our show this year on May 15th & 16th. Rather than in their retail nursery where it normally occurs, we will be in their design center, which offers a big classroom and much larger space overall. This will allow us to comfortably display our ever-expanding show while easily allowing for proper social distancing.

You may remember the endeavor we undertook last April to assist our beloved Region 14 neighbor, Frannie's Iris Garden in Elk Grove, CA. Owners Fran & Russ Shields made the decision to significantly scale down their operation, and with "COVID-inspired" restrictions in place, couldn't welcome customers to their popular garden to sell/reduce their substantial 1-gallon potted Iris inventory. HDIS stepped in and various members made several trips to CA to pick up all their pots, care for them, and sell them on their behalf. In total, we sold 852 of their 1-gallon pots for them, and our Nevada customers, having irises to buy 3 months sooner than usual, were absolutely delighted! Many thanks to BJ Mills, Pat & Dave Canter, and Dan Williams for all their work in transporting and selling the pots. At our end of year meeting last November, we unanimously decided as a club that in 2021, we will once again "head over the pass" as needed and conduct the same rewarding activity to help Russ & Fran.

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Hello from Leo T. Clark Iris Society. We have been plugging along this winter, along with everyone else. Good riddance to 2020, and hopefully 2021 will be better. One thing about 2020, though: the iris bloom last spring was magnificent. It's one thing that I hope will be repeated. The round of storms we had at the end of January were somewhat chaotic, but they gave the iris a good soak. As of right now, they are cautiously starting to push their little green heads up. It's something to look forward to as we all emerge from dormancy.

Our club hasn't held too many meetings lately, a story that I am sure is not unfamiliar. We held one for distribution of the guest iris from the massive garden at Dry Creek, which went very well and which I am sure will produce some beautiful iris this spring. Another heartfelt thank you to our members who travelled to Union City to assist, and to everyone else involved. I can't believe it's been almost a year since we had our last guest speaker at a meeting, Dorothy Showalter, who gave a wonderful demonstration on floral arrangements.

We do still have some events planned for spring. Our spring iris show at the Chico Mall is (as of this writing) still going to be held on the 24th and 25th of April. We still plan on holding a potted sale soon afterwards also, with a date pending. We held a successful socially distanced potted sale last year, so that event is definitely in the works. The potted iris are still waking up also, but we got a very useful tip last year that was passed along from other Region 14 club members about using paint pens for labeling pots. Even during the worst of the windstorms, we didn't lose one iris tag. Thank you!

We are in the process of revamping our club web site. It should be fully updated and running soon, and will include further information on club activities and dates. The address is: <http://leotclarkirissociety.org>. That's all for now, and Happy Growing!

Deb Rojas

Co-President, LTCIS



**Leo T. Clark Members Help Trim
at Dry Creek Garden
Photo by Deb Rojas**



**Dorothy Showalter Giving a Presentation
on Floral Arrangements
Photo by Deb Rojas**



**Potted Iris Waking Up
Photo by Deb Rojas**

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

The Mount Diablo Iris Society has not had any in-person or on-line meetings during the pandemic. We did have a board of directors meeting recently and have decided to extend all memberships to the society by one year since we have been inactive for most of 2020.

We have found new storage for our show supplies we co-own with Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society with significant saving to our clubs.

We will be having a virtual show again this year. The virtual show is designed and organized by Jan Blaedel and Mary Sindicic, and is open to ANYONE to enter. Please see the following show schedule for details. Submitted photos are to be taken from February 1st to June 30th and submitted by June 30th. We are open to having an in-person show if things greatly improve and restrictions are lifted but highly doubt that will happen.

Rhizome auction and street sale are on the books for July and August, but again, taking a wait-and-see attitude towards that. We hope everyone continues to remain safe and healthy through this final stretch.

2nd Annual

MDIS NOVEL (V)IRIS SHOW

I Ris This Pandemic Were Over

Presented by

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY

An Affiliate of

The American Iris Society



Falcon's Brother (Spuria - B. Charles Jenkins. 1995)

Best of Show Winner in 2020

Anna Cadd

VIRTUAL IRIS SHOW

February 1, 2021 – July 1, 2021

Open to the Public

Admission Free

Mt. Diablo Iris Society—Virtual Iris Show

RULES

Entries are open to all persons and will be received from
February 1st to July 1, 2021.

This is a cultivar show. Each variety entered will be a separate section and will be judged against perfection for that particular variety. JUDGING is described below ENTRIES

Horticultural exhibits must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the registration form and the iris photos correctly identified.

Number of entries: **Limited to 25 entries in Section A, Tall Bearded.** There are **no limits to all other sections** by an exhibitor provided each entry is of a different variety.

Those 18 years of age and under may enter either the Youth Division or the Regular Division, but may not enter both.

Registration will be by E-mail to MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

Cultivars entered in **Section P Historic** must have the year of introduction on the registration on the Class line.

Step 1 – Email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com that you would like an ENTRY NUMBER so that you can submit photo entries. Let us know if you are entering in the YOUTH DIVISION.

Apply for an ENTRY NUMBER even if you are not sure that you will be entering photos. Do this NOW so that we may send you a registration form. You will get both a WORD document. (If you need a PDF, please request it. Your file name is already unique so simply return it in Step 4 with your photos.

Step 2 – Complete the REGISTRATION FORM listing each of your photo entries.

Step 3 – Submit four unique photos (correctly named) for each entry*

(JPEG only, less than 5 MB [5000 KB})

- 1 Photo of iris from above
- 2 Photo of iris flower(s) from the side
- 3 Photo of entire iris plant, from the ground up - stalk
- 4 GLAMOUR SHOT – any other angle or format you wish,

ARTISTIC DESIGN –

- A. Photo from the front
- B. Total design from the side
- C. Photo of the 3X5 card with the design explanation

Artistic Design photos should have a backdrop

Step 4 - Email ALL photos and registration sheet to MtDiabloIris@gmail.com by midnight, July 1, 2021

*You MAY use a backdrop to make it easier for the judges to see your plant but this is NOT required.

THE MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society was founded in Antioch on January 14, 1960. It is a non-profit Society and exists for the purpose of stimulating and fostering interest in the propagation, culture and hybridizing of the genus Iris, in the scientific and horticultural education of all those interested in learning about any phase of the genus Iris, and in the protection of these plants in their native habitat.

The Society primarily meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in Walnut Creek or San Ramon. For exact location and exceptions contact the Mt. Diablo Iris Society President. Visitors are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships in the Mt. Diablo Iris Society are available at \$12.50 per year, or \$30.00 for three years, per family unit residing at the same mailing address. Mail check to the Society Treasurer, PO Box 5243 Walnut Creek, CA 94596

We also urge you to join The American Iris Society. Various types of memberships are available. Inquiries should be made to the AIS Membership Secretary, Pam Messer, P.O. Box 6, Huxley, IA 50124 or www.irises.org.

2021 President: Jeff Bennett

Jeff13bennett@gmail.com

2021 Show Chairs

Mary Sindicic 925-606-0355

Jan Blaedel MtDiabloIris@gmail.com



ENTRIES

Specifying the Class on the REGISTRATION is required. The Class abbreviations are indicated below within parentheses in the applicable Sections.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURAL

- Section A Tall Bearded (TB) (up to 25 entries)
- Section B Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)
- Section C Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)
- Section D Intermediate Bearded (IB)
- Section E Border Bearded (BB)
- Section F Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)
- Section G Space Age – Required: **Specify Class**
- Section H Novelty Bearded– Includes broken color, flat tops, multi-petaled,etc.
Specify Class
- Section I Reblooming – Required: **Specify Class**
- Section J Siberian (SIB)
- Section K Louisiana (LA)
- Section L Spuria (SPU)
- Section M Japanese (JI)
- Section N Californicae (CA)
- Section O Miscellaneous – Bulbous iris and any other iris not included in other sections.
- Section P Historic Iris - Varieties of any type iris introduced at least 30 years earlier.
REQUIRED: Write **year of introduction** on registration on Class line.
- Section Q Aril (AR) and Arilbred (AB)
- Section R Species (SPEC) & Species-cross (SPEC-X)

DIVISION II - SEEDLING

- Section U Tall Bearded
- Section V** Bearded other than Tall - **Specify Class**
- Section W Beardless - **Specify Class**

DIVISION III - YOUTH

- Section X Any type of iris grown and exhibited by those 18 years of age and younger.
Specify Class

JUDGING – Horticulture 75% Presentation 25%

Horticulture: How well is it grown for this particular variety or species? Judges should pay attention to damage; brown spots or leaf tips, infestations of insects, poor symmetry of growth, or other factors showing poor vigor for the specimen.

Presentation: Is the image in strong sunlight with disruptive shadows? Is there a disruptive background detracting from the flowers? If in a pot, is the pot clean? Are there weeds surrounding the plant? Could spent blossoms have been removed? Generally, is the plant/flower being presented with its best face?

DIVISION V – ARTISTIC

The theme is Pandemic/Medical

Section Z Each arrangement must contain Iris as the dominant flower. Limit one arrangement per person per class. Containers to be furnished by the exhibitor.

Class 1 – 12 inches or less (pandemic/medical)

Class 2 – Over 12 inches tall (pandemic/medical))

Class 3- Youth Under 19 (Pandemic/medical))

No artificial flowers, flags, nor treated natural materials may be used.

3X5 Cards will be used to explain their entries.

Exhibitors will complete a registration form.

Arrangements will be judged by AIS judges

Submit two pictures of your arrangement (front and side) and one picture of your 3X5 card explanation.

01SZC11, 01SZC12, 01SZC13X5 (class 1)

01SZC21, 01SZC22, 01SZC23X5 (class 2)

Entry number, Section, Class, Photo number

Following is the complete scale of points used by the AIS for judging designs:

Conformance to Theme and class 10 points

Design

A) Balance 5

B) Proportion5

C) Scale 5

D) Rhythm 5

E) Dominance 5

F) Contrast 5

G) Unity 5

Design subtotal 35 points

Color Use 20 points

Creative Expression (originality) 20 points

Distinction 15 points

Total 100 points

Sample pictures Divisions I, II, and III



A-Top View B-Side View C-Full-stalk D-GLAMOUR shot

This is NOT an AIS sanctioned Iris Show as this is a judge of photos rather than live specimens. VIRTUAL AWARDS will be emailed to special entries in each section.

Naming photos for the MDIS VIRTUAL SHOW

Photos (JPEG) should be named using:

the Entry Number of the person, 01-99, assigned when you register at **MtDiabloIris@gmail.com**
S and the section letter (A-Z)

Class Abbreviation (TB, MDB, 1, 3, etc)

Number 1,2,3,4

01SATB1, 01SATB2, 01SATB3, 01SATB4

Entrant #1, Section A Class TB 1,2,3,4

If you enter more than one variety in a class (more than one TB for example) include an abbreviation of the name so the pictures don't get mixed up 01SATBTAF1.JPEG your entry number, Section A Tall Bearded TAF for That's All Folks Photo 1

If you have trouble renaming your photos, send them with an explanation to MtDiabloIris@gmail.com and we will rename them for you.

All photos will become the property of MDIS. If used for publication, you will receive photo credits.

In a nutshell:

Email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com and ask for an entry number

Take four pictures of each iris you wish to enter

Rename your pictures

Complete the registration form

Email the photos and your registration form to MtDiabloIris@gmail.com by midnight, July 1, 2021 (GOOGLE Drive works well for this)

You will receive a confirmation of receipt within 48 hours

Sacramento Iris Society

I know that it has been said over and over, but what a year 2020 was! We were all so eager to get rid of it, but here we are in 2021 and things don't look that much better. But positive thinking is always a good choice to make.

As the year ended, SIS tried to keep up with our annual routines. We purchased rhizomes from the Dry Creek Garden Dig and had a potting party at the Wilburn's to get them ready for our fall potted iris sale. Of course, the fall sale was cancelled by the garden center where we meet. This left us with 900 or so potted iris to keep over the winter. This was followed by a dig of the 2020 door prize irises at Ruth Ostroff's house where they grow like gang busters. The door prizes, which are now virtual because we have had no meetings after September, were dug, labeled and distributed to the winners. In September we had our regular meeting outdoors where we auctioned all the remainders from the 2020 door prizes. It was a successful sale, which was enhanced by selling some of the rhizomes from the Dry Creek Dig. All in all, we gave it our best shot, observing social distancing and mask wearing.

We are in limbo now along with everyone else, trying to decide what to do in 2021 and what is even possible, because of closed facilities, shutdowns, etc. Should we try to have a meeting, or a show, or a sale? Beats me! But we are looking forward to better days, trying to remain connected and involved in the iris community, and keeping in touch with each other. Wishing all of you a better year in 2021.



Claire Waggoner, SIS Potting Party



L-R: Laville Logan, Claire Waggoner,
& Cindy Eastman, SIS Potting Party

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SIS Members at the Potting Party



The Hardworking SIS Team



Ruth Ostroff

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society of the Auburn, CA area, has elected to maintain the same officers into 2021: Kathy Braaten, president; Cindy Eastman, vice president/show chair; Jackie Brown, secretary and Debi Mumm, treasurer. Members-at-Large continuing service: Barbara Kitz, Dan Williams and Phyllis Wilburn.

Due to COVID-19, in-person meetings were not held during much of the year, and some determined creativity went into fundraising rhizome sales at Eisley's Nursery and by members via neighborhood and internet—totaling nearly \$3,500. SFIS is migrating to using Point-Of-Sale system for accepting credit/debit cards.

The annual digging and potting of SFIS door prize iris took place at Horton Iris Garden in Loomis, always a special treat thanks to the preparations and lovely garden setting that Mary Ann Horton provides. As has become tradition, members from High Desert Iris Society and Sacramento Iris Society joined for the socially-distanced, outdoor summer picnic—plenty of room for everyone! Members also joined in the large-scale projects over several weekends for digging guest iris from National 2019 gardens, including Dry Creek Garden—finally completed despite pandemic restrictions. Several SFIS members attended the Fall Regional—first ever online via Zoom, and subsequent iris webinars online.

The New Year 2021 launched with SFIS voting on updated and amended Bylaws and also established Standing Rules, the budget and potential, hopeful cycle of SFIS activities, including meetings for the next several months. We will do door prize iris (yay!) with an e-mail system devised by Mary Ann Horton. Meanwhile, City of Auburn's Rose Room, the SFIS meeting space, may not be open for meetings, and Eisely's sold to another nursery with less retail focus, thus uncertainty drives us to our own iris gardens for therapy!

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society is soldiering on as best we can during the pandemic. We have been having online Zoom meetings since last March, and expect to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. We had some changeover in officers this year, and now Jean Richter and Shirley Trio-Probst are the new co-presidents. We will once again be having a virtual show this year - please check our web site www.bayareairis.org for details later on this spring. Anyone is welcome to enter and entries will be accepted through the month of April. Here's to better times ahead!

Jean Richter

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