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**REGION 14 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**JUDGES TRAINING** April 11, 2009  
Contact: Kathy Braaten, JT Chair - [katbrat@cebridge.net](mailto:katbrat@cebridge.net) 530-477-2811

**SPRING REGIONAL 2009** April 24-25, 2009  
Hosted by: Santa Rosa Iris Society  
Contact: Joe Lawrence [clvineyard@aol.com](mailto:clvineyard@aol.com) 707-938-2951

**FALL REGIONAL 2009** October 23-24, 2009  
Hosted by: Sacramento Iris Society  
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**SPRING REGIONAL 2010** TBA  
Hosted by: Region 14 Board  
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**FALL REGIONAL 2010** TBA  
Hosted by: Fresno Iris Society

**2009 FLOWER SHOWS**

**APRIL 18**  
**Fresno Iris Society** Sierra Vista Mall, Clovis, CA 10am-7pm  
Contact: Michele Gunderson [dm\\_gunderson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dm_gunderson@sbcglobal.net)

**James M. Gibson Iris Society** Sequoia Mall, Visalia, CA  
Contact: George Sutton [info@suttoniris.com](mailto:info@suttoniris.com) 559-784-5107

**APRIL 18-19**  
**Las Vegas Iris Society** 12pm-5pm/10am-4pm Nevada Garden Club Bldg  
3333 Washington, Las Vegas, Nevada N/W corner of Lorenzi Park  
Contact: Mary Lee Fortner [mybasket@cox.net](mailto:mybasket@cox.net)  
702-228-0827

**Sacramento Iris Society** Shepard Garden Center  
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento CA  
Contact: Kathy Braaten [katbrat@cebridge.net](mailto:katbrat@cebridge.net) 530-477-2811

**Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society** Lakeside Park Garden Center  
Bellevue Ave., Oakland, CA 1pm-5pm / 10am-5pm  
Contact: Jean Richter [Richter@eecs.berkeley.edu](mailto:Richter@eecs.berkeley.edu) 510-864-7962

**MAY 2**  
**Mt. Diablo Iris Society** First Baptist Church, Walnut Creek, CA  
Contact: Joe Balch [jbca01@yahoo.com](mailto:jbca01@yahoo.com)

**MAY 2-3**  
**Monterey Bay Iris Society** Capitola Mall  
1855 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue Capitola, CA 12pm-8pm / 12pm-6pm  
Contact: Charley Kearns [kcf@verizon.net](mailto:kcf@verizon.net)

**Sierra Foothills Iris Society** Auburn Civic Center - Rose Room  
1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA  
Contact: Jerry Whisler [j.whisler@wildblue.net](mailto:j.whisler@wildblue.net)

**MAY 9**  
**Redwood Iris Society** Ukiah Garden Club Clubhouse 12pm - 4pm  
contact: Kitty Loberg 707-485-7907

**2009 RHIZOME SALES**

**JUNE 27-28**  
**Las Vegas Iris Society** Plant World Nursery  
5111 West Charleston, Las Vegas, Nevada  
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702-228-0827

**JUNE 27**  
**Monterey Bay Iris Society** Smart Gardening Faire  
Skypark Kings Village Road Scotts Valley, CA  
Contact: Sheryl McEwan [sherylmcewan@pacbell.net](mailto:sherylmcewan@pacbell.net)

**AUGUST 2**  
**Monterey Bay Iris Society** Deer Park Shopping Center  
Hwy. 1 & Rio del Mar Blvd Aptos, CA  
Contact: Thomas Karwin [gardening@karwin.com](mailto:gardening@karwin.com)

**AUGUST 8**  
**Fresno Iris Society** Fresno State University Horticulture Bldg. Fresno,  
Contact: Michele Gunderson [dm\\_gunderson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dm_gunderson@sbcglobal.net) 7am-12pm

**Monterey Bay Iris Society** Aptos Farmer's Market  
Cabrillo College, 600 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 8am-12pm  
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KANSAS CITY, MO

May 11-16, 2009

Contact: Debora Hughes, 785-883-4737 [dhughes936@myvine.com](mailto:dhughes936@myvine.com)

### **FALL BOARD MEETING**

November 6-8, 200

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### **FALL BOARD MEETING**

TBA

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### **From the Desk of Lynn Williams, RVP**

Woo Whoo! Spring is in the air and our favorite irises will soon be in bloom. By the time you get this Spring Bulletin, I am sure that many of you will have irises in bloom and you'll get to enjoy the efforts that you put in maintaining your iris beds all year long. Here in the mountains we are still locked in winter, but the daffodils are poking up and so are the grape hyacinths. I can hardly wait to see the irises in all their glory. And just think, not only do we get to see our own irises in bloom, but the Spring Regional in Santa Rosa this year will be another spectacular Regional with wonderful guest iris gardens.

Santa Rosa has put a lot of effort into making the upcoming Spring Regional a fun and educational event. They have a great guest speaker lined up and four beautiful gardens to tour. Don't forget this is an opportunity for fellowship with other Irisarian and the chance to meet new people and make new friends. All centered on our favorite flower, the iris. Plan on attending and be sure to bring your check book, because this year we will be raffling off a life time membership to the American Iris Society, as well as having a delightful assortment of items at the silent auction.

Take the time to invite a fellow member of your society to ride share to the Regional, it will make your journey much faster and more enjoyable to have the company. A good savings tip is to share a room at the Regional with one of your friends. As a society, you might consider paying for the registration fee for one of your members as a door prize, or having a scholarship available for all or partial payment for registration for one of your members. Don't forget that the Regionals are for everyone, not just officers or hybridizers. Come one, come all to this year's Spring Regional and be prepared to have an enjoyable time.

If your society doesn't have an organized tour of its members' iris gardens during iris bloom, it might be a good idea to start this tradition. Not only does it allow you to enjoy each other's gardens and see irises in bloom that you don't have, it is an excellent opportunity to educate and encourage your members. It is also an excellent way to spot misnamed irises. Correcting misnamed irises will help keep your rhizome sales more accurate and encourage your members to check their own gardens with the AIS checklists and Registration booklets. Let's face it; no one's perfect, even the big commercial iris gardens sometimes make mistakes. There is nothing more annoying than to search through all the rhizomes that are

being offered for sale at your society for that special iris, buy it, plant it and when it comes up, find out that it is some other iris that you really didn't want, or already have. At the garden tour, it is also a place to share ideas on how you got rid of an invasive weed or the special formula you use to get rid of gophers, moles, etc. Also, you can share iris cultural tips on which amendments you use that have been successful for your soil. All this sharing of information will help everyone in your society and don't forget that it can be a fun outing for your society.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Regional, —

Lynn Williams

## - Revisions to the Region 14 By-Laws

It has come to my attention that some of you are wondering why it is necessary to revise the By-Laws. The By-Laws are outdated and do not reflect the way the Region has been doing business for many years. Since we are now a 501(c)3 non profit corporation we are required to file a copy of the new By-Laws with the State of California every time a change is made to the By-Laws. As a consequence, the By-Laws need a complete revision. Specific dates need to be taken out of the By-Laws and words like annual or yearly need to be put in. Some specific details can be put in the Standing Rules to allow more flexibility for future Region 14 Boards. It is easy to change the Standing Rules, but difficult to change the By-Laws, so they need to be updated and streamlined.

Here are just a few items that are being revised: There are no provisions for what to do in the case of vacated positions due to incapacity or death. There is no provision stating the length of term of elected officers or appointed officers. The duties of the officers are very sketchy and need to be spelled out in more detail. There have been no duties listed for the Immediate Past RVP. The process of nominating and electing officers needs to be redone because we are no longer in compliance with the By-Laws. According to the By-Laws the slate of nominated officers must be published in the Fall Bulletin before they are elected at the Fall Regional. We no longer have a Fall Bulletin. The Revision Committee has worked hard and we all need to have a better understanding of how complicated this revision is, and to discuss it and get it right. —

Lynn Williams  
Region 14 RVP

## The Old Man and the Dog by Catherine Moore

"Watch out! You nearly broad sided that car!" My father yelled at me. "Can't you do anything right?"

Those words hurt worse than blows. I turned my head toward the elderly man in the seat beside me, daring me to challenge him. A lump rose in my throat as I averted my eyes. I wasn't prepared for another battle. "I saw the car, Dad. Please don't yell at me when I'm driving." My voice was measured and steady, sounding far calmer than I really felt.

Dad glared at me, then turned away and settled back. At home I left Dad in front of the television and went outside to collect my thoughts. Dark, heavy clouds hung in the air with a promise of rain. The rumble of distant thunder seemed to echo my inner turmoil. What could I do about him?

Dad had been a lumberjack in Washington and Oregon He had enjoyed being outdoors and had reveled in pitting his strength against the forces of nature. He had entered grueling lumberjack competitions, and had placed often. The shelves in his house were filled with trophies that attested to his powers.

The years marched on relentlessly. The first time he couldn't lift a heavy log, he joked about it; but later that same day I saw him outside alone, straining to lift it. He became irritable whenever anyone teased him about his advancing age, or when he couldn't do something he had done as a younger man.

Four days after his sixty-seventh birthday, he had a heart attack. An ambulance sped him to the hospital while a paramedic administered CPR to keep blood and oxygen flowing. At the hospital, Dad was rushed into an operating room. He was lucky; he survived. But something inside Dad died. His zest for life was gone. He obstinately refused to follow doctor's orders. Suggestions and offers of help were turned aside with sarcasm and insults. The number of visitors thinned, then finally stopped altogether. Dad was left alone. My husband, Dick, and I asked Dad to come live with us on our small farm. We hoped the fresh air and rustic atmosphere would help him adjust.

Within a week after he moved in, I regretted the invitation. It seemed nothing was satisfactory. He criticized everything I did. I became frustrated and moody. Soon I was taking my pent-up anger out on Dick. We began to bicker and argue. Alarmed, Dick sought out our pastor and explained the situation. The clergyman set up weekly counseling appointments for us. At the close of each session he prayed, asking God to soothe Dad's troubled mind. But the months wore on and God was silent. Something had to be done and it was up to me to do it. The next day I sat down with the phone book and methodically called each of the mental health clinics listed in the Yellow Pages. I explained my

problem to each of the sympathetic voices that answered in vain. Just when I was giving up hope, one of the voices suddenly exclaimed, "I just read something that might help you! Let me go get the article."

I listened as she read. The article described a remarkable study done at a nursing home. All of the patients were under treatment for chronic depression. Yet their attitudes had improved dramatically when they were given responsibility for a dog.

I drove to the animal shelter that afternoon. After I filled out a questionnaire, a uniformed officer led me to the kennels. The odor of disinfectant stung my nostrils as I moved down the row of pens. Each contained five to seven dogs. Long-haired dogs, curly-haired dogs, black dogs, spotted dogs all jumped up, trying to reach me. I studied each one but rejected one after the other for various reasons too big, too small, too much hair. As I neared the last pen a dog in the shadows of the far corner struggled to his feet, walked to the front of the run and sat down. It was a pointer, one of the dog world's aristocrats. But this was a caricature of the breed.

Years had etched his face and muzzle with shades of gray. His hipbones jutted out in lopsided triangles. But it was his eyes that caught and held my attention. Calm and clear, they beheld me unwaveringly. I pointed to the dog. "Can you tell me about him?" The officer looked, then shook his head in puzzlement. "He's a funny one. Appeared out of nowhere and sat in front of the gate. We brought him in, figuring someone would be right down to claim him. That was two weeks ago and we've heard nothing. "His time is up tomorrow." He gestured helplessly.

As the words sank in I turned to the man in horror. "You mean you're going to kill him?" Ma'am," he said gently, "that's our policy". We don't have room for every unclaimed dog." I looked at the pointer again. The calm brown eyes awaited my decision. "I'll take him," I said..

I drove home with the dog on the front seat beside me. When I reached the house I honked the horn twice. I was helping my prize out of the car when Dad shuffled onto the front porch. "Ta-da! Look what I got for you, Dad!" I said excitedly.

Dad looked, then wrinkled his face in disgust. "If I had wanted a dog I would have gotten one. And I would have picked out a better specimen than that bag of bones. Keep it! I don't want it" Dad waved his arm scornfully and turned back toward the house. Anger rose inside me. It squeezed together my throat muscles and pounded into my temples. "You'd better get used to him, Dad. He's staying!" Dad ignored me. "Did you hear me, Dad?" I screamed. At those words Dad whirled angrily, his hands clenched at his sides, his eyes

narrowed and blazing with hate. We stood glaring at each other like duelists, when suddenly the pointer pulled free from my grasp. He wobbled toward my dad and sat down in front of him.. Then slowly, carefully, he raised his paw. Dad's lower jaw trembled as he stared at the broken down pointer. Confusion replaced the anger in his eyes. The pointer waited patiently. Then Dad was on his knees hugging the animal.

It was the beginning of a warm and intimate friendship. Dad named the pointer Cheyenne. Together he and Cheyenne explored the community. They spent long hours walking down dusty lanes. They spent reflective moments on the banks of streams, angling for tasty trout.. They even started to attend Sunday services together, Dad sitting in a pew and Cheyenne lying quietly at his feet.

Dad and Cheyenne were inseparable throughout the next three years Dad's bitterness faded, and he and Cheyenne made many friends. Then late one night I was startled to feel Cheyenne 's cold nose burrowing through our bed covers. He had never before come into our bedroom at night. I woke Dick, put on my robe and ran into my father's room. Dad lay in his bed, his face serene. But his spirit had left quietly sometime during the night.

Two days later my shock and grief deepened when I discovered Cheyenne lying dead beside Dad's bed. I wrapped his still form in the rag rug he had slept on. As Dick and I buried him near a favorite fishing hole, I silently thanked the dog for the help he had given me in restoring Dad's peace of mind.

The morning of Dad's funeral dawned overcast and dreary. This day looks like the way I feel, I thought, as I walked down the aisle to the pews reserved for family. I was surprised to see the many friends Dad and Cheyenne had made filling the church. The pastor began his eulogy. It was a tribute to both Dad and the dog who had changed his life.. And then the pastor turned to Hebrews 13:2. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it." "I've often thanked God for sending that angel," he said.

For me, the past dropped into place, completing a puzzle that I had not seen before: the sympathetic voice that had just read the right article..Cheyenne 's unexpected appearance at the animal shelter. . .his calm acceptance and complete devotion to my father. . and the proximity of their deaths. And suddenly I understood. I knew that God had answered my prayers after all.

Life is too short for drama and petty things, so laugh hard, love truly and forgive quickly. Live While You Are Alive. Forgive now those who made you cry.. You might not get a second time.

Editor note: I found this on the internet and it said to pass it on. I do not know the original writer but I thank her for this wonderful story.

**UPDATE ON VIRGINIA MESSICK MEMORIAL IRIS GARDEN**

By: *Bob Canning, Mt. Diablo Iris Society*      [RJ CIRIS@AOL.com](mailto:RJ CIRIS@AOL.com)

Our long time iris lover and hybridizer Virginia Messick passed away last April. Her husband, Bill Messick, has begun a memorial garden for Virginia's irises introductions. Through the generous contribution of fellow iris growers, he has received just over half of all Virginia's iris. These have been planted in the garden area Bill prepared for them. But there are still iris to be located to complete the project.

Below is the list of iris needed. Please search your garden area and get your fellow gardeners to look for them as well. Lets all work to help complete Bill's dream.

ALADDIN'S FLAME	SDB	1993
BARROW POINT	TB	R 1988 *
BRIDESMAID IN PINK	TB	2000
FUTURE WATCH	TB	1992
HUCK FINN	IB	1991
MANOR BORN	TB	1994
MATHILDE	TB	2001
MIZ MARY	TB	1995
PALACE GUARD	TB	1977
PHANTASY IN PINK TB		1999
RAYTHEON	SDB	R 1991 *
ROSY SCENARIO	TB	2000
RUSTY NAIL	SDB	1993

\* Barrow Point and Raytheon are registered names, but no introduction date shown.

If you have and can supply any of these iris, please let Bill Messick know or send them to him at: 200 Pine Creek Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Bill's e-mail is [Messnick@AOL.com](mailto:Messnick@AOL.com).                

**REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY  
2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

**EXPENSES BY ITEM:**

Bulletin	Publishing	2500.00
"	Postage/Label/Mail	1150.00
"	Color Pages	500.00
"	Editor Expense	100.00
RVP Allowance		2500.00
Finance, Summer Fundraiser		150.00
"	Beardless Purchases	400.00
"	Misc.Raffles /Auctions	100.00
"	Sales Taxes	150.00
Judges' Training		1500.00
Science Committee		500.00
Awards and Trophies		600.00
Honorary Awards		100.00
Supplies/ Legal		200.00
Historian		100.00
Scholarship		550.00
Youth Incentive		300.00
Membership		50.00
Internet Services		60.00
S.F. Flower Show		500.00
New Societies-seed money		300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$12,310.00</b>

**REVENUES BY ITEM:**

Bulletin Advertising	300.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	15.00
Donations from Societies *	800.00
Donations/Raffles	75.00
Interest	775.00
Judges' Training	1500.00
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	500.00
Finance, Spring Fundraiser	1500.00

" Summer Fundraiser	2500.00
" Fall Beardless Fundraiser	1000.00
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	125.00
Subtotal	9090.00
Use of Reserve Funds	3,220.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$12,310.00

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY  
TRESURERS REPORT 01-01-08 THROUGH 12-31-08

	BUDGETED	Funds At 12-31-08
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		\$ 2,821.96
SAVINGS -LOIS OBRIEN		\$ 541.19
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		\$ 27,940.04
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 31,303.19
EXPENSES BY ITEM:		
Bulletin- Publishing	3000.00	2385.00
" Postage/Label/Mail	1150.00	953.42
" Color Pages		264.00
" Editor Expense	100.00	118.51
RVP Allowance	2500.00	1673.25
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	150.00	157.70
" Beardless Purchases	300.00	400.00
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles		100.00
" Sales Taxes	100.00	137.00
Judges' Training	1200.00	105.40
Spring Regional-garden markers		335.45
Science Committee	500.00	
Awards and Trophies	500.00	524.34
Honorary Awards	100.00	102.96
Office/Legal	200.00	73.34
Franchise Tax Board-prior yrs		130.00
Historian	50.00	
Scholarship	550.00	550.00
		45.51

**Region 14**  
**The American Iris Society**

Minutes of Region 14 Budget Meeting  
Oakland, CA  
Saturday, January 24, 2009

*By: Rick Williams, Regional Secretary*

RVP Lynn Williams called the 2009 Annual Budget meeting of Region 14 to order Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 9:15 a.m. in Oakland, CA. RVP Williams expressed thanks to the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society for hosting the meeting and welcomed everyone. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Twenty nine (29) members signed in.

**PRESENT**

Executive Committee and General Committee Members present were:  
RVP Lynn Williams, Treasurer Helen Franklin, Secretary Rick Williams, Director Betty Ford, Director Shirley Trio, Judges Committee Chair Kathy Braaten, Finance Chair Ray Vickers-Traft, Internet/Electronic Service Kitty Loberg, Membership Chair Mary Ann Horton, Parliamentarian Riley Probst, Historian Marlene Wiley, Trophies and Awards Chairs Anna and David Cadd, and Science Chair John Stemel.

**ABSENT**

Bulletin Editor Mary Lee Fortner, Immediate Past RVP Betty Coyle, Honorary Awards Chair Glenn Corlew, and Scholarship Chair Terri Hudson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RVP Lynn made an announcement about the upcoming San Francisco Flower Show, March 18 – 22d, at the new location in San Mateo Event Center in San Mateo, at 2495 South Delaware Street. RVP Lynn said she will order the Display Screen from AIS, all of the paperwork has already been done, and Philippa Alvis is organizing the volunteers to work the booth. RVP Williams and others stated that this is an excellent way to reach out to the public at large, because so many attendees of the SF Flower show are from California beyond the SF Bay area. She encouraged all Societies to participate; and there followed a general discussion of the various items needed for the booth.

RVP Lynn then called for a quorum, and after a show of hands the presence of a quorum was announced.

RVP Lynn then announced that there was now a vacancy for Director for the mid

in the budget for 2009. Several other changes were made to the income side and the expense side, and after further discussion and upon a motion by John Pesek, second by David Cadd, the 2009 budget, as amended, was approved by voice vote.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was also decided, after a brief discussion, to have some sort of symbol put next to the names of all of the societies listed in the Bulletin who are contributing societies. The motion was moved by Philippa Alvis and seconded by Ray Vickers-Traft, and approved by voice vote.

Internet/Web Master Kitty Loberg then discussed the web site, and there was general agreement that the web site was great, and Kitty was thanked for her outstanding work by acclamation. There was a discussion of whether or not now was a good time to move the Bulletin to the web site exclusively, or reduce printing to just those who requested it in print; after a spirited discussion it was decided to commence publishing the Bulletin on the web site and over time start to educate the Region members to rely on the web site instead of a printed Bulletin. It was announced that while color printing in the Bulletin was costly, and therefore limited, color in a web site version could have as much color as anyone wanted without it costing anything for the Region. Kitty agreed to post the last two Bulletins on the web site, and it was agreed that everyone in the Region would be informed when the Bulletins would be on the website, and that for now the Bulletin would continue to be printed and also be posted on the web site for those who wished to download it. Kitty would give a report of the results of this at the end of the year. It was also discussed whether due to the cost of printing in color, the Bulletin would go to black and white; finally it was decided to gradually make changes that could hopefully result in fewer printed Bulletins and with most of the Region members getting their Bulletins from the web site. RVP Lynn reminded everyone that there are still large portions of the Region's membership that do not have a computer and that they should not suffer any downgrading of the Bulletin. Instead, we should focus on allowing those who wish to get their Bulletin via our website, to do so. A motion was made to delete the \$500 in the budget for color pages in the Bulletin in 2009, but it died for lack of a second and after further discussion.

John Jones then announced that there would be a Judge's training on Awards and Ballots at the 2-20-09 meeting of the Westbay Iris Society for anyone who wanted to attend and learn about that subject; fee \$20 if you want the training to count for your Judge's Training hours and \$5.00 for anyone who wants to attend and learn a little more about irises and to socialize.

Philippa Alvis asked for volunteers for the 2009 Flower Show, and described the work to be done and the number of people needed to staff each shift; The Show is

## **REGION 14 MEMBER SOCIETIES' INFORMATION**

If you are a contributing society you have a - ♥ - and you take part in supporting your Region 14!!!! 2008

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