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# The RVP's Garden

It is a great honor to have been chosen to serve Region 14 as RVP, particularly at such an exciting time for the Region, with our hosting of the AIS national convention this spring. Putting on such a large event requires the help of many people, and I would like to thank those individuals and clubs who have already stepped up to assist with the tour gardens, silent auction/boutique, registration, and other tasks.

There are still plenty of opportunities to help - please contact convention chair Shirley Trio if you would like to assist. Her email is [shirleytrio@gmail.com](mailto:shirleytrio@gmail.com) and her phone number is (209) 551-6323. She has unlimited long distance minutes, so if the expense of calling is a concern, email her your phone number and she can call you.



**October 20th, 2018 - Outgoing RVP Phyllis Wilburn (right) passes the gavel to Jean Richter (left) at the Region 14 Fall Regional**

There are other ways to assist the Region in addition to helping with the convention. For example, we still need a host club for our Fall 2019 regional meeting. I would especially like to reach out to clubs that haven't hosted a regional event in some time. Please know that the Region can assist you with putting on an event; don't think you have to do everything yourself. I am also looking to fill the position of Regional Event Coordinator - this important position helps out with organizing regional events and assisting host clubs. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

I'd like to close by telling you a little bit about me, for those of you that may not know me personally. I've been growing iris for nearly 20 years, and have a special affinity for historic iris and novelty iris (particularly the iris of Lloyd Austin). I've also recently developed an interest in growing and propagating succulents. Gardening is therapeutic for me - the contact with the earth, growing things, and fresh air heals my soul. Another soul healer for me is music - I play guitar, sing, and play a little keyboard, and in the last few years have learned to tune harpsichords.

Here's to a great 2019, and beyond!

Jean Richter, Region 14 RVP

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# Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! I'd like to start off by thanking our new RVP, Jean Richter, for appointing me Editor of the Bulletin. Since the announcement, I've received many nice messages from folks throughout the region offering me support and congratulations, which is greatly appreciated! I'm very excited about being an integral part of Region 14 communication. This is YOUR newsletter, so what's important to me is including and showcasing the information that you'd like to share. The next Bulletin will come out in August. The deadline for submitting items to me is Tuesday, August 1, 2019. We have an intended publication date of Friday, August 9th. Currently, the new system in place is such that I'll be sending a draft within 4 days after the submission deadline to Jean Richter for proofreading, additions, and edits. Assistant RVP Alleah Haley will be helping Jean with this, I'll make all needed changes, then the final edition will publish on the scheduled date.

One of my favorite things in the garden has always been the 4-legged companions that "help". For the August issue, I'd like to include a special section that features photos of our members' pets in the garden. Please include your pet's name and tell us about the assistance they provide!

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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**Stephanie Jennings, Spring show 2014  
High Desert Iris Society information table**

**Photo by Ron Jensen**

# Region 14 BUDGET

## EXPENSES BY ITEM:

Bulletin - Publishing	300
"    Color Pages	500
"    Mailing Expense	175
"    Editor Expense	100
RVP Allowance	2500
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	50
"    Beardless Purchases	425
"    Miscellaneous/Autcions/Raffles	100
"    Fall Regional	
"    Sales Taxes	240
Judges' Training	500
Awards and Trophies	650
Honorary Awards	300
Office/Legal	300
Historian	100
Scholarship	1000
Scholarship expenses	250
Science	500
Youth Committee	3500
Membership	30
Internet Services	200
Donation-	200
Start-up Funds	500
2019 Convention	1467
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>13887</b>

## REVENUES BY ITEM:

Bulletin Advertising	300
Donations from Societies *	1800
Interest	200
Judges' Training	500
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	200
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1500
Finance, Fall Fundraiser	1100
Use of Reserve Funds	
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b>5600</b>

Total Expenses	-13887
Less total Revenues	5600
Excess expense/revenues: funds needed from reserve	-8287

Prepared & Submitted by Helen Franklin

# Region 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>10/5/2018</u>
Bank of America-checking	7514.52	3938.71
Coast Hills- shares	1870.52	2225.13
Coast Hills-CD	23516.73	23764.18
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Prepaid 2018 - Regionals	675.00	
Prepaid 2018 - Scholarship Fund	550.00	
prepaid 2018 - RVP 2018 National	488.04	
Convention 2019	5000.00	8000.00
	<b>39664.81</b>	<b>37978.02</b>

## Budget

### EXPENSES BY ITEM:

Bulletin- Publishing	300	
"    Color Pages	500	
"    Editor Expense	100	
"    Mailing	175	
RVP Allowance	2500	1662
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	50	
"    Beardless Purchases	425	
"    Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100	54
Finance, Spring Regional c/o hosted		4086
"    Sales Taxes	240	170
Judges' Training	500	269
Awards and Trophies	650	
Honorary Awards	300	
Office/Legal	300	128
Historian	100	
Scholarship	1000	1750
Scholarship expenses	100	79
Science	500	
Youth Committee	3500	1308
Membership	30	
Internet Services	200	173
Donation-	200	
Start-up Funds	500	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12270</b>	<b>9679</b>

Prepared & Submitted by Helen Franklin

# Fall Regional 2018 - by Phyllis Wilburn

It was a great time in Reno last October at the Sure Stay Hotel near the Airport. The High Desert Iris Society went above and beyond to make it a fun event, even though the real purpose of the event is to have a business meeting for Region 14. The Chair of the event, Patricia Eisenberg, deserves many kudos for her great organizing skills.

The whole event started on Friday with a tour of the Wilbur D. May Arboretum followed by a visit to the Moana Nursery - lots of good things to buy there! I purchased an Oriole Feeder for all the Orioles that visit our house in the summer.



**Wilbur D. May Arboretum - Rancho San Rafael Park - Reno, NV**



**Kathy Braaten (L) and Patricia Eisenberg, (R) Fall Regional Coordinator, at Moana Nursery**

Friday evening there was a very interesting program by our Guest Speaker Lynda Miller from Oregon who has been hybridizing for 48 years.



**Carol Cullen, (L) Leo T. Clark IS Past President & Lynda Miller, (R) Guest Speaker**

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As RVP, I hosted a hospitality room in my suite both Thursday and Friday evenings. If you are interested in statistics, Region 14 folks drink white wine, beer and water - this is my unofficial poll from two such events. I mention this just in case you are fortunate enough to become RVP someday.



Enjoying the hospitality - left to right: Gail Collins, Cindy Eastman & Gary Collins



Left to right: Karin & Craig Tarr, (Pres Monterey Bay IS) and Jane Jordan, Region 14 Secretary

I did my best as the Region 14 Vice President (RVP) to keep the Saturday morning meeting going quickly with the help of Ruth Ostroff, who was timekeeper. Helen Franklin was very surprised when Kathy Braaten announced that she was being awarded the Larry Gaulter award for her incredible long service to Region 14 as Treasurer. It was well deserved!

The highlight for me was the 'passing of the gavel' to the next RVP, Jean Richter, who is also President of Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society in Oakland. I wish her well, and hope that her 3 years in office will be as rewarding as mine have been. There are always issues and challenges in this kind of position and I am sure that she is up to the task.

After the meeting, there was a nice buffet lunch, followed by Judges Training by Lynda Miller on MTBs, and a greatly anticipated basket raffle, and final call for the Silent Auction. There were also lots of beardless irises (Louisianas and Siberians) for sale. So to sum up, the fun stuff really outweighed the business part of the event which is as it should be. High Desert Iris Society did a great job in making sure that this happened, and I appreciate it very much. Quoting the old Henry Weinhard beer commercials that I always liked (the beer too), 'Thank you for your support'. All who attended gave rave reviews for this Fall Meeting.

**Phyllis Wilburn, Lore Editor and Outgoing RVP**

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# 2018 Fall Regional Memories



Left to right: Ruth Ostroff, Phyllis Wilburn, Lucy Fink, Lynda Miller, Kathy Braaten, Bill Fink & Cindy Eastman



Left to right: Phyllis Wilburn, RVP, Alleah Haley, Assistant RVP, & Helen Franklin, Treasurer



Kathy Braaten (foreground) & Lynda Miller at the Silent Auction



John Pesek, Past RVP, & Carolyn Craft, Fundraising Chair - calling the winners

Story & Photos Courtesy of Phyllis Wilburn. This Article Originally Appeared in the Sacramento Iris Society's Newsletter, *Iris Lore*

# 2018 Fall Regional - MINUTES

## **AIS Region 14**

**Fall Regional October 19-20, 2018**

**Sure-Stay Best Western Hotel**

**Reno, Nevada**

## **Minutes of the Budget Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President Phyllis Wilburn called the Budget meeting to order at 8:36 AM. She thanked the High Desert Iris Society for hosting the event and Patricia Eisenberg for chairing the event.

**Treasurer**, Helen Franklin, distributed copies of the budget and treasurer's report. The budget shows \$12,420 in expenses and \$5600 in revenues, resulting in a shortfall of \$6820. Clarification of the expenses (\$3500) for youth program, Classroom Iris Project for 400 youth, explained that region pays their \$8 dues. The youth members will get the AIS bulletin, newsletters, projects, writing contests, iris culture, and mock show. The 2019 National Convention was not included in the budget report and should be a line item. Shirley Trio-Probst took the floor to discuss the budget for the 2019 National. The Budget shows \$96,750 in income and \$98,214 in expenses, making a shortfall of \$1467. The plan assumes attendance of 225. \$1500 seed money has been received from the 2018 National in Louisiana. Several affiliates have already made donations to the National. Monetary donations from affiliates should be sent to Linda Hood. AIS is not doing a Silent Auction, so Region 14 can do the Silent Auction and collect the profits. The final Saturday Awards Banquet will be in the Roundhouse Conference Center across the street. Shirley will provide a list of Committee chairs. Jean Richter is registrar and is making the bags. The pins are done. The region will be using 'Paypal Here' for the registration.

John Pesek moved that the 2019 Budget be accepted with the addition of a line item for the 2019 National. Lynn Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Budget meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

## **Minutes of the General Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

RVP Phyllis Wilburn called the meeting to order at 9:24 AM. She thanked the High Desert Iris Society and Patricia Eisenberg for hosting the event.

Roll Call was taken.

**Judges' Training Chair**, Alleah Haley reported that Region 14 has the largest Judges' Training Program in the country. The region held 9 Judges' training sessions this year. There are 89 folks in the training program. We had 4 apprentices move up to G/E judges – Cindy Eastman, Mark Greene, Kurt Kilburn, and Amberlee Pick; 3 students move up to apprentice – Carol Cullen, Gary Prevost, and Craig Tarr; 3 new students – Jeff Bennet, Kathy Hutchinson, and Lori Peterson; One retired judge reactivated to active Master Judge – Bryce Williamson. The All Star Judge Award, an engraved acrylic star, for the accredited judge with the most JT hours went to Douglas Kanarowski and Phyllis Wilburn who each had 12 JT hours. The apprentice with the most JT hours was Cindy Eastman with 18.5 hours. Judges' training reports will be sent to all judges and apprentices in the next week.

**Secretary**, Jane Jordan, reported that board approved via email transferring an addition \$3000 to the 2019 National Convention bank account and setting up a new account with the Bank of the Sierra with Linda Hood and Helen Franklin as signers.

John Pesek moved that the minutes from the 2018 Spring Regional General Meeting be accepted. Terri Toney seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Bulletin Editor**, Shirley Trio-Probst, apologized that the August Bulletin was not as yet published. She just received the bulletin in final form this morning and will distribute it tonight via email. Shirley announced that she is retiring as Bulletin Editor. Jean Richter will select a volunteer to take over the position. Stephanie Jennings of HDIS also volunteered.

**Treasurer**, Helen Franklin, reported that there is \$37,978.02 cash on hand. Expenses to date are \$9,679. Revenues to date are \$9,555.

**Central Director**, Craig Tarr, thanked Phyllis Wilburn, RVP, for hosting the hospitality suite last evening. Craig 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**, Terri Toney, reported on the activities of the San Joaquin Iris Society, Yosemite Iris Society, and Fresno Iris Society. James M. Gibson Iris Society did not sent a report.

**Northern Director**, Anna Cadd, apologized that she did not have a report. She retired in April and has been on the road most of the time.

**Immediate-past President**, John Pesek, reported that the nominating committee of Anna Cadd, Patricia Eisenberg, Linda Hood, Joe Lawrence, Craig Tarr, Terri Toney, and himself met at the 2018 Spring Regional and interviewed 2 candidates for Regional Vice President – Jean Richter and Riley Probst. The committee voted by secret ballot and nominated Jean Richter for the position of RVP. The committee also nominated Alleah Haley as assistant RVP and Judges' Training Chair.

**Regional Events Coordinator**, Kathy Braaten, announced that she is retiring from the position. She thanked the High Desert Iris Society for hosting this event. The 2019 Spring Regional meeting will take place at the 2019 National Convention. Affiliates are needed to host the 2019 Fall Regional and the 2020 Spring Regional.

**Honorary Awards Chair**, Kathy Braaten, and her committee of Marilyn Kaplan, Patricia Eisenberg, and Linda Hood selected Helen Franklin, current Region 14 Treasurer, to receive the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to Region 14. Helen has been Region 14 Treasurer since 2005. She also was refreshment chair for 8 gardens in the 2004 National Convention hosted by Region 14. She is assisting the treasurer to the 2019 National and has been instrumental in keeping the Porterville Festival alive. Kathy will be retiring as Honorary Awards Chair and Marilyn Kaplan will take over the position.

**Fundraising Chair**, Carolyn Craft, thanked Helen Franklin and Marilyn Kaplan for filling in her at the 2018 Spring Regional. She reported that the baskets and Silent Auction earned \$916 and the iris sale earned \$939. She announced that she, Lynn Williams, and Marilyn Kaplan will organize a silent auction for the 2019 National Convention. Riley Probst thanked Carolyn and Wayne Craft for a job well done in spite of health problems.

**Historian**, Jean Richter, noted that there are some historic items in the silent auction. She did some research on one of our region hybridizers who will be having a significant birthday.

**Internet Chair**, Ann Pike, was not present and sent no report.

**Membership Chair**, Mary Ann Horton, reported that Region 14 has 635 AIS members, 306 of whom are youth. Phyllis asked the affiliates to encourage their members to join AIS by offering AIS membership as a prize.

**Scholarship Chair**, Barbara Kitz, announced the recipients of the Region 14 scholarships for students pursuing a career in horticulture or related fields. Linsey Swall of Tulare received a \$1000 scholarship and Kaitlyn O'Dell of Sierra Foothills received a \$750 scholarship. Both these women were extremely qualified and committed to the field of agriculture. Barbara distributed copies of the scholarship application form and asked the affiliates to forward them to high schools and colleges in their area. She would like each affiliate to designate a scholarship liaison. She also needs 4 individuals to be on the reading/evaluating committee. The deadline for the 2019-20 scholarship is March 29, 2019. Barbara thanked the affiliates that donated to the scholarship fund.

**Science Chair**, Riley Probst, noted that at this meeting there are 40 females and 15 males. He asked the men to encourage their men friends grow iris. Riley announced his resignation, but will continue if requested. He responded to several questions that had been submitted to him. 1) What causes an iris stalk to grow crooked? The answers are weather, lack of water, or too much water. 2) Are some iris more fertile than others? The answer is yes. In some cases the stigmatic lip is more open. 3) Can an iris be introduced with unknown parentage? The answer is yes.

**Trophies and Awards Chair,** Bill Fink, thanked Anna Cadd and Marilyn Kaplan for filling in for him at the 2018 Spring Regional. He presented the keeper awards for the winners of the voting from the 2018 Spring Regional guest iris gardens. Bill Tyson received the Knopf Cup for best seedling 01-20-1. Paul Black received the Out of Region Award for Luxuriant. Robert Annand received the Cotillion Cup for Sky Beat, the best current introduction by a Region 14 hybridizer. Doug Karnowski received the Clara B. Rees Cup for Baby Duck, the best introduced iris prior to the current year by a Region 14 hybridizer. Bob Hollingworth received the Melrose cup for Siberian Judy, Judy, Judy, the best beardless. Lynda Miller received the Jim Gibson Cup for Blushing Grapes, the best plicata. Chuck Bunnell received the Hager-Dubose Memorial Cup for Gesundheit, the best bearded iris other than tall.

**Youth Chair,** Lorraine Nicholson, was not present. She has submitted her resignation.

**2019 National Convention Chair,** Shirley Trio-Probst, delivered her report during the budget meeting.

**Tall Bearded Symposium Chair,** Riley Probst, announced the winners of the Symposium for Region 14, That's All Folks, and for all of AIS, Dusky Challenger.

## **New Business**

**Southern Director.** Terri Toney's term as Southern Director is over. Linda Hood was nominated for the position. Riley Probst moved that Linda Hood's nomination be accepted. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Regional Vice-president.** Lynn Williams moved that the nomination of Jean Richter as RVP and Alleah Haley as Assistant RVP and Judges' Training Chair be accepted. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Phyllis Wilburn, outgoing RVP, thanked all the officers and committee chairs and members who have graciously supported her during her tenure. Phyllis welcomed Jean Richter as RVP and passed the gavel on to her. Jean expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve the Region. She expressed her appreciation for the members who are so supportive of Region 14.

Alleah Haley, ARVP, thanked Phyllis for her service and presented her with a thank you gift, a \$100 gift certificate from Aitken's Salmon Creek Gardens and a past RVP pin.

Patricia Eisenberg announced that lunch is a sandwich buffet in the hallway. A meeting room is available for committee meetings. She also thanked people who brought flowers for the show which became a Mock show for training. She thanked the judges and everyone who brought Silent Auction items. She thanked Barbara Jean Mills for making the centerpieces and cards. There will be another trip to the Arboretum and Moana Nursery Sunday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 PM.

# Remembering the Nelsons - by Bryce Williamson

It was with sadness that I learned of the deaths of Iris Irene and John Nelson. Iris and John were pivotal figures in the Clara B. Rees Iris Society and served as a bridge between the founding members and the next generation of iris growers, with John serving as president of the Clara B. for three years. In addition, Iris and John were active on the regional level, attended national conventions, and regularly trekked to Region 13 for bloom season. There they had become good friends with Gus Schreiner.

By trade, John was a veterinarian with clinics in Campbell and Santa Clara, CA. It was in the back space of the Campbell clinic that John was able to grow irises and raise seedlings. John was especially fond of pinks, oranges, and flowers with lace. Keith Keppel introduced John's Fantasy Faire - an orchid pink with good lace.



**TB Fantasy Faire**



**Iris and John Nelson, 1975**



**Left to Right: Joe Gatty, Bryce Williamson, and Iris Nelson  
1976**

John's Private Dancer was a tall, well-formed peach pink with husky growth and I was always surprised that it was not more popular. His oranges, Tangerine Dream and Modern Music, were equal to any oranges introduced in that time frame. His most popular introduction, another heavily laced iris, was Feminine Wiles. This lavender-orchid flushed pink was used with great success by other hybridizers.



**TB Private Dancer**



**TB Tangerine Dream**



**TB Modern Music**



**TB Feminine Wiles**

**All Bloom Photos Courtesy of AIS website**



Iris Irene dabbled in hybridizing, mainly plicatas. Her Paprika Fono's, a red-brown plicata with yellow grounds, is still widely grown in mild climates due to its ease of rebloom.

One of her seedlings was the pollen parent of Jesse's Song; however, Iris's greatest achievement was chairing the two very successful San Jose AIS National conventions. Having had good experience planning large swim events due to her sons' involvement in that sport, I never ceased to be amazed with her understanding of the overview of a national and her command of even small details. Joe Gatty named the pink Iris Irene for her.

Iris and John had two sons, Scott and Nicholas. In addition, Iris raised Siamese cats. Her Betsy was famous—when they brought Nick home, Betsy slept with him for the next 18 years. Space in the Saratoga home garden was limited, partly due to the extra-large and extra-deep swimming pool for their sons, but on a slope by the pool they grew named varieties. One year they brought in the Queen of the Show with an amazingly clean, blemish free stalk of Edenite.

They will be greatly missed.



**TB Paprika Fono's**



**TB Edenite**

**Contributed by Bryce Williamson**  
**Archive photos courtesy of Mikey Lango**

# Bacterial Soft Rot—by Anna Cadd

It's January 1 and I am sitting in Poland starting to pack my suitcases to return home. The days are getting visibly longer, so I think that the first thing I will do when I get home will be to check my iris beds for bacterial soft rot.

Rain, while refreshing and absolutely necessary for all living creatures, can be a not-so-good thing for bearded irises. It can lead to rot. Tall bearded irises seem to be more impacted than the smaller ones. Bacterial rot can happen no matter the temperature. Bearded irises do not like to have their roots and/or rhizomes soaked with water for a prolonged period of time. Rot can happen quickly and can be deadly for irises.

Be observant! While our neighbors might think we are a bit strange, slowly and carefully looking at nothing but green iris leaves with not a bloom in sight ; the earlier we attack rot, the better our chances are of saving the rhizome. The outer leaves may turn yellow or the entire fan may be lying on the ground – these are definite signs of rot. The smell of bacterial soft rot is that of a rotten potato - very unpleasant, downright icky! Push on the top of the rhizome. If rot is present, the rhizome will be mushy. Sometimes maggots or small worms are already present.



Soft rot is a disease caused by *Erwinia carotovora*, a bacterial phytopathogen. *Erwinia carotovora* (*Ec*) is widespread in nature and different strains affect many vegetable and horticultural crops. It typically enters the iris rhizome via an injury to the plant. Wounds that provide access for the bacteria can be created by borers, slugs, snails, beetle larvae, wind damage, cultivation, animals or even careless leaf or stalk removal.

*Ec* secretes multiple enzymes that degrade the cell walls of the iris. This allows the bacteria to spread into the rhizome and leaf bases. In experiments with calla lilies, researchers found that bacterial production peaks at 82.5° F, while enzyme production peaks at 57.2° F. Therefore, the bacteria get a foothold in the plant during warmer, drier parts of the year; but soft rot problems don't appear until the cooler weather in the spring or fall, when enzyme production is highest.

Leaves turn yellow, wilt, and eventually die. Dieback often starts at the leaf tips and progresses downward. The entire leaf cluster may be found lying on the ground. If pulled gently, the leaf cluster sometimes lifts off the rhizome. Leaf bases and rhizomes are often rotted and foul smelling.



As infection develops, the plant tissue decays into a soft, foul-smelling mass. Finally, the plant dies and the inner rhizome tissue disintegrates. Infection and rapid decay are favored by moist, dark conditions. These bacteria live in the soil and in plant debris. They are spread by contaminated plants and rhizomes, soil, insects, and tools.

If you find rot, you can dig the infected rhizome. Digging this late in the season might be problematic - to dig the rhizome out and get it re-established again. Irises need about 6 weeks to establish new roots. Whether you dig out the rhizome or not - you must clean out all the infected tissues. You can use a sharp knife to cut out the rot. **THROW THE ROTTED** tissue away! Do not leave it in your flowerbed. **DO NOT** reuse the knife until you have thoroughly cleaned it with soap and water or dipped it in rubbing alcohol. Once the rot has been removed, you can apply several types of products that may work to stop the rot.

There is a lot of inaccurate information on treatment of this problem, even from normally credible sources. If the rot is extensive, you should dig up the plant; but if only a portion of a plant is infected, the plant can be treated in place. Since the soil immediately surrounding the infected plant has very high *Ec* levels, it is best to scrape away and dispose of that as well and replace it with uncontaminated soil. With a sharp knife, cut off the rotted portion of rhizome and leaves, and put into the trash. Do not add diseased leaves and rhizomes to your compost pile! Make sure you cut back the rhizome to all white healthy tissue.

At this point you have several options for sanitizing the rhizome. You can dip the cut rhizome in a 10% or stronger bleach solution or apply the solution to the rhizome with a sponge if you are treating the plant in place. In both cases, leave the rhizome exposed and let it air dry for a couple days before putting soil around it again.

You can also use either a chlorine-based powdered cleanser like Comet® or garden sulfur, a.k.a. elemental sulfur, to coat the cut ends and sprinkle around the affected area. Both the chlorine and the sulfur create an inhospitable environment for *Ec* but in different ways. The chlorine bleach is a strong base with a pH of 12.6, which makes the treated area alkaline. Sulfur on the other hand lowers the pH and creates an acidic environment; a pH of 5.2 has been shown to be protective against the pathogen. Sulfur should only be used when temperatures are below 80° F. Don't use sulfate forms of sulfur, since they will not lower the pH. Since bearded irises prefer neutral pH soils for growth, don't over apply whichever treatment you choose. Usually, the replanted rhizome will survive, though it may not bloom that year.

The best treatment, however, is prevention; and proper cultural practices can dramatically reduce the occurrence of soft rot in your garden. Careful planting and garden hygiene should create many enjoyable years of healthy trouble-free irises.

Happy gardening. Don't give up on affected irises They can often be saved. They just need our help getting through the wet season to bloom for us in the spring.

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# Judges' Training Report

We have 92 folks enrolled in JT including: 29 Garden/Exhibition (G/E) judges, 7 Master judges, 4 Emeritus judges, 11 Retired judges, 7 Apprentices, and 24 Active Students (Candidates).

Four new Garden/Exhibition judges were approved by the AIS Board last fall: Cindy Eastman of Grass Valley, Mark Greene of Los Gatos, Kurt Kilburn of Pismo Beach, and Amberlee Pick of Coarsegold. Mark, Kurt, and Amberlee fulfilled their requirements to advance from Apprentice to G/E in one year.

We have 3 new Apprentice judges: Carol Cullen of Chico, Gary Prevost of San Jose, and Craig Tarr of Soquel.

Last year we gained one G/E judge from Texas – Alex Harding of Vacaville. One retired judge reactivated to active Master judge: Bryce Williamson of Campbell. One Master judge retired – Joyce Ragle of Carmichael.

We lost 2 Master judges last year for failure to meet AIS requirements. One G/E judge moved out of the Region – Ross BeVier moved to Washington, Region 13.

We have 5 new Student judges: Jeff Bennett of Hercules, Susan Duncan of Reno, Elaine Fischer of Sunnyvale, Kathy Hutchinson of Durham, and Lori Peterson of Oakhurst.

There was a tie for the Region 14 All Star Judge Award last year – the accredited AIS judge with the most Judges' Training hours in 2017-18 judges' training year: 1<sup>st</sup> year judge Douglas Kanarowski of Mariposa and outgoing RVP Phyllis Wilburn of Rescue. Both accrued 12 JT hours. Runners-up were Carolyn Hoover of Coarsegold and Mary Ann Horton of Loomis, both with 10.5 hours. The Apprentice with the greatest number of JT hours was Cindy Eastman of Auburn, with a whopping 18.5 hours!

We had 9 JT sessions last year, and 2 so far this JT year (August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019): one on MTBs by Emeritus Judge Lynda Miller at the Fall Regional meeting in Reno, and one on Spurias by Master Judge Anna Cadd at the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society winter potluck in January. Anna will give 1 hour of JT at the Santa Rosa Iris Society meeting on February 11.

I encourage individuals and societies to schedule JT classes this year and notify me so I can approve them. I would really like someone to host a garden session on SDBs, taught by an accredited AIS judge. Both classroom and garden JT sessions will be given at the National Convention headquartered in San Ramon, California on April 24-27, and I strongly encourage all participants in the Region 14 JT program to register and attend.

**Anna Cadd conducting Judges' training on Spurias  
January 19th in Oakland, CA**



**Written & Submitted by Alleah Haley**

# Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

## Clara B. Rees

Clara B. Rees Iris Society had a very successful year fundraising-wise. We have started to use Nextdoor for our publicity in addition to flyers and an email list of past customers. The results were quite remarkable. We sold twice as many potted iris this year as compared to years past.

The CBRIS Spring Show was April 21-22, 2018 at Westgate Mall in San Jose. Our show chair is Carol Dahout. We had 109 horticulture entries from 30 members. There were 28 blue ribbons awarded, 31 red ribbons, 25 white ribbons and 7 honorable mentions. Lisa Ayala won Best of Show with Navy Blues. Craig Tarr won People's Choice in Horticulture Division with Blackbird Landing. There were 15 seedlings from two hybridizers. English Boxes were reintroduced for the first time in many, many years. There were three entries. They made a nice addition to the show and will be part of our future shows. Mikey Lango chaired the Artistic Division. We had 18 members enter a total of 26 lovely designs. They were awarded 9 blue, 8 red, 4 white and 4 pink ribbons. Cara Vanish won Best Design. Elaine Fischer won People's Choice in Artistic Division.



**TB Navy Blues**



**Craig Tarr's TB Blackbird Landing**

In May, we had a presentation on Bay Area Hummingbirds by photographer Joan Sparks. It was the most attended meeting of the year; as we all love hummingbirds. Joan shared everything you might ever want to know about hummingbirds, including interesting facts such as:

- ◆ their heart rate is 1260 beats per minute
- ◆ They are only birds which can fly backwards
- ◆ It takes 150 of them to make a pound

Her entire presentation was accompanied by stunning photos. She had many photos of flowers the hummingbirds like such as camellias, hibiscus, fuchsias, peonies, lilies, roses and sunflowers, and we learned they are particularly drawn to red tubular flowers.



# Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

A new event for us this year was a rhizome sale at the Rare Fruit Growers Convention in Campbell in July. The rare fruit growers were very enthusiastic about iris. If the biannual event is held near you, be sure to participate. Additional rhizomes sales were held in August at Yamagami's Nursery in Cupertino and at a garage sale in Sunnyvale. Our members offered some of their “treasures” along with the rhizomes.



**One of several successful CBRIS sales Photo courtesy of Mikey Lango**

September Meeting - Riley Probst shared his slides from Aril Trek 2018 in New Mexico. In addition to lovely photos of Arils and Arilbreds, we learned about the history of Arils and how to grow them.

October meeting - Carl Boro showed slides of beardless iris that he grows. He focused on how beardless iris grow, the differences between bearded and beardless iris, and the different species of beardless iris.

November meeting - PCI hybridizer Garry Knipe showed slides of his beautiful seedlings in shades of blue and turquoise. He also explained how to hybridize and grow PCIs.

For the first time in many years, we sold potted beardless iris. The November sale was at Our City Forest Nursery in San Jose.

In December we held our annual Christmas Party with turkey, ham, and many delicious side dishes. The Gift exchange is always a lot of fun. The popular gifts that were most often “stolen” were champagne and iris handicrafts.

## High Desert

The High Desert Iris Society is turning 10 this year! We enjoyed a profitable, fun-filled 2018. Not only did we host Fall Regional, we had record fundraising results and welcomed eight new members.

### Show

Our 2018 Spring show, “Growing Up: Iris & Children’s Classics” was chaired by Patricia Eisenberg and featured 60 entries. Best of Show went to Kathy Braaten with her TB Tiger Honey. Winner of the most blue ribbons went to Pat Canter, both for Tall Bearded and Dwarf & Median categories. We were also pleased to have 9 entries of Historic Irises, with the blue ribbon going to Deborah Smith. Our 2019 show, “Iris: A Bridge Over the Sierras” will again be chaired by Patricia Eisenberg and is June 1st & 2nd.

### Fundraisers

We had many return customers and certainly word of mouth continues to grow our “fan club”, but we can definitely attribute the increased awareness, foot traffic, and ultimately sales from our presence on social media. We heard repeatedly that attendees were there as a result of visiting our Facebook page. Other successful tactics for rhizome sales attendance include handing out “save the date” flyers at the show, and awarding gift certificates as door prizes to participants at the show’s educational symposium. Annually, we give away eight \$5.00 certificates, and for the past three years, have had 100% redemption.

#### 2019 rhizome fundraiser dates:

July 20th & 21st, Moana Nursery, 1100 W. Moana Lane Reno, NV 89509

July 27th & 28th, Moana Nursery, 3397 Pyramid Way Sparks, NV 89431

### Road Trip

In April, we enjoyed a wonderful day meeting up with friends from the neighboring Sierra Foothills and Sacramento societies and toured Frannie’s Iris Garden in Elk Grove and Horton Iris Garden in Loomis. We thank our gracious hosts Russ & Fran Shields and Mary Ann Horton.

### Meaningful Project

Many of you visited the Wilbur May Arboretum during Fall Regional and met Horticulture Director Bill Carlos, who explained the Botanical Garden and the plans of increasing the species grown/represented. We are in the beginning stages of partnering 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 report on the progress as the project comes to fruition.

### A Special Celebration

Recently, on February 9th, we recognized and honored our founding member Evelyn Condo with a surprise 90th birthday party. We love her dearly and appreciate everything she’s done to share her knowledge and love of Irises!



**Founder Evelyn Condo at her home in 2016**  
Photo by Stephanie Jennings

## Las Vegas

On behalf of my club, Las Vegas Iris Society, I just want to say how nice it is to belong to Region 14. Our club, for many reasons, has been struggling. Our town has changed; our water restrictions are in effect and will become more drastic; our members work; are new to iris, or are simply getting a little older. But none of those factors are going to stop us from offering a wide variety of activities and ongoing expansion efforts.

We would like to recognize and thank Assistant Regional VP Alleah Haley, who is working with us. With her generosity, we were able to have more rhizomes to help our club complete a youth project and fundraiser. Then our neighbors up north, the High Desert Iris Society, made us a wonderful offer on some of their surplus rhizomes from the Regional Dig. Those were distributed among our members, primarily “newbies”, to generate excitement and to be grown for sale and display at our flower show. Everyone is so excited to see how well their potted iris projects will turn out!

And, we were very happy to pass the hat to help the California fire victims this year and last year. I like to think of us as one big iris garden.

Submitted by LV IS Secretary Aleta MacFarlane

## Mt. Diablo

The 59<sup>th</sup> annual Mt. Diablo Iris Society spring show and plant sale will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 between 1:00 and 5:00, and Sunday April 14, 2019 from 9:00 to 4:00 at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA. This is a judged show of many colorful and different varieties of iris cultivars, and will also feature flower arrangements, demonstrations, and a photo contest open to public contributors sponsored by Mike’s Camera of Dublin. Admission is free. For additional information, call Mary Sindic at 925 606-0355 or email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook and Eventbrite.



**Holidaze** (IB 2001 George Sutton)  
*Best of Show* Winner in 2018  
Photo by Eileen Roark

## **Sacramento**

Sacramento Iris Society had a lively January meeting which involved approving the 2019 budget and planning programs for the upcoming iris year. We are involved in supporting two gardens for the AIS 2019 Convention, Horton's Iris Garden in Loomis and Frannie's Iris Garden in Elk Grove. The Convention buses will visit these two gardens on Thurs April 25th and we are hoping that those members who are not attending the Convention will be on hand to serve as garden hosts. Refreshments will be at both gardens, and Lunch will be at Horton's Iris Garden. These gardens have large plantings in addition to the guest iris and the plants are doing great, so we hope to shine. We are planning 'weeding parties' when the need arises. Cindy Eastman is coordinating Refreshments (209-483-6027, e-mail: Rocind@att.net). Our show is scheduled for April 20-21, the weekend preceding the Convention, so we will be very busy. Chair of the show is Steven Giguere (816-204-0551, e-mail: jigs1968@hotmail.com) and the theme is 'Goddess of the Rainbow'. Call or e-mail him for details if you want to participate. We have sales of potted iris on March 16-17 at Shepard Garden Center in Sacramento and at our show at the same location. We have around 400 potted iris ready to go to the sales. Diane Giovanetti is chair of the iris photos for our sales, and Stan Logan is Sales Chair. On July 20-21 we will have our annual rhizome sale at the same location, preceded by several dig and labeling parties. What fun! Another Big Year!

Phyllis Wilburn, SIS Lore Editor

## **Santa Rosa**

Our meetings are 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.

For our program on March 11th, Garry Knipe will speak on "Progress on My Hybridizing Program with Pacific Coast Irises". The April 8th program will feature a discussion of final plans for the National Convention. We hope to have a tour of members' gardens in early May. On May 13, we will have a speaker from the Sonoma County Butterfly Alliance who will provide information on how to improve habitat for Monarch butterflies. Our program on June 10 will include members sharing their memories and photos of the National Convention.

Santa Rosa Iris Society will not hold a show this spring, to free up members' time to support the guest garden endeavors of members Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence, whose C&L Vineyard Garden in Sonoma will be visited on Friday April 26 as part of the AIS National Convention garden tours hosted by Region 14.

On July 8 one of our members will show photos of the irises available for bid at our annual iris auction. In late July we will dig our door prize and auction irises grown in the society's public display garden at LBAGC. The auction will be held this year on Saturday, August 3 at C&L Vineyard in Sonoma as part of the club's annual members' potluck picnic and iris raffle. On August 12 Lynn Williams will give a program on iris culture with an emphasis on soil amendments and fertilizer options. Our annual rhizome sale to the public will be September 7 at LBAGC. Rhizomes are sold from grocery store barrel bags, cut down about 4-6" so they're not too deep to reach into, arranged on tables with ends facing outward. Labels, dutifully made by member Anna Marie Hermansen, with the iris name and a color picture are affixed to the ends of the bags.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year will be Tuesday through Thursday, September 9-12 when we participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa 95404 (across from the Vet's Building). Members will staff the society's double-wide booth near the entrance to the Fairgrounds in the Grace Pavilion with hundreds of varieties of irises at very reasonable prices. Santa Rosa Iris Society has participated each year since the start of this "world's largest pure food fair" (the Expo features all things small commercial and home gardening and farming) and we welcome repeat customers each year.

Alleah Haley, newsletter editor

## **Sierra Foothills**

We always end our year with a thank you potluck at our October meeting. We have a small silent auction as well. We always find something we just can't live without. At this dinner we name the recipient of the Bertha Brownlee Award (our founder). This award is given to a member that has gone over and above with their time and efforts for the good of the society. The winner of the award was Cindy Eastman.

Our society's Iris season will be starting this year with a bang! The gardens of our members Mary Ann Horton and Russ and Fran Shields will be on tour for the AIS National Convention in April. Sierra Foothills members will be very busy greeting attendees and assisting with lunch and snacks in Horton's garden.

The society meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Rose Room of the Auburn Civic Center 1225 Lincoln Way Auburn CA at 7:00pm. We do not meet in July, November or December. We try to have a program at each meeting and we always have food.

Our show will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 and held at Prospector's Nursery, 10003 Granholm Lane Nevada City, CA. It was very well received last year, and the nursery is very accommodating and glad to have us there. We will also have potted iris for sale at our show.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is our annual rhizome sale which will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Eisley's Nursery 380 Nevada St. Auburn, CA. We will have all the bearded classes for sale as well as Louisiana Iris.

Please feel free to attend any of events and like us on Facebook.

Submitted by Kathy Braaten



**Sierra Foothills IS 2018 Show**

**Photo by Kathy Braaten**

## **Sydney B. Mitchell**

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society will be selling potted iris at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show February 15-17, 2019. The show is held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, and is open from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Friday February 15, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday February 16, and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday February 17.

Email [jeanrichter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jeanrichter@berkeley.edu) if you would like free tickets to the show!

Our annual show will be held just before the start of the AIS convention, April 20-21 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland (666 Bellevue Avenue). Show entries are accepted from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. on the 20th, and the show is open to the public from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on the 20th and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday the 21st.

SBMIS meets monthly on the fourth Friday of the month at the Garden Center - doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30.

Other upcoming sales include potted iris at the Heritage Rose Show on May 19 (venue TBA), and our bearded rhizome auction and sale on Friday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Center, as well as a rhizome sidewalk sale Sunday, July 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Ace Hardware Nursery (4001 Grand Avenue in Oakland). Please see our web site [www.bayareairis.org](http://www.bayareairis.org) for our other events!



**Bonnie Petheram working at a Home & Garden Show sale**

**Photo by Jean Richter**

## Yosemite

YIS just elected new officers last November, 2018. The following YIS board officers hold a 3-year term: Sandra Saelens - President: [sandys@stcg.net](mailto:sandys@stcg.net) Vice President - Carolyn Hoover, Treasurer- Guy Hoover Secretary- Laura Gonzalez, Directors: Bill Tyson, Dan Cereghino, Gary Collings

YIS meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month except Dec., Jan., July, & August. Our meetings are held at the Sweetwater Restaurant Meeting Room, 5016 Hwy 41, Oakhurst, CA and begin with Social hour at 6 PM and general meeting begins at 7 PM. If you would like to attend, please RSVP Carolyn Hoover, VP @ [yischoover@gmail.com](mailto:yischoover@gmail.com) or (559)760-5638.

We have an exciting year planned for 2019. We were delighted to have Rick Tasco as our guest speaker last November, giving us a presentation of the history and operations of Superstition Iris Garden. In December, YIS held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Figgy Pudding Potluck Christmas Party at the Hoover's. (please see photos next page) In February, the topic will be a Riley Probst DVD presentation: Rebloomers. On March 23, we are planning to hold an In-Garden Judges' Training on SDB's at the Hoover's Iris Garden in Coarsegold. This date and time will be confirmed at a later date.

April 12, Hybridizing TB Irises 101 and How to Show Irises.

April 20, 2019 @ 10 AM: Annual YIS Iris Show to be held in Coarsegold, CA

May 12, Give out show awards and Review of AIS Convention, San Ramon, CA.

June 14, Roundtable discussions with Bill Tyson and others on: Pests, Fertilizers, diseases and soil prep of Iris.

July 20th @ 12 noon - Annual BBQ and YIS Auction. Location to be announced. Starting April 1st, YIS will be at fundraising at the Farmer's Market in Fresno every Wednesday morning during spring months with YIS 1-gallon potted irises potted up last August. This is our main fundraiser for the year under direction of Guy Hoover.

Check out more of YIS news on our Facebook Page: [Yosemite Iris Society, Region 14.](#)

Submitted by Carolyn Hoover, VP YIS



**YIS Members at Judges' Training in Oakland**

**Standing: Riley Probst & Shirley Trio Seated L to R: Carolyn Hoover, Betty Bridger, Amberlee Pick, Sandy Saelens**

**Photo by Jean Richter**



# Yosemite Iris Society Region 14

2018 Annual Figgy Pudding Christmas Party



Photo by Gerry Sullivan



(L) Linda Hood & Bill Tyson

Photo by Aleli Kelton

## **Region 14 AIS Youth Program - Coarsegold Elementary School**

AIS Youth, under the director of Youth CIP (Classroom Iris Project) Leaders Carolyn Hoover and Mrs. Glens, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, participated in the AIS Coloring Contest in October 2018 and are currently writing their essays for the AIS Ackerman Essay Contest with a due date of February 15, 2019.

Each entry receives money and certificate awards from AIS. Carolyn Hoover provides a one gallon potted iris for each student entry, as well as for their birthday. Coarsegold School AIS students also received 180 Louisiana Irises shipped from the AIS Convention site in New Orleans 2018. The youth are learning how LA's differ from the TB's and how to care for them. This past year, they have also learned about SDB's, MTB's and Arils. A field trip is planned to tour the Hoover Iris Garden and Bill Tyson's Hillside Garden, both in Coarsegold, CA.



**AIS Youth members at Coarsegold School with Carolyn Hoover, AIS Youth Leader Photo by V. Glines**



**Fall 2018-AIS Youth Coarsegold Elementary 3rd grade with Mr. Ratley & Ms. Glines Photo by C. Hoover**

# Region 14 Scholarship - by Barbara Kitz

Greetings Region 14 members!

## Scholarship Recipients

It is with great pleasure that I announce the winners of the 2018 Region 14 Scholarships. It is our honor to award First Place, \$1,000 scholarship to Lindsey Swall, a graduate of Mission Oaks High School in Tulare. Lindsey is planning on attending California State University, Fresno in the fall as a Plant Science Major. She will be receiving a Certificate and her check for \$1,000 from the James M. Gibson Iris Society in Tulare, at a future date.

As the child of a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmer, she wrote of her appreciation of the lifestyle and opportunities that have been provided her. This support has also provided her with experiences that others have not had the opportunity to pursue. It is difficult to present her achievements and activities in the space we have. A summary description could sound something like “super achiever, non-stop dynamo” with numerous interests, awards and achievements in multiple areas of education, sports, agriculture, horticulture and community service.

Lindsey has had an amazing high school experience. Her course of study included not only college prep with advanced placement classes, but also, the opportunity to take a variety of Ag sciences, Floriculture, Landscaping and Ag work experience. Lindsey earned countless academic, artistic, athletic, club, extracurricular and community service high honors awards and certifications these past 4 + years. Just to provide a small sample: she held high offices in FFA (Tulare and Regional); was awarded the CA State Farmer Degree; placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in section, regional and state public speaking competitions; and competed and earned high honors in soils and citrus judging for 4 years. Her community services included: rescue, fund drives, food drives, Fire Relief coordinator, & Ag recruiter for 8<sup>th</sup> grader for 4 years. **And** her work experience includes: office assistant; Ag teacher for Tulare Middle Schools, and owning and operating a floral design business for 2 years. WHEW!!!! This and more is all out there online if you are interested in viewing more on this amazing young woman.

We in the region wish Lindsey the very best in her future endeavors. Lindsey sent a lovely thank you letter immediately after she received the announcement of her selection.

A Very special thanks to the generosity of the affiliates from Sierra Foothills IS (Auburn), Sacramento IS and High Desert IS (Reno) - we were able to award a 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship for \$750.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> place recipient is a Marysville High School graduate. Kaitlyn O'Dell and her family attended the June 26 meeting of the Sierra Foothills IS, and was awarded a Certificate and \$750 check at that time. Kaitlyn is not only strong academically but has a wide range of skills, abilities and interests. Her high school curriculum and extra-curricular activities included strong agricultural course work, orchestra (2 years), athletics (4 years), community service (since 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and agriculture and FFA for 4 years where she held office each year. Her employment during high school included both office work and the opportunity to work on a ranch. Her plan is to earn a degree in Forest Resource Conservation at Humboldt State University and after 10 years in that field, she plans to return to college for a teaching credential in ag sciences. She would like to inspire a new group of students, the way she was inspired this past year.

It was a delight to meet Kaitlyn, her parents, Randy and Julie and her sister, Gracie. They had the opportunity to meet our group which also includes members belonging to both Sacramento IS and High Desert IS. The O'Dell's learned some of the digging, dividing and care of iris during Cindy Eastman's presentation. They took home several irises to include in their collection. Kaitlyn and her younger sister, Gracie joined our group in the July dig at MaryAnn Horton's. I had a great time with the girls and they did a wonderful job helping us with our rhizomes for the Sacramento and Sierra Foothill sales.

**NOTE:** It was obvious that these two young women are exceptional and had a great deal of support from family, school, employers, and the community. We in Region 14 are pleased to join the village in supporting our future leaders.

### **Special Thanks:**

Goes to those members who assisted me during my first year, Phyllis Wilburn, Loraine Nicholson, and Helen Franklin. Due to the distance between our affiliates and lack of other volunteers to assist as committee members, those 3 women were helpful by email and phone as I muddled through the year. Kathy Braaten and Cindy Eastman have always been available to answer questions I have. As loooonnnnngggg time members they were able to give recommendations and overall support this past year. And last, but definitely not least, a very special thanks to my scholarship readers, for without them, the final selections would not have been made. Our thanks go to Patricia Eisenberg (High Desert IS and Sierra Foothills IS), Jeff Davis (Santa Rosa IS) Shirley Trio-Probst (Clara B. Rees IA, et. al.), and Lorraine Nicholson (San Joaquin IS) for sharing their valuable time read and evaluate the applications that met our scholarship criteria.

## **2019-2020 Scholarship Announcement**

It is my pleasure to announce the \$1,000 2019-20 Region 14 Scholarship. The scholarship is again being offered to high school seniors, college or returning college students who are interested in pursuing a career in horticulture, floriculture, landscaping, nursery production or a related field. Due to the generosity of 3 of our affiliate clubs in the Region we were able to offer a 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up scholarship of \$750 for 2018-19. As many of you know, all college expenses are higher than ever and there does not seem to be an end in sight. If any affiliates would like to make an additional donation to the fund this year, please contact our Treasurer, Helen Franklin. If each affiliate donated even \$25, it could make the difference. With additional money, we could increase the amount given or add another scholarship. That will depend on what we have in our Scholarship fund and what is decided by the committee.

### **IMMEDIATE Request for 2019-2020 (current year):**

The first thing I need is assistance from all affiliate clubs. I know how busy we all are with our own lives. I know this is relatively late notice since this did not come out in the August Bulletin. I am requesting each affiliate to ask a few members to share the scholarship packet (including: Letter to the Counselor, Letter to the Applicant, and the Application), that is included in this Bulletin (and on our website) with the high school and college counselors in your area. Please remember your local Charter and Home Schools. If you have high school family members, youth in your club, or college friends who have an interest in irises or the careers listed, please share the scholarship with them. As you are doing this, please keep track of your contacts. Send me a list of the schools and the email addresses of the contact person for each of your schools. If this is done now, it will be easier next year. We can develop a list of contact for future scholarship offerings for our region. This could then be sent through the committee in the future. Many of us sharing in this will make it much easier on all of us.

It has been an honor to be the Scholarship Chair this past year. I recently sent out a sample media notification through our RVP, Jean Richter. Please have the publicity chair in your affiliate send it to the local media. I thank you all for your assistance.

**As a final note:** I will bring the submitted scholarship applications to the National Convention in San Ramon. Once the final schedule is completed, I am hoping there are several individuals who would like to join me as readers to determine the finalist(s) for the current scholarship(s). Please let me know if you will be attending and would like to help in the selection.

Barbara.kitz03@gmail.com

Barbara Kitz

SFIS member at large

Scholarship Chair, Region 14 AIS

# Scholarship Letter - General

## *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 re-turning student.
  1. be pursuing a career in horticulture, floriculture, landscaping, nursery production or a related field.
  2. Have an interest in irises or related fields
    - a. Demonstrate interest in iris activities or
    - b. Interest in the fields listed in #3.
    - c. Complete the attached Scholarship application
    - d. Include a copy of your current transcript and grades in progress, if available.
    - e. Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, counselor or administrator
    - f. Include two (2) character references

Application must be postmarked or email by deadline: **Tuesday, March 26, 2019.**

Please send your completed application to:

Barbara Kitz  
Scholarship Chair, Region 14, AIS  
PO Box 5614  
Auburn, CA 95604

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, 2019.

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, 2019

If you have **any** questions you may call **(530-745-9559)** or email me: **barbara.kitz03@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.

Barbara Kitz  
Scholarship Chair  
Region 14, American Iris Society

# Scholarship Letter - High School Counselor

## *Region 14 of the American Iris Society, Scholarship*

Counseling Office

Attention: Academic/Scholarship Advisor:

RE: Scholarship Application for the 2019-2020 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 2019. 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.

Barbara Kitz, Scholarship Chair

530-745-9559 or [barbara.kitz03@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kitz03@gmail.com)

Completed applications are to be mailed to Barbara Kitz, Scholarship Chair. They must be postmarked by **March 26, 2019**. 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, 2019. 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](http://www.aisregion14.org).

Sincerely,

Barbara Kitz

Scholarship Chair, Region 14 AIS

PO Box 5614

Auburn, Ca 95604

# Scholarship Application

*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.

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.**

***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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Scholarship Application

## *SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & HONORS*

Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Editor's Note - The scholarship letters and application are available electronically on the Region 14 website, from Barbara Kitz, or from me, including a fillable pdf.**

**Please e-mail Barbara: [Barbara.kitz03@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.kitz03@gmail.com)**

**Stephanie: [irisreshdis@gmail.com](mailto:irisreshdis@gmail.com)**

# AIS 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION



**American Iris Society Convention Registration**  
**April 23-27, 2019**  
**San Ramon Marriott Hotel**  
 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583  
**Hotel room reservations are separate from convention registration!**  
 Contact the San Ramon Marriott (925) 867-9200 – ask for the American Iris Society –  
 Apr2019 room rate.



**Please complete and send this form so that it arrives no later than April 15, 2019.** Registrations will be acknowledged by email. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and event tickets at check-in.

**PLEASE PRINT** – Fill out one form per person attending.

Name to appear on name badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ AIS Region: \_\_\_\_\_

	IF POSTMARKED	BEFORE MAR 1	AFTER MAR 1	TOTAL
<b>Full Adult Registration</b>		\$390	\$350	=
Includes Welcome and Awards banquets, Garden Tours, Judges Training, and convention book				
<b>Full Older Youth Registration (ages 9 – 18)</b>		\$165	\$165	=
<b>Full Younger Youth Registration (age 8 and below)</b>		\$125	\$125	=
<b>Optional Tour to Joe Ghio's gardens on April 22 (includes bus, breakfast, and lunch)</b>		\$ 85	\$90	=
<b>Older Youth Optional Tour to Ghio's</b>		\$ 65	\$65	=
<b>Younger Youth Optional Tour to Ghio's</b>		\$ 55	\$55	=

**TOTAL Enclosed**

**Payment Method:**

Check – make payable to "AIS 2019 Convention"  
 Credit Card:  Visa  Mastercard  
 Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Code \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card holder's name (as it appears on the card): \_\_\_\_\_

**Refunds for cancellations requested on or after March 1, 2019 will be made at the discretion of the Convention Committee.**  
**NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 15, 2019**

**Meals** Please select from the following choices

**Welcome Banquet - April 24**  
 House Rubbed Bone-in Ribeye Steak  Pacific Sea Bass  Vegetable Paella  
**Awards Banquet – April 27**  
 Beef Tri-Tip  Salmon  Selection of Vegetarian Vegetables and Salads

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:**

Gluten Free  Lactose Intolerant  Diabetic  
 Other – please describe here: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you have mobility issues for the tours, please describe here:

Wheelchair or walker  Unable to walk incline  
 Other – please describe here: \_\_\_\_\_

**GEEK DINNER:** For reservations contact Joanne Prass-Jones (510) 795-9723 [joanne@usjonases.com](mailto:joanne@usjonases.com)

**Send Registration and Payment to:** Jean Richter, 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501 (510) 864-7962 [jeanrichter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jeanrichter@berkeley.edu)

Visit the AIS Convention web site for more information:

<http://www.aisconvention2019.org>

# AIS Region 14 Commercial Gardens

**Bay View Iris Garden** - Joe Ghio  
1201 Bay St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
(831) 423-3656 e-mail: [ghiobayview@att.net](mailto:ghiobayview@att.net)

**Bluebird Haven Iris Garden** - Mary Hess  
6940 Fairplay Rd. Somerset, CA 95684  
(530) 620-5017  
[www.bluebirdhavenirisgarden.com](http://www.bluebirdhavenirisgarden.com)

**Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden** - Anna Cadd  
329 North St. Healdsburg, CA 95488  
(707) 433-8633 e-mail: [caddsisiris@comcast.net](mailto:caddsisiris@comcast.net)

**Crazy Cat Lady Iris Garden** - Linda Hood &  
Tiffany Rush  
20924 Ave. 152 Porterville, CA 93257  
(559)789-7446 e-mail: [linda-hood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linda-hood@sbcglobal.net)

**Fleur de Lis Gardens** - Riley & Shirley Trio  
Probst  
2701 Fine Ave. Modesto, CA 95355  
(209) 551-6323 e-mail: [rprobst02@earthlink.net](mailto:rprobst02@earthlink.net)  
[shirleyjtrio@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyjtrio@gmail.com)

**Frannie's Iris Gardens** - Fran & Russ Shields  
8884 Saddlehorn Ct. Elk Grove, CA 95624  
(916) 688-5262  
e-mail: [franniesirisgarden@frontier.com](mailto:franniesirisgarden@frontier.com)

**Hillside Iris Gardens** - Bill Tyson  
43315 Ranger Circle Coarsegold, CA 93614  
(559) 658-7987 e-mail: [billtyson@sti.net](mailto:billtyson@sti.net)

**Horton Iris Garden** - Mary Ann Horton  
7440 King Rd. Loomis, CA 95650  
(916) 652-4351 [www.hortonirisgarden.com](http://www.hortonirisgarden.com)  
e-mail: [maryann@hortonirisgarden.com](mailto:maryann@hortonirisgarden.com)

**Mariposa Iris** - Douglas Kanarowski  
6147 Smither Rd. Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209) 966-3496 [www.mariposairis.com](http://www.mariposairis.com)

**Napa County Iris Garden** - John & Lesley  
Painter  
9087 Steele Canyon Rd. Napa, CA 94558  
(707) 255-7880 [www.napairis.com](http://www.napairis.com)

**Nola's Iris Garden** - Nola Provost  
4195 Sierra Rd. San Jose, CA 95132  
(408) 929-6307 [www.walking-p-bar.com](http://www.walking-p-bar.com)  
e-mail: [orders@walking-p-bar.com](mailto:orders@walking-p-bar.com) or  
[gprevost@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gprevost@sbcglobal.net)

**Pleasants Valley Iris Farm** - Kendall Richard  
7317 Pleasants Valley Rd. Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 451-3367 [www.irisfarmer.com](http://www.irisfarmer.com)  
e-mail: [irisfarmer2006@yahoo.com](mailto:irisfarmer2006@yahoo.com)

**Rainbow Acres** - Fred Kerr  
Box 2191 North Highlands, CA 95660  
(916) 331-3732 e-mail: [rainacre@aol.com](mailto:rainacre@aol.com)  
<http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/iris1.html>

**Superstition Iris Gardens** - Rick Tasco &  
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Santa Maria, CA 93455

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