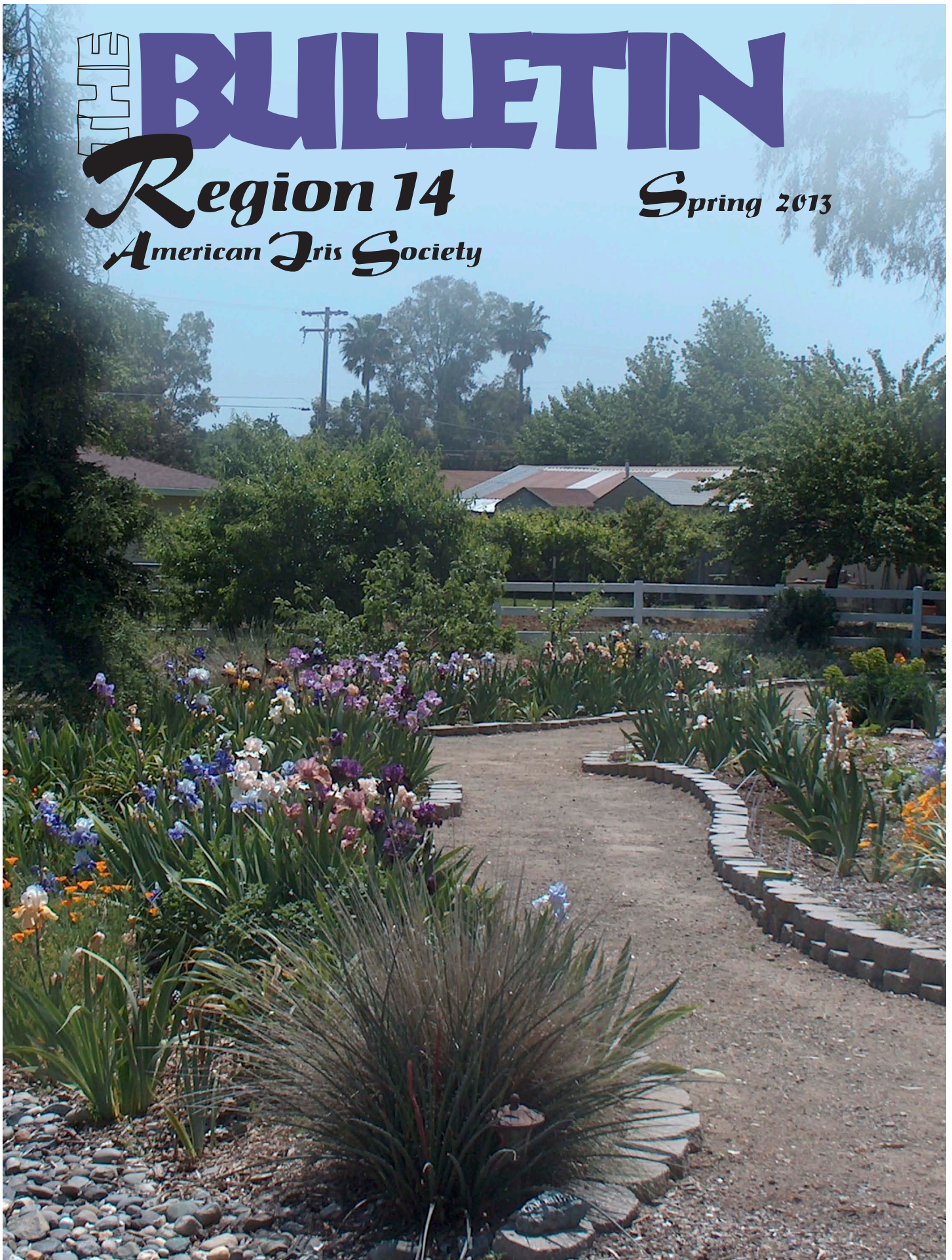


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Ruth's Ostroff's Garden one of the Spring 2013 gardens,
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Editor's Notes

This issue of the Bulletin arrives a few days before the beginning of the season that all gardeners—and especially iris fanciers—anticipate with great expectations: spring.

Region 14's members will gather in April for the spring conference, to celebrate the season, share their enthusiasm for the genus iris, grow the region's activities, and welcome familiar and new friends. This issue of the Bulletin features that conference, which promises to be a treat for all who attend.

We are pleased to include contributions from several of the region's affiliates, and we invite all affiliates to share their achievements and visions in future issues of the Bulletin. The Society News section presents the opportunity to exchange your good ideas and even brag a little about your successes.

Please make a note that the summer issue of the Bulletin will be published online on June 1st, 2013. We welcome your articles and photos by May 1st, to allow time for development of the Bulletin. We are particularly interested in your written and photographic impressions of the 2013 Spring Regional Conference, which will be featured in that issue of the Bulletin. Materials on other topics relevant to AIS-14 are quite welcome as well.

Please send your written materials in an unformatted (.rtf) file. Please do not send written materials as .pdf files. We need to convert such files back to a text format for editing purposes. If you discover a need to revise your material after sending to us, please send a complete document with your changes and with the date of revision in the file name.

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Each photograph should include the name of the photographer and a very brief caption to identify people shown in the picture and describe what's going on.

We encourage you to regard the Bulletin as your publication, with the purpose of sharing with your AIS-14 friends what your society is doing, what are your thoughts about irises and related topics, and what are your visions of the future for your society and the region.

Tom Karwin

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Mary Ann Horton's garden, one of the two Spring Regional Gardens. Ruth Ostroff's garden is on this Bulletin's cover

Photo by Riley Probst

The RVP's Garden

Here they come!!! Bloom stalks with an intense color explosion. I can't wait.

It is time to get the wheels a-rolling. Go to iris shows, your favorite iris gardens, the Region 14 Spring Regional, and hybridizers' gardens. Don't forget to ask the hybridizer to see his or her seedlings so you will know what is coming in the future. You will be amazed.

We will have an exceptional time rolling to Roseville for the Region 14 Spring Regional "Cause for Celebration" on April 26, 27 & 28, 2013. We will see two different gardens, at different stages in bloom. Ruth Ostroff's garden is in the central valley and Mary Ann Horton's garden is in Loomis at a much higher elevation. The speaker will be our own region's Fred Kerr, who this year introduced the fabulous 'Jeanne Clay Plank' iris.

I would like to thank the Clara B. Rees Iris Society for inviting the region to the 2013 fall regional in Los Gatos on the weekend of October 19, 2013. The Region 14 Executive Board has voted to accept their kind offer.

Another thanks goes out to the Mt. Diablo Iris Society for their end of the year donation to the region of \$100.

There is a great line up of judges' training coming that you can see on the region's web site. These trainings are not only for judges but also for all members who would benefit from learning more about the flower we all love. See you all at the Spring Regional.

john pesek

A Cause for Celebration!

The 2013 Spring Regional Meeting will be an enjoyable occasion for all members of the region. The talk by Fred Kerr, one of the region's premier hybridizers, will be richly informative for both novice and expert iris growers. The opportunity visit Mary Ann Horton's iris garden and Ruth Ostroff's private garden will be a real treat (the cover photo of this issue of the Bulletin provides a preview of the landscape of Ruth Ostroff's garden. The meeting hotel, Hilton Garden Inn is close to the Cattlemen's Restaurant, where several AIS-14 members feasted happily during the recent regional meeting. Mark your calendar for April 26th, 27th and 28th, and don't miss this event.



REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY 2013 Approved Budget

EXPENSES BY ITEM

Bulletin—Publishing	50.00
RVP Allowance	2500.00
Finance—Summer Fundraiser	0
Beardless Purchases	425.00
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00
Office/Legal	300.00
Sales Taxes	240.00
Judges' Training	1000.00
Committees	
Honorary Awards	300.00
Historian	100.00
Internet	110.00
Membership	50.00
Scholarship	575.00
Science	500.00
Awards and Trophies	650.00
Youth	500.00
S.F. Flower Show-2011	600.00
Donations	100.00
See Money New Societies	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8500.00

REVENUES BY ITEM

Bulletin Advertising	300.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	0
Donations from Societies *	800.00
Donations/Raffles	100.00
Interest	200.00
Judges' Training	500.00
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	300.00
Finance	
Spring Fund Raiser	1,000.00
Summer Fund Raiser-Rhizomes	1,000.00
Fall Beardless Fund Raiser	900.00
Fall Fund Raiser, Raffle/Donations	400.00
SF. Flow Show	200.00

TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5700.00
Total Expenses\$	8500.00
Less total Revenues\$	-5700.00
Expenses Excess of Revenues	-2800.00
Use of Reserve	2800.00
Total	0

Fred Kerr 2013 Introductions, top left to bottom left
 New Found Glory, Kerr, 2013
 Time of Magic, Kerr, 2013
 Mango Queen, Kerr, 2013
 Tiger Play, Kerr, 2013



Fancy Lace, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr

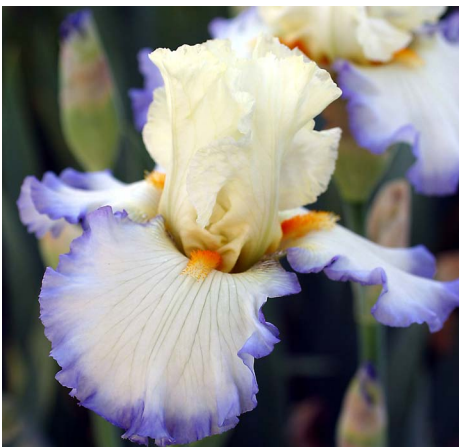


REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY Treasurers Report For 12-31-11 Through 12-31-12



Blue Rapture, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr



Spring Awakening, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr



Mary Contrary, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr

	BUDGETED	Funds At 12/31/2011	Funds At 12/31/2012
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		\$ 9,659.45	\$ 11,648.42
SAVINGS—LOUIS OBRIEN		\$ 551.22	\$
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		\$20,477.55	\$ 21,411.57
TOTAL ASSETS		\$30,688.22	\$32,438.33
EXPENSES BY ITEM			
Bulletin—Publishing	200.00	687.00	
Postage/Label/Mail	250.00	151.48	
Color Pages	.00	400.00	
Editor Expense	50.00		
RVP Allowance	1500.00	1215.28	1147.53
Finance—Summer Fund-raiser	.00		
Beardless Purchases	425.00	430.12	
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00	32.30	29.64
Sales Taxes	190.00	184.00	243.00
Judges' Training 2012	1000		45.00
Judges' Training 2011		360.00	
Science Committee	500.00		
Awards and Trophies	650.00	306.81	
Honorary Awards	300.00		129.83
Office Legal	200.00		
Supplies		101.84	88.28
RVP Gift			159.00
Fees		20.00	20.00
Printing for special vote RVP			189.10
Office Equipment		30.00	
Name Tags			40.20
Historian	100.00		
Scholarship	575.00	559.29	500.00
Youth Committee	300.00	351.50	405.00
Membership	50.00		36.00
Internet Services	110.00	88.79	81.00
S.F. Flower Show-2011		173.46	
S.F. Flower Show-2012	600.00	355.00	93.20
S. F. Flower Show-2013			355.00
Donation—Weiler2011	100.00	300.00	
Spring Regional 2011		2,082.23	
Fall Regional 2011		2,107.77	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7200.00	9,936.87	3561.78



Bertha Brownlee, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr



Lynn Williams, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr



Dance Queen, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr

TREASURERS REPORT

		Funds At	Funds At
	BUDGETED	12/31/2011	12/31/2013
REVENUES BY ITEM			
Bulletin Advertising	200.00	145.00	
Bulletin Subscriptions	15.00		
Donations from Societies *	800.00	862.00	1335.00
Donation—other			
Rm rent			
Memorials		200.00	
Donations/Raffles	100.00		
Donations/Rm Rent 2010			
Interest	150.00	268.36	382.80
Judges' Training	500.00		
Registration fees, Spring Regional	300.00		677.00
Finance, Spring Fund Raiser-Raffle	1,000.00		1986.75
Summer Fund Raiser-Rhizomes	1000.00	1235.50	300.00
Summer Fund Raiser-Donations			
Fall Beardless Fund Raiser	700.00		
Finance, Fall Fund Raiser, Raffle/Donations	250.00		1252.00
Fall Regional 2011		4194.00	
Spring Regional 2011		5010.00	
Spring Regional 2112			1986.75
Subtotal	5015.00	11914.86	5933.55
Use of Reserve Funds			
TOTAL REVENUES			
	\$	11914.86	5933.55
Total Expenses	7,200.00\$	9,936.87	3,561.78
Less total Revenues	\$-5,015.00\$	-11,914.86\$	-5,933.55
Excess expenses/revenues	2,185.00\$	-1,977.99\$	-2,371.77



Ginny Mitchell, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr



Got the Look, Kerr, 2013

Fred Kerr

2013 Spring Regional—Cause for Celebration

It's a Cause for Celebration

The Sacramento Iris Society invites you to attend "Cause for Celebration," the AIS Region 14 Spring meeting, April 26th–28th, 2013.

It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Roseville, 1950 Taylor Road, Roseville, CA (916) 773-7171. The hotel is located at the Taylor Road exit off Highway 80 in Roseville, CA. See Registration form for further details about the hotel.

Our invited speaker and judges training instructor will be Fred Kerr, noted hybridizer and 2012 winner of the Wister Medal. Garden training on tall bearded iris will be on Sunday at 10:00 at Horton's Garden. In addition, Jean Richter will provide one-hour classroom training on judging historical irises Saturday afternoon. This training will be after the garden visits and before dinner.

A good representation of the recent hybrids by west coast hybridizers is thriving in two host gardens: Mary Ann Horton's iris garden and Ruth Ostroff's private garden. In addition to the guest irises, these gardens have an abundance of other blooms and many recent introductions, including an extensive collection of Fred Kerr's irises that will add to the pleasure of your visit. We expect the blooms to put on a spectacular show for this regional meeting, and we are excited to share this display with you.

Lunch will be in the garden. Car pools will be organized for the garden visits, as the gardens are easy driving distance from the hotel. There will be a seedling show, and entries are encouraged.

Dinner, program, and raffle will be at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, which is very close to the hotel. Registration is \$89 per person by April 12, 2013, and \$99 after April 12, 2013. Send your registration to Kathy Braaten, 10288 Kenwood Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95949.



Fred Kerr photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Cause for Celebration, Kerr

Fred Kerr

Iris Bio for Fred Kerr

I first started growing and hybridizing irises in about 1955, while still in high school. My early interests were black irises and tangerine bearded white iris. I remember one of the first crosses was Frost and Flame X Ballerina and another was Iris balkana with a tangerine bearded pink. This last cross should have been enough to put me off hybridizing for life! The seedlings were all an unattractive red purple shade with long, dog-eared falls.

University and job pursuits made growing iris impossible and I made no further iris crosses until 1988 when my partner and I got a three acre patch of ground. We have grown and hybridized iris and daylilies ever since. Our commercial garden is called Rainbow Acres and we sell our own iris and daylily introductions as well as those of other hybridizers.

I have to date introduced 137 irises, all but about four have been tall bearded. Our iris intros have accumulated 17 Honorable Mentions, six Award of Merits, one Knowlton Medal, two Wister Medals and one Dykes Medal. In addition 'Queen's Circle' has been awarded an Award of Garden Merit from the British Iris Society as well as a Silver Medal in Florence,

My hybridizing goals include the production of iris that grow well, advance color patterns and have excellent branching and, above all, good form. Rebloom has not been a major goal, but at least a dozen of my introductions have been reported to rebloom, most reliably, in Region 15. I have grown seedling crops ranging from a few hundred to a few thousand each year.

In turn I have introduced 6 to 10 new varieties each year. I am a Master Judge of

the American Iris Society. I have given judge's training in Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Region 14 and Region 15 in California.

Each year I give one-on-one training to student judges in my garden.

I frequently speak to iris clubs about my hybridizing programs.

Bill Fink, SIS President

Fred Kerr

American Iris Society Region 14

2013 Spring Regional—Cause for Celebration

April 26th, 27th & 28th

Hosted by Sacramento Iris Society
Guest Speaker Fred Kerr

Conference Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn Roseville 1951 Taylor Rd Roseville CA

Contact them directly for room reservations at (916) 773-7171

To receive the group rate, use the name Sacramento Iris Society when making your reservation. The room rate is available until April 12, 2013.

NON SMOKING PROPERTY

Hotel room rates are \$84.00 + tax for double or single per night. Breakfast is included via coupon up to value \$11.95. Indicate the number of room occupants at the time of reservation.

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee if paid by April 12, 2013 \$89.00 x _____ person (s) Total \$ _____

if paid after April 12, 2013 \$99.00 x _____ person (s) Total \$ _____

Registration includes lunch and dinner on Saturday

Please indicate your choice for both meals below:

Lunch

Turkey Sandwich _____

Ham Sandwich _____

Veggie Sandwich _____

Salad: Turkey/Fuji Apple _____

Dinner

Teriyaki Chicken _____

Grilled Sirloin Steak _____

Grilled Atlantic Salmon _____

Pesto Cheese/Spinach Ravioli _____

Please make checks payable to Sacramento Iris Society and send registration to:

Kathy Braaten

10288 Kenwood Dr., Grass Valley, CA. 95949

e-mail katbrat@cebridge.net or phone 530 477-2811

Judges Training Sunday April 28th, 9am, Horton's Garden Will attend _____

Seedling Show Saturday April 27th Hilton Garden Hotel Will enter _____



Iris in bloom at the Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco

Photo by Larissa Daniels

Pursuing AIS Educational Mission

By Tom Karwin

Members of the Monterey Bay Iris Society were impressed by last year’s display of Pacific Coast Irises in bloom at the Palace of Fine Arts. The Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises posted this photo of the display on its website.

This display in a popular public park introduces gardeners to California’s native irises, and hopefully encourages them to include this beautiful plant in their own gardens.

This idea came to the attention of the Monterey Bay Iris Society at a time when several members have commented that they have filled their available spaces with tall bearded irises, PCIs or other iris species. While they could still find ways to plant more irises (including replacing older with newer introductions), they have rediscovered the mission of the AIS, which is to “promote the culture and improvement of the genus iris.”

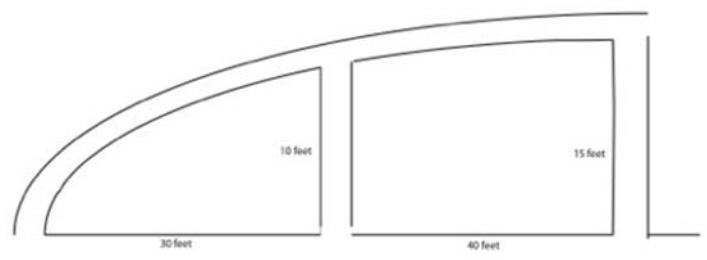
The MBIS, like other Region 14 societies, pursues this essentially educational mission publicly through its plant sales and shows, and privately through the informational programs during its meetings.

We might augment those initiatives by developing a display garden in a public area, to demonstrate exemplary plants in the iris family.

We approached Director Brett Hall of the University of California Santa Cruz Arboretum with that idea, and

found that the Arboretum has both a commitment to public education about many aspects of horticulture and a strong interest in California native plants. The Arboretum is oriented to woody plants (i.e., trees and shrubs), but it already has Pacific Coast Irises in scattered spots within its California Native Garden, and Director Hall was immediately supportive of the concept of a prominent PCI display garden.

Arboretum Director Hall and California Native Garden Curator Rick Flores soon designated an area that the MBIS could develop as a PCI Display garden. The Friends of the Arboretum already has a volunteer team that weeds the California Native Garden, so we anticipate that this project will not create new maintenance burdens.



These two beds, which are surrounded by paved paths, total close to 300 and 600 square feet, respectively.

The Arboretum spreads over seventy-five acres so we were pleased to discover that these beds are prominently located close to the entrance of the facility. In the following diagram, they are below the word “Entrance.”



Each of these beds already has a noteworthy and mature California native shrub from southern California’s Channel Islands.

The smaller bed has a Shinyleaf Mahonia (*Mahonia pinnata ssp. insularis* ‘Shnitemoon’), which is very rare and federally listed as an endangered species. It is known only from Santa Cruz Island.

The larger bed has a Channel Island Tree Poppy (*Dendromicon harfordii*), a highly prized bush that is rare in cultivation and hard to produce. It is also native to the Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz and Santa Catalina Islands. We will protect those significant shrubs, but these beds also have a variety of smaller, common California native shrubs that we plan to relocate within the Arboretum or donate to volunteers. Spaces between the shrubs are planted with Rusty Sedge (*Carex subfusca*), which we will remove to make space for the display of PCIs.

We will plant the larger bed in the spring with a selection of different species of Pacific Coast Irises, which we would start from seed as soon as possible, and the smaller bed with divisions of hybrid PCIs, to be collected in the fall of 2013.

The Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises (SPCNI) has generously offered to donate seeds for this project, and we have received supplies of the following seeds:

- Iris douglasiana* lavender to white—from Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, Ilwaco, Washington
- I. douglasiana* pale yellow flower with a faint lavender wash—from Curry County, Oregon
- I. douglasiana* pale lavender-blue—from Sandy, Oregon
- I. munzii* from Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden, Claremont, California
- I. tenax* lavender-pink—from Boring, Oregon
- I. innominate* from Josephine County, Oregon

Given the guideline to plant the PCIs ten inches on center, our volunteers will plant close to 300 seedlings.

The Arboretum has provided outdoor space near the Arboretum’s greenhouse where we will keep the seedlings moist and convenient to the planting area.

In the spring, after we have planted these seedlings, we will move on to Phase II: lining up representative hybrids for division and planting. That should occur in the fall of 2013.

Phase III will consist of developing and placing institutional-quality interpretive signs in the PCI display beds and preparing printed materials for Arboretum visitors.

This project is now at the early stages of Phase I and months away from realizing its public educational purposes. Look for brief progress reports in future issues of the Bulletin.

Meanwhile, other Region 14 societies might look for similar educational opportunities within their own areas. Public botanical gardens, in comparison to an educational institution’s garden, might support a display of a wider range of popular garden plants, e.g., tall bearded iris hybrids.

Developing and maintaining a public display of Pacific Coast Irises or other members of the *Iridaceae* family requires time, energy and other resources, and can yield high levels of satisfaction for society members.

Future Regional Meetings

Regional Meeting Plans

In July 2012, the Santa Rosa Iris Society (SRIS) proposed to host the 2013 Fall Regional Meeting, and that plan was quickly approved.

Then, early in August 2012, the SRIS offered to host the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting instead of the 2013 Fall Regional Meeting. That plan was approved, but it left the 2013 Fall Regional Meeting without a host.

Late in January 2013, the Clara B. Rees Iris Society (CBRIS) offered to host the 2013 Region 14 Fall Regional on October 18 & 19, 2013. The Region’s bylaws provide that regional meeting plans shall be approved by the general membership at least one year in advance. There was no time to convene the general membership to respond to CBRIS’s timely offer so early in February 2013 that offer was approved through email voting.

In July 2012, then-RVP Jeanne Plank proposed that the AIS-14 Region should host the 2014 Fall Regional Meeting, convene it in Fort Bragg, and include a tour of Pacific Coast Irises at the Mendocino Botanical Garden. The executive committee, the standing committee chairs and the affiliate presidents have expressed interest in this plan, so it will be considered by the membership at a regional meeting.

AIS-14 Judges Training in 2013

Phyllis Wilburn, JT Chair

January 19, 2013

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society hosted a judges training session on January 19, 2013. Anna Cadd conducted the one-hour training on “Judging Arrangements.” The session was held in conjunction with the society’s potluck dinner at the Lake Merritt Sail Boat House, 588 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland.

February 1, 2013

The Clara B. Rees Iris Society hosted a judges training session on February 1, 2013, at the First Baptist Church, 17765 Daves Avenue, Los Gatos, where CBRIS meets regularly. The training, on “Judging Arils and Arilbred Iris,” consisted of viewing a one-hour video program by Luella Danielson, an expert in growing, hybridizing, and judging arils and arilbreds. Participants who completed a ten-question quiz immediately following the program earned one hour of judges training credit.

March 3, 2013, 10:30 AM

PCI training

A judges training session was conducted on March 3, 2013, in Sacramento, at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Drive. The two-hour training was on “Judging Pacific Coast Irises,” and was conducted by Debby Cole, Immediate Past President of the Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris (SPCNI)

April 11, 2013

A judges training session will be held on April 11, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Fortner home, 3337 Ascona Court. The two-hour training will be on “All Iris In The Garden—TBs, Spurias, Medians, TB Seedlings,” and will be conducted by Mary Lee Fortner. The training will be free of charge. For the time schedule and other information, call Mary Lee Fortner, (702) 228-0827.



Anna Cadd, Judges training for arranging

Photo by Carol Dahout



Arrangement

Photo by Carol Dahout



Phyllis Wilburn and Riley Probst

Photo by Carol Dahout



Arrangement

Photo by Carol Dahout



Ruth Ostroff (Regional guest garden), Alison Willy (seedly show chair) and Bill Fink (Regional chair and President of the Sacramento Iris Society)
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Mary Ann Horton Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Part of the Spring Regional committee, from left to right, Yarda & Eric Hansen, Phyllis Wilburn, Mary Ann Horton, Laville & Stan Logan, Cindy Eversole and Ruth Ostroff
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn

Affiliate News

Region 14 Spring Shows

April 6th, 2013

Fresno Iris Society

April 13th, 2013

James Gibson Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society

April 20th, 2013

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Las Vegas Iris Society

Sacramento Iris Society

May 4th, 2013

Monterey Bay Iris Society

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Santa Rosa Iris Society

Shasta Iris Society (design)

Sierra Foothill Iris Society

May 5th, 2013

Shasta Iris Society (horticulture)

May 18th, 2013

High Desert Iris Society

Redwood Iris Society (iris display in conjunction with the Ukiah Garden Club Flower Show)

Clara B. Rees

CBRIS members are very proud to have a fellow club member John Pesek as the new RVP.

Members are looking forward to spring when they will be busy with their spring show, which is set for April 20th– 21th at the Westgate Mall in San Jose. The show title is “Luck of the Iris,” and the show chair is Carol Dahout. She can be contacted at (408) 446-1707 or caroldahout@yahoo.com

We also are holding the 2013 Fall regional, set for October 19th it will be a one-day event. Please save the date.

Mikey Lango

San Joaquin

We have planned a meeting for February 9th

Our speaker, Doug Kanarowski, will talk on “Gardening Now and in the Future.” We looked through the AIS-Region 14 membership list and invited all the members listed that reside within a certain mileage. We are excited and hope for a large turnout. This might be an idea that other societies might try

Gordon Nicholson

Santa Rosa Iris Society.

Santa Rosa Iris Society held its annual “Come Dressed as an Iris Name” costume party and holiday dinner at the home of president-elect Anna Marie Hermansen on Saturday November 17th, 2012. Twenty-three members and guests guessed the iris names depicted by 17 members in costume and 11-year old new member Samira Stimac won the prize for the most correct names. The Best Impersonation award was shared by Jeff Davis (baseball player) for ‘Batter Up’ (Black, 2004) and David Cadd (wrapped gift) for ‘Surprise Package’ (Schmelzer, 1963) which commemorated his and wife Anna’s receipt of the Region 14 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. The Master Perplexer Award went to Bob Plank (incorporating a SF Giant’s black and orange Mohawk haircut winter cap, black biker jacket, and “Bob” belt buckle) for ‘Big Bad Bob’ (Burseen, 2005). Santa Rosa Iris Society will host the 2014 Region 14 spring meeting and garden trek in Santa Rosa on May 2nd–4th, 2014. Two gardens will be featured. Society members are already busy working on the organization. Society meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. each month, February through October at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center in Santa Rosa. Programs for 2013 include How to Grow Irises, How to Groom and Show Irises, Dykes Medal Winners, and Growing Prize Winning Pumpkins. The society will hold its spring show and potted iris sale on May 4th and 5th, 2013 at the Garden Center.

All Leah Haley

Yosemite Iris Society

The youth at Coarsegold Elementary School are preparing for an iris show on April 13th. They have planted iris plants donated by Carolyn Hoover, Shirley Trio and Riley Probst. The children chose irises with names of animals. They are caring for the irises and hope to have many blooms to enter. The children have the support and donations from the PTA, parents, school principal Mr. Bob Rose, and Yosemite School District.

We are also very excited about the fact that we are a new society and have many plans for a wonderful year to enjoy and promote our interest in iris plants. The society continues with the same board as their first year.

Carolyn Hoover

Fresno Iris Society

We are excited and gearing up for the BIG Fresno Home & Garden show on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This is our opportunity to shine and talk about our favorite flowers: irises. We have potted plants to sell and handout fliers. Our volunteers are very enthusiastic. This is our 11th year for the show, which we are finding to be a great way to talk about our society.

Janet Smith

Affiliate News

Monterey Bay Iris Society

The Monterey Bay Iris Society has awarded its \$500 Scholarship for 2012 to Robin Salzburg, a student of Horticulture at Cabrillo College. The MBIS will present Ms. Salzburg with the scholarship check during its February meeting. The scholarship winner said, "I look forward to personally thanking all the members for this generous and meaningful gift. This scholarship enables students like me to pay for courses and books for a semester of school. It is incredibly helpful!" The MBIS is happy to encourage her pursuit of irises and other plants. Plans for laying out and planting our Pacific Coast Iris demonstration garden at UCSC Arboretum are proceeding. We have planted seeds and will transplant them in April. So far, Joe Ghio and Garry Knipe are working with Tom Karwin, who is spearheading this project.

New president Barbara Hanson called for input on what we like and what we might want to see more of at meetings and special events. Ideas from the members at the January meeting included setting up and using a Facebook page, putting a button on our website to download membership information, as well as outreach to elementary schools by offering to open our gardens for field trips, create a study guide, and coloring book. Other possibilities suggested were to furnish bouquets of irises at Open Studios venues on First Fridays with MBIS information and membership applications, casual field trips to our own members' gardens, and "cross pollination" with other local groups such as the dahlia and rose societies, to share special event notifications and reciprocal garden visits.

Our focuses this year will be to bring in new members, set up a buddy system with current members, and provide them with iris growing information and our beautiful iris recycled shopping bags. We will be busy!

Barbara Hanson

Mt Diablo Iris Society

We closed off 2012 with a successful PCN & Beardless iris auction. But first we enjoyed a potluck & raffle drawing. In January 2013, we elected Marilyn Kaplan & Stan Morgan as co-presidents. At present we have 72 members. Our iris show will be held on May 4th in Walnut Creek. This is also our largest fundraiser: we will have 200 + iris potted to sell that day to the general public. We will provide a large variety of iris in many colors and types, potted and cared for by society volunteers.

This has become a favorite event of our community.

Eileen Roark

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

We thank all of you who attended the Fall Regional hosted by SFIS. Paul Black was an interesting speaker. We held our potluck/awards dinner in October.

We are looking forward to the 2013 Spring Regional which Sacramento is hosting since many of our members are members there.

Our show will be held on May 4th & 5th, titled "In the Garden." Our rhizome sale will be held at Eisley's Nursery in Auburn on July 27th & 28th.

Eric Hansen

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Madame Mustard, L. Painter, 2013 J.Painter



Pink Positive, L. Painter, 2013 J.Painter



Planet Hollywood, L. Painter, 2013 J.Painter

Lesley Painter Iris 2013 Intros

Region 14 Hybridizers' 2013 Intros

John Painter Iris 2013 Intros



Cherokee Blaze, J. Painter, 2013 J.Painter

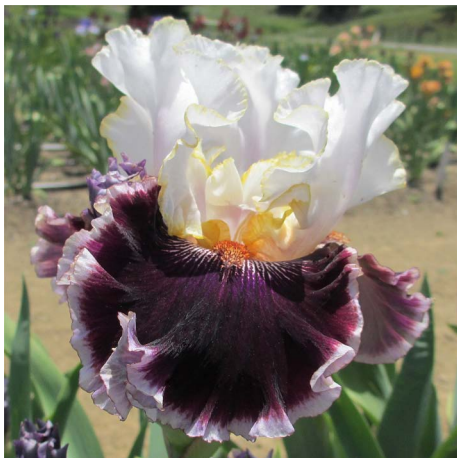


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Sutton Iris 2013 Intros



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Tahitian Treat, M.Sutton, 2013, SA M. Sutton



Midnight Run, G.Sutton, 2013, IB M. Sutton



Texas Two Step, G.Sutton, 2013, SA M. Sutton



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Inside Out, M.Sutton, 2013 M. Sutton



Hawaiian Sunrise, M.Sutton, 2013, RE M. Sutton



Gadzooks, G.Sutton, 2013, SDB M. Sutton



Icefall, M.Sutton, 2013, SA M. Sutton



Almond Berry, M.Sutton, 2013 M. Sutton



Bluebeard's Gold, M.Sutton, 2013, SDB, RE. Sutton



Lemon Berry Burst, M.Sutton, 2013 M. Sutton



Grapenut, M.Sutton, 2013, BB M. Sutton



Point to the Sun, G.Sutton, 2013, SA M. Sutton



Static Electricity, M.Sutton, 2013 M. Sutton



Anchor Bay, M.Sutton, 2013, RE M. Sutton



Carrot Cupcake, M.Sutton, 2013, RE M. Sutton



Minor Point, M.Sutton, 2013, SDB, SA M. Sutton

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Butter Rum, M.Sutton, 2013, IB M. Sutton



Lightsaber, M.Sutton, 2013, SA M. Sutton



Sweets, G. Sutton, 2013 M. Sutton



Top Shot, M.Sutton, 2013 M. Sutton



Fiery Echo, M.Sutton, 2013, RE M. Sutton



Mountain Laurel, M.Sutton, 2013 M. Sutton



Spring Water, G. Sutton, 2013, SDB, RE M. Sutton



From Within, M.Sutton, 2013, BB M. Sutton



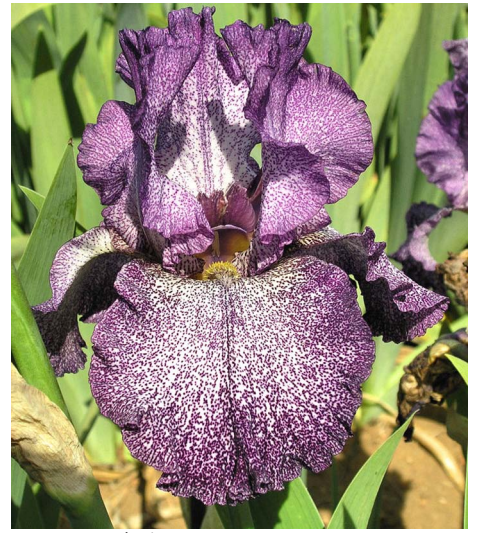
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Rick Tasco Iris 2013 Intros



Enchanter's Spell, Tasco, 2013, AB R. Tasco

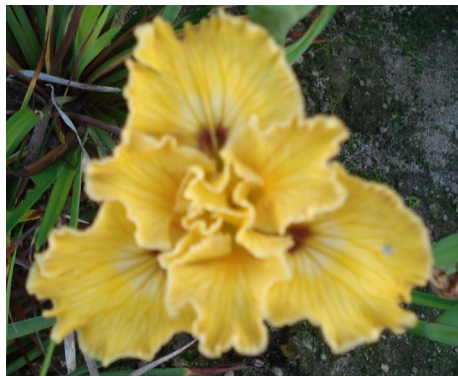


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Ice Planet, Tasco, 2013 R. Tasco

Joe Ghio PCI Iris 2013 Intros



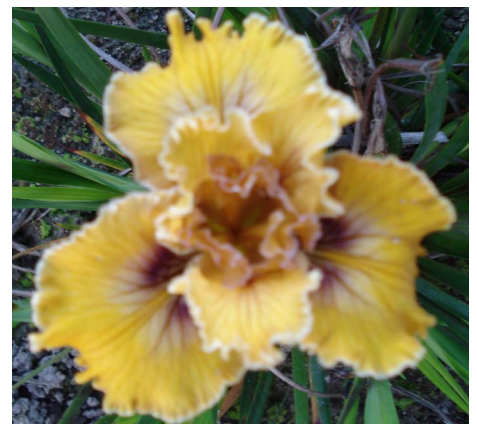
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Incident, Ghio, 2013, PCI J. GHio

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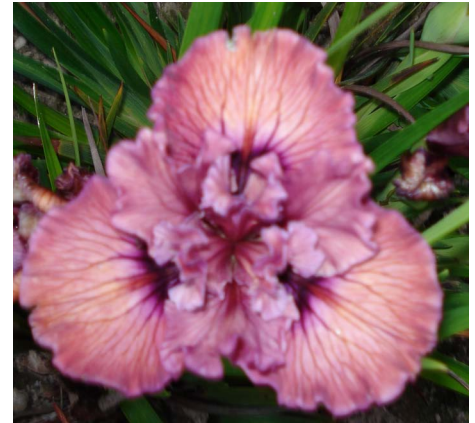
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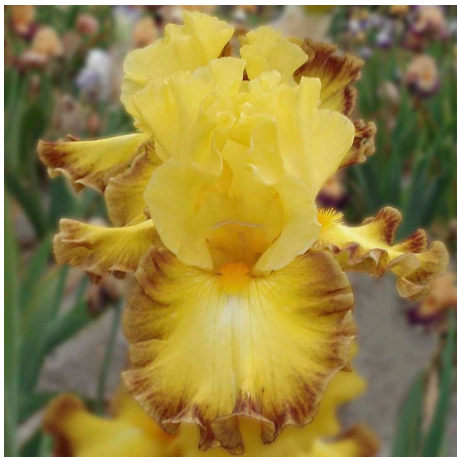
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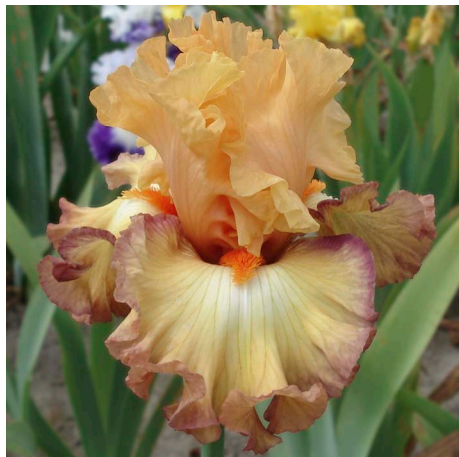
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Platinum Jubilee, Ghio, 2013, J. GHio



Core Values, Ghio, 2013, J. GHio



Oil Painting, Ghio, 2013, J. GHio



Otherside of Heaven, Ghio, 2013, J. GHio