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REGION 14 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE:

FALL REGIONAL 2010

October 22-23,2010

Hosted by: Fresno Iris Society

Contact: Shirley Trio Shirleytrio@clearwire.net

209-551-6323

SPRING REGIONAL 2011

April 29,30 May 1, 2011

Regional Garden will be - The Napa Country Iris Garden owned by the Painters

2010 Auction - Sale

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society July23, 2010 and October 29, 2010

Contact: Jean Richter jeanrichter@berkeley.edu 510-864-7962

Oakland Garden Center - 666 Bellevue Ave Oakland - 8:00 - 10:00p.m.

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society July 24, 2010

Contact: Jean Richter jeanrichter@berkeley.edu 510-864-7962

Resurrection Luthern Church - 397 Euclid Ave., Oakland 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

AIS CONVENTION

FALL BOARD MEETING

November 5-7,

2010 Contact: Terry Aitken terry@flowerfantasy.net

360-573-4472

VICTORIA, BC, CANADA

May 30-June 4,

2011 Contact: Ted E. Baker tedebaker@shaw.ca

250-653-4430

FALL BOARD MEETING

**November
4-6, 2011**

Contact: Carolyn Hawkins Carolyn9999@comcast.net

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ONTARIO, CA

April 16-21,

2012 Contact: Kathy Chilton Ranchiris@aol.com

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JUDGES TRAINING

Fall Regional in Fresno

What is your Society doing?????

The Las Vegas Iris Society is planning their annual Beginning Day in September. They will have an amazing potluck, a big auction and celebrating their new members.

We have not heard from your Society. What are you doing?????

From the Desk of Jeanne Clay Plank, RVP

Something to think about ...

I have often heard the following observation: “When Region 14 begins to run out of funds, it holds a National Convention and replenishes its treasury.”

While it is true that AIS National Conventions have brought financial benefits to Region 14 that lasted for many years following the convention, it is also true that producing an AIS Convention is a high involvement, high energy, high-stress endeavor, that is financially, physically and emotionally challenging.

The first AIS Convention hosted by Region 14 (or what we now think of as “Region 14”) took place in Oakland, CA, in 1939. It was also the first AIS convention ever held in the state of California. Since 1926, when AIS Conventions began to move about the country, California has played host to eight. Two of those conventions (1956 and 1975) took place in Southern California (a.k.a. Region 15).

In 1968, twenty-nine years after its first venture, Region 14 hosted its second AIS Convention, headquartered in Berkeley, not very far from the first convention’s location in Oakland.

After a ten-year interval, in 1978, Region 14 hosted its third National, and then, eight years later in 1986, its fourth. San Jose, CA served as headquarters for both of these two successful AIS National Conventions.

Ten years went by, then Sacramento played host to the fifth Region 14 sponsored AIS Convention, and finally in 2004, eight years after Sacramento, the region’s most recent venture occurred. Focused on California’s Central Valley, headquarters were located in Fresno.

The 1939, 1968, 1978, 1986, 1996, 2004 conventions were well-attended, moneymaking undertakings.

It’s obvious that with that kind of a record the amount of work and planning needed for a National is well known to Region 14. What isn’t well known in

today's world, however, is where the resources – people and places – would come from to produce a 7th Region 14 hosted AIS Convention should one be proposed (which I am not doing).

In today's world the region has difficulty arousing affiliate/member-interest in playing host to even Regional Fall Meetings, let alone the more difficult Regional Spring Meetings. (This is not an uncommon problem throughout the whole of AIS.) If there is no interest in hosting Regional events, what would give rise to interest in hosting a National? AIS Nationals are exponentially more demanding and arduous at every turn. The truth is that an AIS National Convention is not an easily produced function – it is not a “quick-fix” in any sense of the concept.

The above observations are made not to complain or deride, but to point out that although Region 14 is a wonderful Region with wonderful assets for attracting Irisarians world-wide to a convention, it, like many, many other AIS Regions are now composed of much smaller affiliates populated by older members with much lower energy thresholds (“been there; done that”) and fewer resources. Though Region 14 may well host an AIS National once again, the ride on the convention “golden ship” is not a realistic fall-back, fail-safe approach to keeping the Region 14 treasury solvent and robust enough to support its goals: an “Iris future” of growth and development through our Affiliates, our Youth, the general public. There are other ways to bring annual balanced budgets and solvency to Region 14 while providing membership-stimulating services, and we should be actively looking for them.

I ask Affiliates, and Region members to do some thinking about innovative ways for raising funds that Region 14 might consider -- activities that will be enjoyable to *all* members, that will interest and involve the public, while providing the capital needed to achieve our goals.

Think about it.....

Jeanne Clay Plank, AIS Region 14 RVP

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“A Loving Memorial”

Jeannette Areia

Daughter of Kathy Braaten

Janna Middleton

Daughter of Jay and Terri Hudson

Gioia Davis

Long time member of Santa Rosa Iris Society

Many lives have been enriched by these three women.
Our love and prayers go to their families!



“MARK YOUR CALENDER TODAY”

April 29-30 May 1, 2011

If you're looking for a “Cosmic Celebration” ('09) coupled with “Brilliance” ('05), “High Emotion” ('08) and a “Dreamlife”(‘07) mark your calendar to attend the 2011 Region 14 Spring Trek to be held on April 29-30-May 1,2011, when the Region will visit the Napa Country Iris Garden, a commercial garden located in Napa, California. In addition, Region 14 will welcome AIS President Judy Keisling as guest speaker and Judges' training instructor, for the event. We are honored to have Judy joining us to admire and enjoy not only the creations of Leslie and John Painter, Hybridizers and owners of Napa Country Iris Garden, but also the creations of a wide variety of hybridizers offered at the Painter's commercial garden.

Watch for more news and information on this event in the future R14 Bulletins this year.



From the AIS Storefront

1. The AIS 2011 Iris Calendars are now available from the Storefront. Price is the same as last year - \$7.00 each (domestic) \$10.00 each (international) OR 10 for \$50.00 (domestic) & \$60.00 (international). Great item to have available at plant sales and fall meetings.

2. The 2000-2009 Iris Checklist is targeted to be available in June, 2011 (National Convention, Victoria, Canada). Price is unknown at this time. More information will be available after the AIS Fall Board Meeting in Portland, OR, in November 2010



Gordon and Lorraine Nicholson's Garden

The Nicholson's garden is an oasis in the country. This garden had the master planting of iris. The garden was in full bloom and very nicely groomed. I love wandering around this garden to see what new iris are available and how they grow in our area. The garden has all the different varieties of iris growing in it, BB, PC, LA, SB, Species, TB, MDB, SDB and others that I have forgotten. I like to see the roses, day lilies and other flowering plants that are planted in the garden. This garden holds something for everyone.

It is a joy to be able to find a seat and just sit and enjoy the environment that the Nicholson's have created in their garden. My favorite spot was the koi pond and the PC's. The PC's were blooming and I am jealous, because I have not been able to grow PC's.

Gordon has made some interesting benches out of Bed frames. The benches are throughout the garden and offer a quiet place to sit and enjoy. This garden is indeed a relaxing and beautiful place to be in.

by: Sandy Mann

Ted and Barbara Hawkins Garden

By Lynn Williams

Ted and Barbara's garden is located down a country lane. Once we arrived we walked down their driveway to the back yard where the irises were nestled among pecan trees. Directly to the left a tent was set up for refreshments, which I noted on my way to see the irises. The irises were well groomed and weeded and the pathways were mowed, but to be perfectly honest, I had eyes only for the irises. This was the first garden of the day and everyone was eager to see the irises. I was very impressed by how well the irises were grown. Some of the irises that caught my eye were two of Bob Annand's irises, *Capitol Debut* and *Kona Waves*. I was enamored by some of Joe Ghio's irises, especially, *Enamored* and *Through The Clouds*. Another of our Region's hybridizers that I especially enjoyed were Lesley and John Painter's irises, *Spice Trader*, *Valentino*, *Plum Wicked*, and *Spades*. Jim Begley's *American Pride* put on quite a show, as well as Anna and David Cadd's *Purple Madness* and *Wine Escapade*. Roger Duncan's *Arctic Burst* was a knock out as well as Rick Tasco's *Black*

Magic Woman and *Grand Classic*. As for the out of Region hybridizers, I was delighted by Some of Keith Keppel's irises, *Imbroglia* and *Monsoon Moon* and Larry Lauer's *Come Go With Me* and *Indian Sunset*. Lynn Markham's *Pink Presence* was awesome as well as Anton Mego's *Going Green*. And I really enjoyed Gerald Richardson's *Perrymount* and *Spring Social*. After a second quick look around, I head for the refreshment tent where there was a selection of fruit, muffins, and bagels to eat as well as juice, coffee, and tea. Kudos to Ted and Barbara for such a great job on their garden and for being such gracious hosts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Probst Trio Garden

Riley Probst and Shirley Trio held an open house at their newly formed commercial garden named *Fleur de Lis* for the benefit of the 2010 Spring Regional attendees. They offered a blind judging challenge on Friday before the Regional and Saturday the first day of the Regional. The blind judging plantings, at the front of their home, were well spaced and one was able to also get a preview of how the seedlings and guest irises grew before the next day's tour. It was an interesting garden sight to spot paper bags on selected irises' nametags so that the names remained unknown.

Riley and Shirley have the extensive property that any backyard grower would dream about with extensive sun, picturesque backgrounds, and plenty of room for seedlings. All 2010 Spring Regional contributing hybridizers would be happy to find their guests and seedlings flourishing in this Modesto locale. The rows and rows of personal blooming irises located in various areas of their property were stunning. One wonders if they continually have bouquets of iris inside their home.

After a delicious lunch Bruce Filardi gave an hour and a half judges' training on garden judging. He made the sometimes-dry Judges' Handbook come to life with his explanations and information. Shirley was delightfully surprised to find that her seedling ST – SXMM won the Knopf Cup trophy for best-numbered seedling from a Region 14 hybridizer. It is a standout and as one Region 14 member said to Riley, "Get Shirley to introduce it, so I can buy it." A cross between *Starring* and *Midnight Moonlight*, the bloom has a delicious golden rim around the white standards as well as a surprise golden rim round the style crest. What will she name it?

by: Barbara Pesek



Region 14 is having it's summer Live Auction fundraiser in Walnut Creek on July 31, 2010.

The event will be held at 2336 Buena Vista Ave, in the First Baptist Church gym building from 10:00am to 4:30pm. The doors open at 9:00am for set up and the auction starts at 10:00am and will go until finished.

Directions:

From the north, take Hwy 680, exit North Main Street in Walnut Creek and stay to the right. Loop south onto North Main. Stay in right lane, at Marriott Hotel turn right onto Parkside Dr. and go under the freeway to Buena Vista Ave. (second stop sign) and turn right. The church on the right.

From the South, take Hwy I-680 and stay in center lane approaching Walnut Creek. Take Ygnacio Valley Rd. Exit, stay in left lane and turn left onto Ygnacio Valley Rd. And go to end. Turn right on Parkside Dr. And turn left at stop sign, Buena Vista Ave. The church is on the right.

Take the second entrance for the church parking lot. You can park in the main lot or you can park behind the gym on the north side of the building. The gym building is located just behind the main lot on the eastside.

Please plan on bringing your brown bag lunch and water or other non alcohol beverage to drink, your place setting and your checkbook. We will take a lunch break at noon and continue until the last rhizome is auctioned off. Come early and socialize before the activities begin and at the breaks.

Please note that this is a church property and there is no smoking or alcohol allowed.

The Region will be auctioning off guest irises from this spring Regional. There will also be tables for raffle irises.

BART is near by and only a short taxi ride away or a walk of less than a mile. If you would like a map, please contact Lynn Williams at irislynn@willitonline.com And she will send you one. If you have any questions please contact Rick or Lynn Williams 707-456-0371

2010 A SAURIA SPECTACLE and Region 13 Spring Meeting on June 12-13, 2010, Portland, Oregon

By Dr. Anna Cadd, Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden, Healdsburg, CA

Spring 2010 was busy, as usual. After almost double rainfall and with our fertilizing program, the weeds “were growing like weeds”, and there was no end of cleaning the garden. Then all kinds of irises started to bloom at once, when we went to Modesto for Region 14 Spring Regional, and then there was the Santa Rosa Iris Society Show. There was no time (and also no money) to go to the AIS National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, as we had already committed ourselves to go to Portland for a mini Spuria Convention. We arrived at the Airport Hotel Friday evening, June 12, 2010 after a short stop in Schreiners Garden, which was, unfortunately, almost finishing blooming. We registered and greeted some friends and then attended the AIS Region 13 Board meeting. It was scheduled only for one hour and looked like Region 13 had no problems whatsoever. Or maybe they just kept it sweet and easy for us, from different Regions?

We got up early as the Garden tours by bus started at 7.00 AM. Everybody received the sack breakfast, and with relief we put away our raincoats and umbrellas, as it was the first sunny and warm day in Portland in 40 days! The Greater Portland Iris Society worked very hard to make this a wonderful event. 8 hybridizers sent their introductions: Terry Aitken, Anna and David Cadd, Charles Jenkins and Jim Hedgecock, Brad Kasperek, Dave Niswonger and Lee Walker. The bus captains, Lee Walker and Chad Harris entertained us and conducted the iris Auction, as we drove to Chehalem Gardens of Tom and Ellen Abrego. The view from their garden was so spectacular, that for moment I forgot the Spurias, and snack table, with cookies and strawberries, picked from the garden. Tom and Ellen welcomed everybody and showed several Spuria iris beds, planted

in semicircles. They have an impressive collection of oldest and newest Spuria and there were 39 named guest irises and 10 seedlings, mostly Lee Walker's and one by Brad Kasperek. Everybody was so impressed with Lee Walker 2010 introduction, *Red War Clouds*, that this Spuria was voted the Best Introduced Variety. It is deep maroon red Spuria with midsize diffused yellow signal. I really liked Lee seedling 94-38-35 with unusual deep mulberry color and heart shaped gold signal. *Lemon Tower* (Walker 2008) was sure lemon and taller than me and *Steely Eyes* (Walker 2006) was unusual cool steely blue with overlaying yellow signal. *Some Say Its Pink* (Walker 2009) tells everything about itself. I tried to make as many pictures as possible of different, never before seen Spurias, that I missed the strawberries and have only time to thank Tom and Ellen for a wonderful experience.

With anticipation we jumped out of the bus in Dave Silverberg and Nancy Price Garden. David ran toward us, leaving the bus, and shouted, "David, yours Spuria are beautiful, you need to be proud of yourself!" And sure, we were! Between Convention 40 introduced varieties and 10 seedlings there were planted almost 100 different Spurias, grown beautifully in the graceful clumps. The first time I saw Barry Blyth's Spurias: *Poet's Love* (Blyth 1993), white with huge yellow signal, *Mahogany Lord* (Blyth 1993) with deep burgundy velvety flowers and *Wild At Heart* (Blyth 1999) with deep mulberry standards and yellow with mulberry rim falls. Barry doesn't work with Spurias anymore, as there was nobody to purchase them. What a loss!

Dave Niswonger Spurias from his "River" series were also spectacular: *Whitewater River* (Niswonger 2001) deep blue with diffused yellow signal and *Castor River* (Niswonger 2006) – the blend of blue and brown with huge yellow signal. Dave was there with his handsome son – what a treat to see them both!

From several introductions of Charles Jenkins got my attention (in every

garden) *Line Dancing* (Jenkins 2007), deep blue lavender with distinctive lines on the falls. The standards on this Spuria are like rabbit's ears! It was also nice to see several of Lee Walker introductions and beautiful seedlings, which some of them he slated to destroy, but changed his mind when we all screamed at him! I really liked *Remembering Vic* (Walker 2005), huge lemon SAURIA, named in memory of Vic Brody, partner of long time member of SRIS Frank Foster. With great pleasure we also admired the seedlings of new SAURIA iris hybridizer, Nancy Price. I particularly liked 98-7-3 with deep red brown flowers and diffused yellow signal and 98-6-2, with unusual pattern of deep blueberry standards and blend of blueberry and yellow falls. Way to go, Nancy!

In this company Cadd's Spurias were also looking good and Dave was right. *Moonlight Shy* (Cadds 2002) was shining with white flowers. *Singing Light* (Cadds 2005) was sporting 8 buds and *Speeding Star* (Cadds 2002), with deep blue standards and almost milky white falls was asking for praise.

When we were leaving this beautiful garden, with sad note we heard David Silverberg announcement, that this is his last Convention and open garden, as he just hit 80 years old and is planning to retire. But who can believe this old Joker!

So then was the time for lunch! We sure enjoyed the BBQ baby back ribs with all the trimmings! It was so delicious that we were stuffed like turkey on Christmas! Thanks God it was not so a long drive to Will and Tracy Plotner in Willwood Gardens, otherwise we would all fall asleep! I don't know, what it is, but after all this food we still were drawn to the snack table with homemade fudge and strawberries, almost under the roots of one of 5 huge trees, which recently crashed on the property. On the two long beds were planted 39 named varieties and 9 seedlings. *Lemon Suntea* (Cadds 2004) was exactly like it is suppose to be, tall with broad lemon flowers. *Sparkling Cider* (Cadds 2002) was really beautiful with blend of

white, yellow and lavender.

I was having an interesting discussion with Chad Harris about Terry Aitken 2010 introduction *Cast Of Green*. This SAURIA with velvety brown maroon standards and blend of brown and yellow on falls has the flowers open for 3-4 days and when they are aging, you can see the layer of green color on falls. We were not sure if the colors are evenly distributed in three layers of cells and some pigment just is disappearing. I made the mental note to discuss this with Terry, but this never happened. I may ask him later. I was so intrigued, that I bought this SAURIA on the bus Auction, to observe this later. To my surprise, I found another one, *Twilight Mode* (Blyth 2004), with deep blue standards and blend of blue and yellow, where the green color was really visible. There is always something new to learn!

So grabbing another piece of fudge we jumped on the bus for the short trip to Salmon Creek Garden of Terry and Barbara Aitken. Their property is now located in the middle of the city and I remember 15 years ago the cows in the meadow. 43 named varieties and 7 seedlings were planted together with Terry's collection of different Spurias and his seedlings. I was still ambitious and tried to make as many pictures as possible, when the whole party was sitting on the row of chairs and lazily chattered with the friends. One of the most beautiful SAURIA was *Lilting Lavender* (Aitken 2009), with lavender blue standards and blend of lavender and yellow with tiny lavender rim falls. There were some beautiful seedlings of Terry, but not clearly marked. In the whole row of *Cast Of Green* I was trying to spot the "green" falls, and there they were...*Speeding Star* was still looking excellent, as the *Red War Cloud* and *Sparkling Cider*.... My eyes started to fall down, so following my nose I wandered into the greenhouses, where the crackers with cheese and strawberries were served between Terry's orchids. Maybe it was just SAURIA overdose, but I didn't seem to see people with such enthusiasm like in Chehalem Gardens....

....Maybe just talking to the old friends was more entertaining.....

So we left the friendly hosts and headed to the Hotel for the Banquet. The chicken marsala was great, as also the Guest speaker, Dr. Lee Walker in the business suit! I have known Lee for over 15 years and never saw him so civilized! It was interesting to listen about his (sometimes controversial) hybridizing process, but the results were there: Lee received the Best named variety Award for *Red War Clouds* (Walker 2010) and Best Seedling Award for 95-28-6 (I think). But beaming with pride was not only Lee: Terry Aitken presented to us the Wister Medal for Italian Ice for 2009. We couldn't get it in Madison, so Portland was the best after. Even David was feeling great!

To finish this wonderful Convention we attended the next day the Judge training with Dave Niswonger and after it we say goodbye to the wonderful and gracious Garden Owners, Convention Committee members, the members of Greater Portland Iris Society and all attendees. This was about 60 people Convention, but the one to remember!

STUFF

1. In the 1400's, a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "The rule of thumb"
2. The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma flintstone.
3. Manyyears ago, in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only..Ladies forbidden'...and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

AIS NATIONAL CONVENTION PACKAGE PRIZE

You are invited to join us
at the AIS 2011 convention
Sunday May29 thru Friday June 3rd
in Victoria, British Columbia

Buy your Prize Tickets early

The winning ticket receives
Registration for two (2) and Lodging for five (5) nights
at The Fairmont Empress Hotel
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

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Any Questions -- Need Tickets
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Guest Iris Chair - Lynn Williams

Guest Garden Hosts:

Ted and Barbara Hawkins

Lorraine & Gordon Nicholson

Shirley Trio and Riley Probst

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Registration - Barbara Pesek

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Phyllis Wilbur.

Decorations - Marilyn Kaplan

Iris Auction - Riley Probst, David Cadd, John Pesek

Lunch - Shirley Trio

Judges Training - Riley Probst

Region 14 Treasurer - Helen Franklin

Slide/digital show- Riley Probst

Thank you one and all!

Jeanne Clay Plank, AIS Region 14 RVP

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October 22-23, 2010

**RAMADA INN
324 Shaw Ave
Fresno, CA 93710
559-224-4040**

\$59.00 single King or \$59.00 for 2 smaller beds, must mention
Region 14 Meeting/Fresno Iris society for rate

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Take exit 59 to merge onto CA-41 N towards Yosemite

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Enter at right

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Enter at right

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. John Weiler

TOPIC: Rebloomers Then and Now

FALL REGIONAL MEETING FOR REGION 14

“WONDERFUL COLORS OF FALL”

Your Happy Hosts are the Colorful Members of the Fresno Iris Society
October 22-23, 2010

Name _____ Society _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-Mail Conformation _____ Phone _____

Spouse or 2nd Person _____

Registration is (\$50.00) per person

Post Marked by October 1, 2010 - After October 1,2010 (\$60.00)

Make checks payable to: Fresno Iris Society

Sent To: Carolyn Hoover, Registrar

45812 Old Corral Rd

Coarsegold, CA 93614

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Registration Headquarters: Ramada Inn 324 Shaw Ave. Fresno CA

Beardless Iris Fundraiser

Registration includes: Judges Training - Sat. Lunch

Happy Hr/Meet & Greet Fri 4:00 to 6:00pm YES ___ NO ___

Executive board Meeting Fri 6:00pm YES ___ NO ___

Slide Show Fri 6:00pm YES ___ NO ___

Will there be flowers for Reblooming Show YES ___ NO ___

Judges Training Saturday YES ___ NO ___

Lunch YES ___ NO ___

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THE TOP FIFTEEN IRISES IN THE 2010 AIS CONVENTION

1. TREE OF SONGS (Schafer/Sacks - Sib. - 2006) 82 Votes
2. ORCHID DOVE (Spoon - TB - 2007) 61 Votes
3. SASSY TART (Ernst - TB - 2007) 42 Votes
4. SUPER MODEL (T. Johnson - TB - 2007) 40 Votes
5. BOLSHOI (Keppel - TB - 2009) 39 Votes
6. GUILT FREE SAMPLE (Black - TB - 2007) 36 Votes
- MISS APPLE (Schafer/Sacks - Sib. - 2009) 36 Votes
- SORBONNE (Keppel - TB - 2009) 36 Votes
7. SWANS IN FLIGHT (Hollingworth - Sib. - 2005) 35 Votes
8. BOLLYWOOD (Keppel - TB - 2007) 31 Votes
- MY OH MY (Schreiner's - TB - 2007) 31 Votes
- SILK ROAD (Keppel - TB - 2009) 31 Votes
9. BLOWING KISSES (Keppel - TB - 2007) 29 Votes
- MAIN STREET (Lauer - TB - 2009) 29 Votes
10. RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES (Hollingworth - Sib - 2002) 28
11. FRENCH LILACS (Keppel - TB - 2008) 27 Votes Votes
12. WONDERS NEVER CEASE (Black - TB - 2007) 26 Votes
13. BELLE DE PROVENCE (Baumunk - TB - 2006) 25 Votes
- BORN TO PLEASE ®. Rogers - TB - 2006) 25 Votes
14. GYPSY LORD (Keppel - TB - 2006) 24 VoteS
15. STRUT YOUR STUFF (BLACK - TB - 2007) 23 Votes



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Lockhart



“Family Recycling and Composting”

By Jene Lockhart
High Desert Iris Society

My daughter, Vicki, was my major influence on recycling. She learned about it along with my other children in school, but Vicki really wanted to do it, so we did. That led to thinking about why we were throwing out food scraps that could be recycled too.

I had heard about composting, but wasn't sure how to do it. I wanted to give it a try. Larry my husband helped get everything set up and did the watering and turning of the pile. It wasn't very successful at first. At that time we lived in Las Vegas. I have always planted a garden and knew that Nevada soil needed all the help it could get. We gave up many times, but just couldn't completely stop trying and we finally got fairly good results composting.

After 7 years and starting to get the composting and gardening going good we moved to Reno. We had a new home and had planted our first garden. But everything grew different in Reno than Las Vegas. Even composting in a cold climate was different. I was able to take the Master Gardener classes in 1999 as I needed to relearn everything for Reno climate. I learned more about composting, which got me thinking about ways I could compost easily and successfully. To me compost is the key to growing anything in Nevada.

Larry and I had saved the 25 gallon tree buckets from the trees we had bought for our new yard. Saving them was a recycle issue we were not sure how to deal with. Then the idea came to me to try composting in them. It is tidy and easy and have been composting that way now for 10 years.

I have taught my grandchildren to save compost material. The compost bucket is under the sink, next to the trash can and they know what goes in it. It doesn't take long to develop a habit. They see the compost in the yard, and have helped add it to the garden and they eat the produce. All this helps reinforce why we compost.

I grew up in Reno and it seems everyone had iris. Though everyone called them flags. Iris bloomed around Memorial Day and we always cut them at Grandma's house and took them to the cemetery. That tradition made iris an important part of my life.

While living in Las Vegas, I happened to see an advertisement in the newspaper for an iris show. I wanted to go. So Larry went with me, even though he had no idea what an iris was and wasn't interested in some dumb flower show. It only took a few minutes at the show and Larry loved iris as much as I did. We asked if they had a group we could join and signed up that day to be part of the Southern Nevada Iris Society.

In 1997 when we moved to Reno. Several people asked us to start an iris club here. We were just too afraid to do it. After about 3 years everyone gave up on us. We eventually met a hybridizer in Idaho who taught us a lot about iris and hybridizing. We forgot about an iris club and just experimented with hybridizing and enjoyed the iris in our yard.

In 2008 Larry and I were at a local nursery and picked up a flyer about an iris sale. We went to the sale and met Evelyn Condo. We stayed talking to her and her family members for several hours and even went back later to talk iris again. Evelyn had moved to Reno from Las Vegas where she helped start the Las Vegas Iris Society. Evelyn kept asking us to help her get an iris society going here. She even had names of people who were interested in starting a club, that she had collected from her sale.

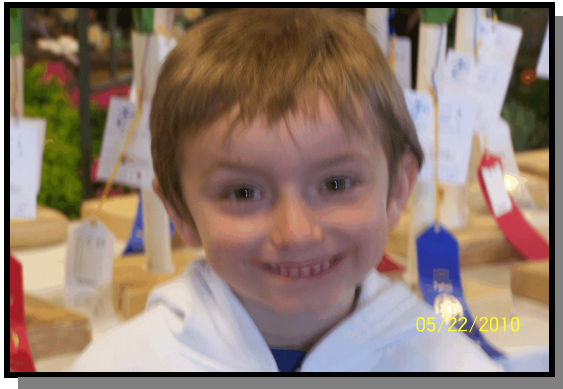
We tried to ignore Evelyn, but she didn't give up and finally we agreed. In May 2009 the High Desert Iris Society was formed. I love teaching what I know about gardening and composting. I love gardening questions. The more I learn the more I can teach others to improve their way of life and enjoy the fruits of their labors be it vegetable gardens or flower beds. Preferably iris is their flower of choice.

And now the ending is my favorite part of my story:

In November my daughter, Vicki, had a baby. While she was in the hospital I was taking care of her son, Ripley, who is 6 years old. Each day we went to the hospital to see his mom and little sister. I would take apples, bananas, crackers, and juice for him to snack on. One day I gave him a banana to eat and watched him looking in every container and corner of the hospital room. Then finally he walked up to his mom and said to her, "You need to call the nurse. I can't find the compost bucket anywhere."

Everyone in the room looked at me, because they knew I was the one who taught him to compost.

My niece, Jodie, who is a nurse at another local hospital loved the story so much that she told it to all the nurses at her work. But to her amazement, most of the nurses just stared at her. They didn't know what a compost bucket was and she had to explain it to them what it is and how to use it.



**Thanks Ripley
for looking for the compost bucket!!!!**

Mountain Girl

Region 14 Scholarship Recipient 2010

My friend's dad who can't remember names well refers to me as "mountain girl". It's a true description of me. I live next to a creek filled with newts, water-skeeters, crawdads, frogs and toads, water snails, water snakes, and occasionally leeches. I almost perpetually have a rash of poison oak, like a badge of the outdoors. In the summertime, I'll most likely be standing in the creek, eating blackberries as fast as I can pick them. In the spring you can find me examining the cloudy orbs of eggs left behind by newts in nooks of the creek. I even had a bout of crawdad fishing when they were particularly abundant one year.

I don't ever want to give up that freedom of exploration. I want to always be looking for the most wonderful, the almost magical. I want to be the person noticing the intricacies of life, and also a person sharing these wonders with the rest of the world. Ethnobotany, the study of how different cultures make use of indigenous plants, holds an excitement for me because I can see myself spending more than half my time in the wild with amazing things to see while conducting good, useable research on plants and societies. I'll need to prepare myself well with a B.S. in Biology, specializing in plants, and a B.A. in a subject like Latin American studies to gain an understanding of another culture. Once I complete my studies, off I shall go to lands far, far away and filled with adventure.

March 18th, 2010

Kelly Marie Carrasco

Region 14

The American Iris Society

Minutes of Region 14 Spring General Meeting

Modesto, Ca

Saturday, April 25, 2010

By: Phyllis Wilburn, Regional Secretary

Present:

● Executive Committee and General Committee members: RVP Jeanne Plank, ARVP and Judges Training Chair Kathy Braaten, Treasurer Helen Franklin, Secretary Phyllis Wilburn, Director Betty Ford, Director Barbara Pesek, Director Gordon Nicholson, Immediate Past RVP Lynn Williams, Finance Chair Rick Williams, Trophies and Awards Chairs David and Anna Cadd, Internet/Electronic Services Chair Kitty Loberg, Youth Lorraine Nicholson.

● Affiliate Presidents: Carol Dahout, CBRIS; Helen Franklin, JM Gibson; Kathy Braaten, SFIS; Anna Cadd, SRIS; Billie Shea VP High Desert IS; Jeanne Richter, Sydney B. Mitchell IS, Bill Fink for SFIS,

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am , April 25, 2010 by Jeanne Plank, Regional Vice President (RVP). Since minutes from the January 2010 Budget Meeting had been printed in the Region 14 Bulletin, Winter Edition, they were not read.. No corrections to the published minutes were requested.

Helen Franklin, Treasurer reported on the state of the budget.

Jeanne Plank read a thank you card from the E. Roy Epperson family for the donation made to the AIS General Fund by Region 14 in Dr. Epperson's memory.

Bulletin:

Kitty Loberg, Internet Services Chair, described the implementation of the transition to an electronic Bulletin as agreed to at yesterday's R14 Board Meeting. Kitty and John Jones will work together on the first implementation. In addition affiliates are encouraged to appoint someone in their group to make periodic reports on their activities to the Bulletin editor, Mary Lee Fortner. RVP Plank noted there is now a feature in the Bulletin devoted to memorial notices for members who have passed away. A memorial donation to the region is not necessary to place a deceased member's name in such a column.

Finance:

Rick Williams, Finance Chair, thanked the donors of the baskets and silent auction items that will be used in fundraising at this meeting. He described the raffle and the silent auction process, and said that both would end at tonight's banquet.

Guest Iris Distribution:

Guest Iris Chair, Lynn Williams reported that digging of the guest irises would commence about first week of July. She encourages all affiliates to participate in the distribution of the rhizomes, but several have indicated that they will not. A discussion was held about the glut of guest iris rhizomes that frequently follow spring regionals, and about the past use of the north and south auctions. Jeanne indicated that a committee would be formed to discuss this issue in depth and present recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Historian:

RVP Plank announced with regret that Marlene Wiley has resigned as Historian, and that Jean Richter, Bonnie Petheram, and Gesine Lohr have been asked to serve as a "historian committee" and to investigate a central location for storing R14 historic materials and to obtain a current inventory of these materials.

Internet Services:

Kitty Loberg described the electronic mail forum called "Region 14 Discuss." "The Discuss" group includes board members, committee members and all affiliate presidents. Any message posted to the group goes to all members of the group. One of its important uses will be for voting on region matters between meetings. There is still an issue about determining what constitutes a quorum in this format, but it is being worked out.

Judges Training:

Kathy Braaten reported that we now have 30 student judges with 1 to 3 moving to apprentice this year. There are 5 apprentices and 1-2 will move to Garden Judge this year. There are a total of 21 garden/exhibition judges, 15 master judges, and 6 emeritus judges in Region 14. Kathy circulated Activity Reports with the caveat that they must be back to Kathy and the RVP by June 1, 2010. There have been six training sessions this season so far, with two sessions coming up during this Regional by Bruce Filardi and Heather Pryor.

The Board discussed the issue of getting judges for shows, and it was agreed that affiliates would ask no more than 3 judges before January 1 of the year of the show. After that, they can ask for more. This is to give affiliates who do not have their schedules set until later in the year, a fair

chance to get judges for their shows. Although many would like to have six judges for a show, it is not always possible. Kathy will keep a calendar of when judges are scheduled. It is up to each judge to keep Kathy informed so she may help affiliates who are looking for a judge.

Membership:

Mary Ann Horton, Membership chair, was not present but she sent a report which RVP Plank read. The most important item is that Region 14 has 425 members and is the largest of the regions in total membership.

Science/Youth/Scholarship:

RVP Plank indicated that she is working on an idea to unite these three categories to promote better use of the money that is budgeted for these three important services.

Youth:

Chair Lorraine Nicholson announced that she would like to be provided with the names of any youth members who are participating in R14 shows.

Ballots:

Anna Cadd described the awards that are possible for the guest irises at this regional when we visit the gardens. She described how the voting is done and the color-coding on the plant labels, and asked that everyone turn their ballots in to her either at the last garden or very soon after returning to the hotel.

Anna also handed out a report on the blind judging that was done at Santa Rosa, which indicates that there is merit in covering the plant labels during judging.

Announcements:

RVP Plank closed the meeting by announcing that there would be a drawing for an iris planted in a decorative pot to be awarded to someone who remembered to bring name badge-holder from previous conventions to be recycled. She also gave a pitch for encouraging the use of irises in decorative planters as an appeal to people who live in smaller places. She also indicated that there is a potential for adding a category of irises growing in decorative planters to our shows.

Adjourn:

Lynn Williams moved, and Rick Williams seconded that the meeting be adjourned. It was adjourned by RVP Jeanne Plank at 9:00 am.

**REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
TREASURERS REPORT 01-01-10 THROUGH 4-25-10**

	BUDGETED	Funds at 12/31/09	Funds at 04/15/10
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		12526.29	10682.87
SAVINGS-LOUIS OBRIEN		544.03	545.00
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		15987.44	20005.00
TOTAL ASSETS			
EXPENSES BY ITEM:			
Bulletin Publishing	2600.00		805.50
“ Postage/label/mail	750.00		193.39
“ Color Pages	300.00		498.00
“ Editor Expense	50.00		20.00
Ad-refund			
RVP Allowance	2500.00		
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	150.00		
“ Beardless Purchases	400.00		
“ Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00		
“ Sales Taxes	150.00		
Judges’ Training	1500.00		397.80
Science Committee	500.00		
Awards and Trophies	600.00		106.38
Honorary Awards	100.00		
Office/Legal	200.00		
Supplies			36.27
Fees			3.50
Printing & Mailing By-Laws			
Office Equipment			
Rent-Budget meeting	100.00		100.00
Historian	100.00		
Scholarship	550.00		61.42
Youth Committee	300.00		
Membership	50.00		44.00
Internet Services	70.00		70.00
S.F. Flower Show-2010	500.00		
Donation-Epperson			200.00
Spring Regional 2010			593.10
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,570.00		\$3,129.36

REVENUES BY ITEM:

Bulletin Advertising	300.00	283.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	15.00	
Donations from Societies	900.00	83.00
Donation-other Rm rent		100.00
“ Memorials		185.00
Donations/Raffles	100.00	
Donations/Rm Rent 2010		
Interest	200.00	0.97
Judges’ Training	1500.00	
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Reg.	500.00	
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-Raffle/Donation	1500.00	
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	2500.00	82.50
“ Fall Beardless Fundraiser	1000.00	
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	125.00	
Spring Regional 2010		4570.00
Subtotal	8640.00	
Use of Reserve Funds	2930.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$11,570.00	\$5,304.47
Total Expenses		\$(3,129.36)
Less total Revenues		\$5,304.47
Excess revenues/expenses		\$2,175.11

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The heating unit went out on my dryer. The gentleman that fixes things for us said he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. He took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material. Well...the hot water just sat on top of the mesh. It didn't go through it at all. He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't see the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free. That nice fragrance too. You know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box...well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what caused dryer units to potentially burn your house down. He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long.

I found this on the internet and tried it. This is true. I always keep my dryer screen clean and the hot water would not go through until I washed it with hot soapy water. I clean it every 6 months now.

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Mary Lee Fortner

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