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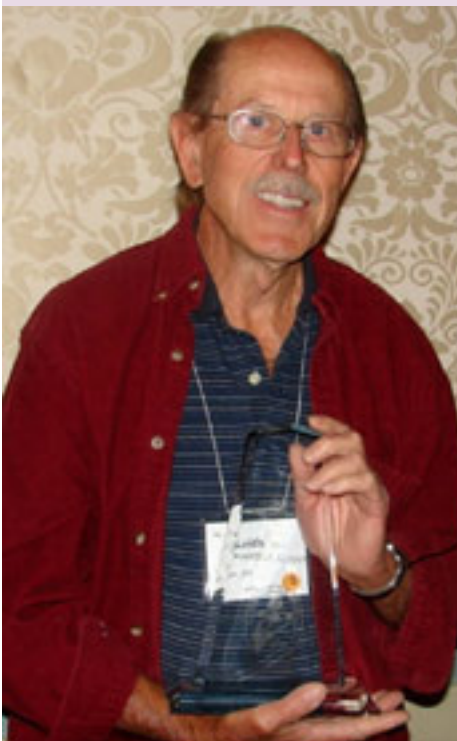
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Judges Training, Median Iris



'Rainbow High', Keppel, 2009

photo courtesy of Keith Keppel



Keith Keppel, Victoria, 2011

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Keppel's Iris Garden

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From the Desk of Jeanne Plank, RVP

Something To Think About—

In spite of unseasonable rain and cold, the 2011 iris season arrived, bringing anticipated pleasures (and disappointments—like sparse bloom at trek time), activities, and obligations.

If you are part of the AIS Judges' program, I trust you made every effort to meet its obligations. Missing the Activity Report and Garden Award voting deadlines have obvious undesirable consequences for Judges and aspiring Judges alike.

Another important deadline still lies ahead—the AIS Symposium. Because there are no dire penalties for not voting, the AIS Symposium deadline can creep up, slip by, and leave you with your vote un-cast.

The AIS Symposium Ballot deadline is September 1st.

Certainly a prime objective for the Summer Edition, RVP message is to urge *all* AIS members to vote the AIS Tall Bearded Symposium ballot. If you remember my Winter Edition message, you know I feel strongly about voting the Symposium. The necessary information on how to accomplish this important task (it's easy) is in this Bulletin. So—**vote the Symposium ballot.** (And, vote on **time!**)

Another matter of regional interest to think about is the future of Region 14 regional meetings. Region 14 holds two regional meetings annually. Region Bylaws define when these meetings are held, and specify activities that are required to take place during these events.

It has become increasingly difficult to find affiliates to host either of these two annual meetings. The workload that comes with hosting either one of these events, but particularly the Spring Regional—coupled with the financial burden the affiliate assumes with either of them—takes a lot of the glamour out of being the host.

With much validity, an argument often offered by affiliates is that their membership is getting older; in addition, a valid observation frequently offered is that their particular group just doesn't have gardens appropriate for a spring regional trek. Add the workload that comes with guest irises and the expenses in dealing with rising hotel facility costs, the commitment to host can be quite daunting, especially when fund raising opportunities for the affiliate are limited.

Although fall regionals are less formidable to host than spring regionals, there is no big rush by affiliates to host even a fall regional.

Currently—to our good fortune—the next two spring regionals have affiliate hosts—Monterey Bay Iris Society in 2012, and Sacramento Iris Society in 2013.

Beyond 2013, it would appear that Region 14 will again act as host, as it has for three of the regionals held over the past year and a half: Modesto, Fairfield, and coming up, Redding.

Having the Region host regionals is not necessarily a bad thing, but it does seem to indicate that a reconsideration of how Region 14 conducts regionals would be appropriate, and might even lead to better and more beneficial regional functions through thoughtful consideration of new ways to meet our organizational obligations, enjoy our mutual interests, and not drain our financial resources. This is something we should all be thinking about. This is something that should be openly and thoroughly discussed at regional meetings.

Come to the 2011 fall meeting in Redding. Perhaps in thoughtful and realistic discussion, with open minds, we can consider new ways to revitalize this, our very special region, without taxing our resources, our patience, and our enjoyment of irises and each other!

Something to think about

Jeanne

About The AIS 2011 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium

The ballot and instructions for voting the 2011 AIS Tall Bearded Symposium are now available on the AIS website at www.irises.org. Go to the website, click on "About Irises," then "Awards & Surveys," then "Tall Bearded Symposium."

You can vote in either of these ways

1. Mail or email your RVP just the list of irises you are voting for, or
2. Download the complete list from the website, print it, mark it, and mail to your RVP.

Affiliate presidents, or a designated person in each affiliate, are encouraged to print the ballot and take it copies to a meeting in advance of September 1st so that AIS members without Internet access can have the opportunity to vote.

Members may vote for up to 25 varieties. No write-in votes will be tabulated.

Your RVP must receive all ballots by September 1st.

FYI—Also available on this website are the results of the 2010 Symposium.

Region 14 continues to "toggle" with Regions 4 and 18 as the AIS Region with the largest number of AIS members. Because of our membership numbers, our selections have an important influence on where a variety finishes on the AIS Symposium list.

**Visit the AIS website to see the
2010 Iris Symposium winners.**

Vote this year!

irises.org

Vote by September 1st!

Changes to The Bulletin of Region 14

During the 2011 Spring Regional, RVP Plank and the executive Committee approved my appointment as chairperson of the editorial committee for The Bulletin of Region 14, The American Iris Society.

Before proceeding, I want to recognize the contributions of Mary Lee Fortner, who has served as editor and advertising manager of The Bulletin for several years. She has served Region 14 skillfully and reliably in that role, and has earned our gratitude. I welcome her advice and articles for future issues of the Bulletin.

I am pleased to report the following members of the editorial committee. We might call ourselves "Team Bulletin"

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We intend to maintain the Bulletin's familiar publication schedule and to release the 2011 summer edition on July 1st. The format continues "in development," but you should find all the sections you have found in previous issues, and more, and a productive collaboration with the AIS Region 14 website.

The greatest single change will be the conversion from print to digital format. We will publish the Bulletin each quarter in the members' section of the AIS-14 website. This change, which has been in the works for a few years, will have these impacts:

1. It will reduce dramatically the Region's cost for the Bulletin.
2. It will allow the free use of color for photographs and graphics.
3. It will require the Societies' participation in distribution, in two ways:
 - a. Announcing the posting of the Bulletin on the AIS-14 website each quarter, and reminding members how they can find it.
 - b. Assisting members who do not have access to the Internet to acquire a "hard copy" of the Bulletin. For example, another member might provide printed copies for those who need one. If they wish, the providers could ask the recipients to reimburse printing costs.

We would like very much to include articles and photos from the members in each issue of the Bulletin. Every member could share his or her expertise and creative ideas through the Bulletin.

We also wish to include brief reports from each Society in each issue. Lorraine Nicholson will coordinate that input and respond to any questions. Please appoint one of your Society's members to serve as reporter and ask them to contact Lorraine (iris4u@fire2wire.com) right away.

For future issues, the deadline for input will be at least two weeks before the publication date.

I invite you all to think of yourselves as members of Team Bulletin; with your participation, the Bulletin can serve Region 14 well and provide an interesting and enjoyable reading experience for all the members.

 Tom Karwin

Future Regional Meetings

2012 Spring Regional

The Monterey Bay Iris Society will host Region 14's 2012 Spring Regional Meeting in Aptos. There will be a bus tour of three gardens on Saturday, a self-guided garden tour on Sunday, and Judges Training conducted by Joe Ghio. The Tall Bearded Iris Society will meet concurrently. Current updates will be posted on montereybay-iris.org. Full details will be published in the November issue of the Bulletin.

Jim Cummins, 2012 Spring Regional Chair

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2013 Spring Regional Guest Irises

The Sacramento Iris Society is hosting the 2013 Region 14 Spring Regional in Sacramento. There will be two gardens, one in the valley and one at a little higher elevation. We will be contacting hybridizers with details soon, by email if possible, or snail mail. If you are a hybridizer and have not heard from us by July 15, 2011, please feel free to call or email for the details.

Phyllis Wilburn, Guest Iris Chair

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No Summer Rhizome Sale!

There will be no Region 14 Summer Rhizome Sale in 2011. This was an Exec. Board decision. Guest Irises will be distributed on the Region Guest Iris Sharing Plan. Each affiliate has been asked to notify the RVP whether or not they wish to participate in the Sharing Plan.

Impressive Irisarian—Keith Keppel

Have you ever heard of Keith Keppel? Keith is one of the world's renowned iris hybridizers. Region 14 is very fortunate to have Keith as the guest speaker for the 2011 Fall Regional in Redding this coming October 15th. He is a down-to-earth man and is very modest when asked about his hybridizing. However, it does not take long to realize that he is one of the masters in the iris world.

Keith became interested in irises after discovering a planting of them in a neighboring garden. One of his outstanding acquisitions was 'Snow Flurry' (Rees '39). He began selling irises in California when he was in high school during the 1950's and he soon started a mail-order business. He graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture and an interest in plant breeding. He began hybridizing in 1954.

In 1957, he learned of the American Iris Society from an ad in a gardening magazine. He quickly sent in his membership fee along with an inquiry, "How do I become a judge?" In due time, he completed those requirements and became one of the most astute in that area.

Keith attained an early accomplishment by winning a Dykes Medal in 1972 for one of his introductions, 'Babbling Brook'. He was the first editor of Flight Lines when that feature was added to the AIS Bulletin. He has served a term as vice president of the Median Iris Society. He was a contributing writer for the AIS book, *The World of Irises* (1978), and several of his articles can be found in the AIS Bulletins. He was appointed to a partial



'Reckless Abandon', Keppel, 2010

courtesy Keith Keppel

term on the Board of Directors (1976–1977), AND then was elected to a full term ending in 1980. In 1982, Keith undertook the editorship of the AIS Bulletin, which he held for five years. In 1997, he received the AIS Gold Medal, which is the highest honor the AIS can bestow.

Keith served on the registration committee assisting Kay Nelson in her position as Registrar and Advertising Editor. Upon their marriage in 1992, the office was moved to Stockton, California and, after Keith's retirement from the U.S. Post Office in 1993, moved to Oregon. Following Kay's untimely death in 1994, Keith continued as Registrar, recording registrations and introductions of irises worldwide. He is in charge of compiling and publishing the booklet of Registrations and Introductions, and at the end of the decade, the Iris Checklist.

Keith's area of expertise would be with the bearded irises. He won the Dykes medal again in 2004 for 'Crowned Heads' and a third time 2006 for 'Sea Power'. He is particularly interested in the plicata and luminata patterns, but works with all colors and patterns. Also, Keith works closely with Barry Blythe, a renowned hybridizer from Australia. They grow each other's irises in their respective gardens in order to acclimate them to new areas for easier introductions in their respective countries.

Keith's awards include the Foster Memorial Plaque, the highest award of the British Iris Society, the Dykes Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Hybridizer's Medal. He has also received four Premio Firenze awards.

revised from article by Bennett Jones

www.carlisleflowers.net

www.greaterportlandirissociety.org/keppel.html

www.historiciris.blogspot.com/2009/03/keith-keppel-iris-2009-catalogue.html

www.keithkeppeliris.com/gallery.html



Keith Keppel, Victoria, 2011

Mikey Lango

The American Iris Society Region 14 2011 Fall Regional—A Rainbow High

Sponsored By Region 14 Board Of Directors
Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th

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Redding, CA 96002
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Webpage: Red Lion

Name _____

2nd Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____/_____/_____

Phone _____ Email _____

Iris Society—list one only _____

Registration is \$50.00 per person if received at the Registrar's desk before October 8th, 2011
Note After October 8th, 2011 Registration is \$60.00

Registration

- ~ Includes Buffet Luncheon on Saturday; Saturday Guest Speaker, Keith Keppel & Sunday Morning Judges Training given by Keith Keppel.
- ~ If you have special dietary needs, upon notification, the hotel will be happy to offer a plated meal that will accommodate special needs.

The San Joaquin Iris Society is Registrar for the 2011 Regionals

Please make checks payable to SJIS

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Lorraine Nicholson

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Modesto, CA 95357

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Number of registrants x \$50 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed—No Credit Cards \$ _____

The American Iris Society Region 14 2011 Fall Regional—A Rainbow High

Regional Schedule

Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th

NOTE Evening arrival on October 14th is encouraged, but not necessary to take full part in Regional Meeting events.

Schedule of Meeting Events

Saturday, October 15th, 2011 Region meeting room open 10 A.M..

10:00 A.M.–12 noon	Reblooming show—setup, entries accepted, and staging
10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.	Registration
11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.	Region 14 Board Meeting. Everyone is urged to attend, to share ideas & to participate in the governing of our Region. Region Drawing #1 at mid-point.
12:45 P.M.–2:00 P.M.	Buffet Lunch at the Red Lion Hotel. See menu below
2:15 P.M.–3:00 P.M.	Budget Meeting. Region Drawing #2 at mid-point.
3:15 P.M.–4:45 P.M.	Guest Speaker, Keith Keppel
5:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.	Early dinner on your own. There are many restaurants nearby the hotel.
7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.	Region 14 General Meeting. Region Drawing # 3 at mid-point. Presentation of the 2010 Hybridizer's Medal to Rick Tasco
8:00 P.M.–10:00 P.M.	Social evening Raffles, live Auctions, refreshments—Fun!

Included with Registration

Saturday Buffet Lunch Menu *A Little Bit of Italy*

Chicken Parmesan
Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread
Vegetable Pasta Primavera
Mozzarella & Tomato Display
Chef's Choice of Dessert
Coffee, Hot Tea & Iced Tea

Sunday, October 16th, 2010

	Breakfast at the hotel
10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Judges Training—Keith Keppel—Subject, Median Irises
12:00 noon	End of meeting

Minutes of the Region 14 General Meeting, April 30 2011

Phyllis Wilburn, Secretary

The general meeting of the 2011 Spring Regional was called to order by RVP Jeanne Plank at 8:10 a.m., followed by a welcome to all the attendees, and a reminder about the paper program which has two back pages to tear off for voting in the garden. She also reminded everyone that John Jones would be giving a judges training on Awards and Ballots on Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. This afternoon will be a judges training by AIS President Judy Keisling on Ethics.

The minutes of the 2010 Fall General Meeting as published in the Bulletin were approved after a motion by Lynn Williams, and a second by Jean Richter.

RVP Plank announced that the board had donated \$100, which was supplemented by donations from affiliates, to the AIS Hager/Dubois Foundation Library Trust Fund in the memory of Rick Ernst, owner of Cooley's Iris Garden in Oregon and noted hybridizer.

RVP Plank also announced that the Standing Rules were reordered and amended by Region 14 Secretary, Phyllis Wilburn, so that they would be easier to use and more intuitive. The board voted last night to accept the changes.

Judges Training

Kathy Braaten reported the following Judges Training sessions that have taken place, or will take place during this year.

- October 23rd Fall Region Spuria with Jim Hedgecock, 1.5 hours
- March 31st Median Iris garden training Las Vegas by Berkeley Hunt, 2 hours
- April 17th SDB garden training Loomis by Kathy Braaten, 1.5 hours
- April 17th IB garden training Loomis by Kathy Braaten, 1.5 hours
- April 23rd Show Judging in Southern Nevada, Lorraine/Gordon Nicholson, 1 hour
- Garden JT Santa Rosa Show, Alleah Middling, Anna Cadd & Jim Begley, 1 hour garden
- April 30th Blind Judging Painter's Garden, 1 hour garden
- April 30th Ethic's by Judy Keisling, 1 hour
- May 1st Awards and Ballot Training by John Jones, 2 hours
- May 7th Beardless Iris, Nicholson's garden Modesto—L/G Nicholson, 2 hours
- May 7th Tall Bearded Iris Betty Ford's garden Sonoma—Alleah Middling, 2 hours

Kathy thanked all of the judges that have been stepping up to give 1:1 training sessions to the apprentice judges

and students. We have five apprentices that should be moving up to G/E Judges next year. Kathy is planning to have a shared calendar on-line, and would like all affiliates to report next year's judges to her as soon as they are scheduled to judge your show.

Kathy Braaten also announced that she would send to every Apprentice and Judge an AIS Activity Report to be filled out and returned to her by June 1, 2011. RVP Plank mentioned that Kathy is a very busy, very efficient lady.

RVP Plank discussed the changes to the driving directions to the Painter's Napa Country Iris Garden for our garden visit today. She noted that they can't promise great bloom today because of the late spring weather and it may be very sparse today.

Treasurer's Report

Helen Franklin, Treasurer, read from her report as of April 26, 2011 and offered copies to anyone who wanted one. In the absence of any discussion, RVP Plank indicated that it would be filed for audit.

Bulletin Committee

Mary Ann Fortner has resigned as editor of the Bulletin because she is planning to move to Southern California, and also has some health issues. RVP Plank has selected a bulletin committee with Tom Karlin as chair. The other committee members are Ann Pike and Mikey Lango. One project for the committee includes putting the Bulletin on-line and phasing in the electronic version as the main platform and gradually eliminating the printing and mailing costs. This will be a phase in process, with the eventual increase in dues for those who want the paper version. There is also a need for news from the affiliates about their activities to go into the Bulletin. Each affiliate should have a "reporter" who sends short articles to the editor of the Bulletin. Affiliate presidents are encouraged to appoint a reporter.

Internet Services

Our Web Master, Kitty Loberg has indicated that she would like to phase out of the job, if someone else in the Region would like to take it over.

Fund Raising

Another committee to be set up by the RVP will focus on fund raising at regional meetings and the share of profits that should go to the region and the hosting society. Also to be discussed is budgeting for the regional so that we don't lose attendance by pricing registration fees too high, or lose money by pricing it too low. The current Standing Rule requires that the host affiliate cannot fund raise without splitting the profits with the region. One suggestion is that two affiliates join together to put on a regional. It was noted by RVP Plank that it helps if you have someone based where hotel is. Shasta Iris Society president, Ann Hass, has done the legwork on the 2011 Fall Regional. The Region is hosting and the regional is the organizer, but Shasta is the chaperone.

minutes cont.

Honorary Awards

Anna Cadd will report to be at the 2011 Fall Regional.

Historian Committee

Jean Richter has everything except one scrapbook, and would like to get any historical material that anyone has about Region 14 activities or hybridizers.

Membership & Public Relations

Mary Ann Horton was not present to give a report.

Scholarship

Terry Hudson sent a report to RVP Plank, and said that Kaitlyn Brice had won the scholarship. There were 32 applications which was the most received to date. Kaitlyn's mother has an iris farm.

Science

John Stremel indicated that there was no science report.

Trophies and Awards

Anna Cadd announced changes in the list of 2011 introductions in the back of the program so attendees could annotate their list in preparation for voting in the garden. These changes were for guest irises that had been received by Region 14 as seedlings, but have since been introduced.

Youth

Lorraine Nicholson said that there are still 23 youth. They all received a letter in January and will be sent two more irises this summer.

Affiliate reports

- ~ Clara B. Rees Iris Society: five attending, Carol Dahout said that their show was very successful.
- ~ Fresno Iris Society: one attending.
- ~ High Desert Iris Society: three attending.
- ~ James M. Gibson: five attending.
- ~ Las Vegas Iris Society: none attending.
- ~ Leo T. Clark Iris Society: none attending.
- ~ Monterey Iris Society: seven attending, and looking forward to 2012 Spring Regional in Monterey.
- ~ Mt. Diablo Iris Society: five attending.
- ~ Redwood Iris Society: four attending.
- ~ Sacramento Iris Society: seven attending.
- ~ San Joaquin Iris Society: five attending.
- ~ Santa Rosa Iris Society: four attending; Anna Cadd reported that they had their show last week, and new iris display garden is coming along with all varieties represented. It is a very successful project at Luther Burbank farm home and garden.
- ~ Shasta Iris Society: none attending, but RVP Plank reports that Ann Hass, President of Shasta IS has been very helpful in planning the 2011 Fall Regional in Redding.
- ~ Sierra Foothills Iris Society: four attending.

- ~ Southern Nevada Iris Society: none attending.
- ~ Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society: four attending.
- ~ West Bay Iris Society: two attending.

New Business

RVP Plank led a discussion of regional meetings and their importance in keeping the region vital and solvent. The Region can host a regional, as we did for this meeting, but they must have locals to help coordinate facilities and gardens. It does not have to be a big affiliate as several affiliates can cooperate in putting on a regional. No other new issues were raised.

Announcements

There was an announcement of space available in carpools for the garden visit today.

Bob Plank gave more advice about traveling to garden, and emphasized that there are no detours. All detours previously mentioned have been cleared.

The 2011 Fall Regional will be in Redding, with Shasta Iris Society as chaperone. A visit to a botanical garden and Keith Keppel as the speaker are planned. The dates are October 14, 15, 16.

The 2012 Spring Regional will be at the Seacliff Inn in Aptos, which will include banquet and buses for a registration fee of \$125. They are hoping that Joe Ghio will speak and give judges training. They are most concerned about how much the national will affect registration. They have invited the Tall Bearded Iris Society, and plan to put something in AIS Bulletin. The meeting is the week following the AIS Convention in Ontario (Southern California). Joe Ghio's garden will be open.

Walt Dean announced that he had an article about a local garden called Pleasant Valley Iris Farm that some people might want to visit tomorrow. They are not affiliated with AIS, but do refer people to the local iris other societies. They are on the north side of I-80; get off at Cherry Glen road.

Rick Williams announced the silent auction opening, and the basket raffle. The auction is to close this evening and the basket raffle tickets to be drawn. There will also be a few regular auction items. The raffle tickets will sell for \$1 for one, \$5 for six, and \$20 for 25 tickets.

Judy Kiesling, AIS President, will give judges training on Ethics at 4:00 p.m. In the evening after dinner on your own, starting at 7:30, John Jones and Joanne Jones will trade off giving demonstrations about electronic subjects such as AIS wiki encyclopedia, and the AIS Web site, and Facebook page. It was announced the AIS has 2000 *friends* on Facebook already.

RVP Plank announced that tonight is to be a *fair*, with John and Joanne Jones as entertainment, and food and wine. There will be lots of both.

Everyone was reminded to fill in the last two pages of their program during the garden visit, and give them to Anna Cadd for tabulation.

minutes cont.

Bob Canning remarked that every year he gets a list of AIS members and he reaches out to people who are not members of his affiliate. This is one way to get members for their club. This sounded like a great idea for all affiliates to explore.

David Cadd motioned to adjourn the meeting and Helen Franklin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

Present for meeting

Executive Committee and General Committee members

RVP	Jeanne Plank
ARVP and Judges Training	Chair Kathy Braaten
Treasurer	Helen Franklin
Secretary	Phyllis Wilburn
Director	Barbara Pesek
	Gordon Nicholson
Immediate Past RV	Lynn Williams
Finance Chair	Rick Williams
Trophies and Awards Chairs	David & Anna Cadd
Internet/ElectServices Chair	Kitty Loberg
Youth	Lorraine Nicholson
Bulletin Chair/Editor	Tom Karwin
Historian Committee	Jean Richter
Science Chair	John Stremel
Honorary Awards	Anna Cadd
Affiliate Presidents	

Carol Dahout, CBRIS
Helen Franklin
JM Gibson
Kathy Braaten, SFIS
Anna Cadd, SRIS
Leah Middleton,
Redwood IS
Sandy Mann, SJIS
Bill Fink, SIS
Jeanne Richter,
Sydney B. Mitchell IS
Tom Karwin, MBIS
John Stremel,
Westbay IS

Absent:

Director	Larry Lockhart
Scholarship Chair	Terri Hudson
Membership/Public Relations	Mary Ann Horton

Affiliates not represented: Fresno IS; Las Vegas IS; Leo T. Clark IS; High Desert IS; Mt. Diablo IS; Shasta IS; Southern Nevada IS.

Awards—2011 Spring Regional

Luther Burbank Cup		
Best Specimen— <i>Iris pseudacorus</i>		Anna & David Cadd
Redwood Empire Cup		
First Runner-up—‘Galway’		Betty Ford
Beth Jolly Memorial Cup		
Best Bicolor—‘High Master’		Ross BeVier
Burbank Cup		
Best Bearded Other Than Tall—‘Galway’		Betty Ford
Emmons Cup		
Best Plicata—‘Jesse’s Song’		Marlene Horn
Ethel Young Memorial Cup		
Best Rebloomer—‘Istanbul’		Anna & David Cadd
Monte Byers Memorial Plaque		
Best Space Age—‘Petal Pushers’		Jim Begley
Morris Cup		
Best Beardless— <i>Iris pseudacorus</i>		Anna & David Cadd
Peggy Burke Gray Cup		
Best Seedling—# 26-00-1		Anna & David Cadd
Peggy Cadd Memorial Cup		
Best Pink—‘Pink Champagne’		Anna Marie Hermansen
Santa Rosa Cup		
Best Tall Bearded—‘Jesse’s Song’		Marlene Horn

Medals and Certificates

Silver Medal/certificate most blue ribbons		Ross BeVier
Bronze Medal/certificate 2nd most blue ribbons		Cadds
Section certificates for the most blue ribbons		
Tall Bearded		Ross BeVier
Bearded Other Than Tall		Anna & David Cadd
<i>I. californicae</i> /Pacific Coast Native		Anna & David Cadd
Miscellaneous		Anna & David Cadd
Best Specimen of Show Certificate		
Iris Pseudacorus		Anna & David Cadd
Seedling certificates		
		Anna & David Cadd
		Ross BeVier
		Elyse Hill

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May 8, 2011

The American Iris Society Foundation Trustees Gratefully acknowledge the thoughtful gift \$275 by Region 14 of the American Iris Society and its Affiliates in memory of Richard Ernst This gift has been placed in a fund to further the work of the Foundation In regards to the Hager/DuBose Library. A Letter acknowledging your gift was sent to Kati Ernst

National Convention Report

Iris-istible Victoria 2011 National Convention was held May 29 through June 3, 2011. It was hosted by BCIS with Ted Baker as the chairman. He had an excellent committee with a lot of help. They were dedicated in making this convention a memorable one for sure. The registration was handled efficiently. The main events took place at the Empress. After the Empress was filled other nearby hotels were recommended and were within easy access. There were four gardens on the tours with optional tours available. The gardens were a joy to visit even though we were a bit early for the best iris bloom. The section meetings were very informative. There were two dinners one being the Welcome Dinner and the other The Awards Banquet. The first one was set up with round tables and the last one with long rows of tables. The food was extremely good at both dinners. There will be people talking about the wonderful dessert at the Awards Banquet for a very long time! After the welcoming dinner we were entertained by a fiddler that was exceptionally good. The Awards Presentation was given as the last festivity.

At the presentation Ted Baker thanked those that went the extra mile for making this convention a success, thanked the attendees for supporting the artists at the Boutique and thanked everyone for coming. What a gracious host he is!

As for news

- ~ There is a new iris culture book. It is in full color and will be available at the AIS storefront.
- ~ There will be an e membership for those people interested in growing iris but are not near a club or cannot attend. The cost will be \$15.00 annually. It is an on line version.
- ~ The Tall Bearded have joined AIS as a cooperative society.
- ~ There is an Iris Wiki. It is an online encyclopedia. It can be accessed through ais.org.
- ~ We have Facebook as a social media.
- ~ The AIS photo contest deadline is June 30th. Check the AIS website for details and check your photos to see what category they will fall into. Digital photos are preferred.

Awards

AIS Immediate Past President, Jeanne Plank presented some of the awards.

- ~ Lech Komarnicki from Poland received the Bee Warburton Award. Anna Cadd accepted the award for him.
- ~ Rick Tasco received the Hybridizers Medal.
- ~ Gold Medal to Clarence Maher author of *Classic Irises and Men and Women who Created Them*.

- ~ Rita Casey Gormley was awarded Distinguished Service Medal. This will be sent to her husband as Rita passed away last November.
- ~ Gold Medal to Terry Aiken, RVP Region 12, who ran the bulletin for 6 years, and handled the AIS calendar. These prior awards are provided for highly distinctive service over a long period of time.

Cheryl Deaton accepted the Youth Awards for those youth not present.

Ruth Barker presented next awards:

- ~ Dyke's Medal to Thomas Johnson for 'Paul Black'. First time a Canadian received the award in Canada.
- ~ John C. Wister Medals to Barry Blyth for 'Decadence', TB; Keth Keppel for 'Wintry Sky', TB; and Terry Aitken for 'Crackling Caldera', TB.
- ~ Knowlton Medal to Keith Keppel for 'Eye Candy', BB
- ~ Hans and Jacob Sass Medal to Keith Keppel for 'Ruby Slippers', IB.
- ~ Williamson-White Medal to Ken Fisher for 'Sailors Dream', MTB.
- ~ Cook Douglas Medal to Thomas Johnson for 'Ultimate', SDB.
- ~ Caparne-Welch Medal to Paul Black for 'Chemistry', MDB.
- ~ Clarence G. White Medal to Lowell Baumunk for 'Rivers of Babylon', AB.
- ~ William Maher Medal to George Sutton for 'Ulalena', AB
- ~ The Founders of Signa Medal to Rita Butler for 'Raspberry Slurp'.
- ~ The Randolph Perry Medal to Dana Borglum for 'Ally Oops', a Species cross
- ~ Sidney B. Mitchell Medal to William Platner for 'Wild Survivor', PCI.
- ~ The Mary Swords De Baillon Medal to Richard Morgan for 'Night Thunder', LA.
- ~ The Morgan-Wood Medal to Jan Sacks/Marty Schafer for 'Here Be Dragons', Siberian.
- ~ The Eric Nieco Medal went to O.D. Niswonger for 'Missouri Dreamland', Spuria.
- ~ Payne Award to Don Delmez for 'Sue Joe', JA.
- ~ Walther Cup to Paul Black for 'Eye of Tiger', SDB.
- ~ Nelson Award to Schreiner's Garden for 'Dusky Challenger'.
- ~ President's Cup to Paul Black for 'Dazzling'.
- ~ Franklin Cook Memorial Cup to Marty Schafer for 'Ginger Twist'.
- ~ Ben Hager Cup to Paul Black for 'Dazzling'.

National Convention report cont.

And In Addition!

At the final Kathy Chilton and Jill Bonino gave a nice presentation on Cali-zona Gold. Region 15 is hosting the next 2012 National being held April 16th-21nd, in Ontario, California. The convention hotel will be will be the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. It is a mile or so from the Ontario airport. The price will be \$125 per night. You may have 4 people to a room. There will be a namesake iris being introduced by Margie Valenzuela called 'California Gold'.

The gardens to be visited are:

- ~ Herb and Sara Holk Memorial Garden in Jurupa, California
- ~ Stanton Iris Gardens in Valley Center, California
- ~ Mystic Lake Gardens in Nuevo, California
- ~ The Huntington library, art collections and botanical gardens in San Marino, California

The registration form will be in the October bulletin.

Contacts for the 2012 AIS National Convention are co-chairs Jill Bonino at jillbon@earthlink.net and Kathy Chilton at ranchiris@aol.com.



Terry Aitken receiving the AIS Gold Medal

Carl Boro



Jeanne Plank presenting the awards in Victoria, 2011

Carl Boro



Judy Keisling presenting Keith Keppel the Wister Medal

Carl Boro



Judy Keisling presenting Baul Black the President's Cup

Anna Cadd



'Subtle Beauty', Tasco, 2011 Rick Tasco



Keith Keppel's Garden

Jim Cummins

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY Treasurers Report For 01-01-11 Through 4-26-11

	BUDGETED	Funds At 12/31/2010	Funds At 4/26/2011
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		\$ 7,949.82	\$ 5,940.75
SAVINGS—LOUIS OBRIEN		\$ 545.69	\$ 4546.03
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		\$20,214.72	\$20,287.86
TOTAL ASSETS		\$28,710.23	\$26,774.64
EXPENSES BY ITEM			
Bulletin—Publishing	2,000.00	2,199.30	1,237.00
Postage/Label/Mail	600.00	776.63	
Color Pages	650.00	1,298.00	
Editor Expense	50.00	20.00	
Ad-refund			
RVP Allowance	1500.00		
Finance—Summer Fundraiser	300.00	325.81	
Beardless Purchases	400.00	404.15	
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00		
Sales Taxes	150.00	54.00	48.00
Judges' Training 2010		472.20	
Judges' Training 2011	500.00	332.80	
Science Committee	500.00		
Awards and Trophies	650.00	653.34	32.85
Honorary Awards	150.00		
Office Legal	200.00		
Supplies		20.00	30.00
Fees		73.20	20.00
Printing copies for meeting		33.65	
Office Equipment		70.49	
Rent—budget meeting		100.00	
Historian	100.00		
Scholarship	550.00	561.42	59.29
Youth	200.00	90.00	
Membership	50.00	44.00	
Internet Services	70.00	70.00	
S.F. Flower Show-2011	600.00	355.00	98.00
Donation—Epperson 2010—Ernst 2011		200.00	275.00
Spring Regional 2010		4,163.06	
Spring Regional 2011	4,100.00	310.84	385.95
Fall Regional 2011			200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,420.00	12,627.89	2,386.09



'Revision' Keppel, 2011 Courtesy of Keith Keppel



'Dazzling', IB, Paul Black, 2008 Anna Cadd



'Rimaround', IB, Aitken, 2007 M. Boro



'Fall Line', IB, M. Sutton, 2011 M. Boro



'Cat in the Hat', IB, Paul Black Mikey Lango

Iris Naming Contest

The iris at the right needs a name! This iris is the official iris of the Spring 2012 Regional. Email your name suggestions to Joe Ghi, ghiobayview@surfnetusa.com as soon as possible! Name needs to reflect this iris, the event and the Monterey Bay area.

TRESURERS REPORT

REVENUES BY ITEM

Bulletin Advertising	200.00		
Bulletin Subscriptions	15.00	337.00	
Donations from Societies *	900.00	920.00	177.00
Donation—other			
Rm rent		100.00	
Memorials		185.00	200.00
Donations/Raffles	100.00		
Donations/Rm Rent 2010			
Interest	150.00	211.38	73.48
Judges' Training			
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional		0.00	
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-Raffle	1,500.00	6,970.00	
Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	500.00	2,048.50	
Summer Fundraiser-Donations	500.00		
Fall Beardless Fundraiser	1,000.00	958.00	
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	250.00	552.48	
Spring Regional 2011	4,100.00		
Subtotal	9,215.00		
Use of Reserve Funds	4,205.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 13,420.00	12,282.36	450.48
Total Expenses		\$12,629.89	\$ 2,386.09
Less total Revenues		-\$12,282.36	\$ -450.48
Excess expenses/revenues		\$ 347.53	\$ 1,935.61



Seedling to be named, Joe Ghi

Joe Ghi

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Kaitlin Brice Wins Region 14's 2011 Student Scholarship

Each year, Region 14 awards a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior or college student who demonstrates an interest in iris activities within Region 14, or pursuing a career in horticulture, floriculture, landscaping, nursery production, or related fields. The intention of the scholarship program is to promote interest in iris and related fields.

For 2011, the scholarship committee, chaired by Terri Hudson, recommended awarding this scholarship to Kaitlin Brice, who is an active member of the Sacramento Iris Society and participates in operating her mother's business, Peruzzi's Iris Farm.

Kaitlin, who is pictured here, provided the following essay as part of her application for this scholarship. Congratulations, Kaitlin!

"I am an active member in Region 14 of the American Iris Society and have been since I was a young kid. When I was about nine or ten years old, I entered some cut iris into a show in Sacramento along with my older brother who also entered some flowers.

My mother is a commercial iris grower in our hometown of Nicolaus where she runs a farm called Peruzzi's Iris Farm. It is a business started by my grandmother who then passed it on to my mother and our family. In the spring, the garden is open to customers and I help show them around, tell them about the garden and its history, and help them calculate their total purchase. My parents and older brother are usually there as well, but sometimes it is just myself so I run the whole show.

In the off-season, when the irises are not in bloom, I assist my family in the upkeep of the garden and also pot up new iris to sell in the Spring. The garden is beautiful in the spring and love to watch the wonder on the customers' face as they take in all of the sights and smells of the flowers.

The garden has influenced me to want to pursue a degree in biology or ecology, and I have a strong passion to care for the environment. I also love volunteer work for people or places that need it, writing and taking care of animals. I plan to attend a community college this fall and for the next two years, then I plan to transfer to Humboldt State University to earn my bachelor's degree."

Society News

Clara B. Rees

The Summer Dates for Clara B. Rees Iris Society are:

- ~ Rhizome Sale, August 6th, 2011, at Yamagami's Nursery in Cupertino, 10:00–3:00
- ~ Rhizome Sale, August 13th, 2011, at Almaden Valley Nursery in San Jose, 10:00–3:00.

Fresno

The Society will kick off their summer with a potluck at the Live Oak Iris Ranch on July 9th. A fund-raiser rhizome sale will be held on August 16th at Fresno State Horticulture nursery. Doug Kanarowski will distribute new irises at the September/October meetings. Janet Smith will give a presentation, *Iris Hybridizing 101* at the November meeting.

Monterey Bay

Our group had another successful day—June 25th—at the 6th annual Garden Faire (thegardenfaire.org) selling rhizomes and encouraging gardeners to grow irises. We are now anticipating our Annual Summer Picnic—July 9th—and gearing up for our Annual Rhizome Sale—August 6th and 13. In our spare time, Jim Cummins & a large committee are planning the AIS Region 14 2012 Spring Regional. Mark the dates: April 29th–May 1st, 2012.

Redwood

They have had a lonnng bloom season thank you to the cooler weather. Their summer rhizome sale will be August 20th at the Ukiah Farmers Market.

Sacramento

Iris show, field trips to Ostroffs and Wilburn gardens, raffles, spring regional at Napa Country gardens, is there more time? Yes, AIS convention in Victoria BC and Butchart Gardens and that was only our spring 2011!! We start off our summer with potluck picnic at Horton's garden and the company of Sierra Foothills to boot!! Of course we will do "digs" for July 16th rhizome sale, which will be followed by "potting parties" in August. Join us! It is tons of camaraderie along with all those irises.

San Joaquin

We enjoyed a program put on by Doug Kanarowski, his talk with slides featured much info on all things iris and gardening, he took all questions and answered them all. His talk was geared toward the very new novice to the old "never seen an iris that I did not like" folks!! We are now in the planning stages of a rhizome sale at Modesto's Fall Home and Garden show, they usually give us the space at no charge, we hope to make at least \$1000 to put back in treasury. We also have purchased \$450 newer iris to spread among our members (after they have been grown for 1 or 2 years, depending on their increase.)

Santa Rosa

The Santa Rosa Iris Society will hold its annual summer rhizome sale on August 13th from 9:00–3:00 at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa. For info, contact David Cadd at 707-433-8633.

Our theme this year was "Easter Iris Parade." Arrangements were presented in various areas throughout the hall beautifully created by several of our artistic members. They included numerous arrangements with bunnies along with flowers and greenery of various types. Also included was a poster board titled "Why Did that One Win?" since that is the question many visitors ask.

I had so many great people that pitched in to help with tasks they signed up for and tasks they did not. Everyone graciously assumed a duty when asked. Some of the tasks included on-line and print publicity, distributing posters and small flyers, ordering ribbons, supplying the judges and workers with refreshments and food, placement of show holders, moving and selling potted iris, helping at the information/welcome table, clerking, and setting up as well as tearing down the exhibit hall.

We could not have succeeded without all twelve exhibitors who came through and scoured their gardens to bring various varieties and types of iris to the show. Even though the weekend prior to the show looked pretty glum for irises, everyone managed to bring in ribbon-winning stalks. We had a total of 186 irises on display—amazing considering the bizarre weather this season.

We had a truly amazing show due to all the exhibitors who entered their iris and all the workers who helped before, during, and after the show and sale. It was super job from all our members.

Wanted!

We want your Society's input! What are you doing? We need your photos from the Regionals and Nationals! Give us the highlights from your newsletters! News about your society could appear on this page in the future. Please contact us with you submission. Submissions can be made by email or snail mail.

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Best of Show winner Elaine Fischer Mikey Lango



John Pesek and Lesley Painter, Spring Regional, Napa Garden, 2011

Mikey Lango

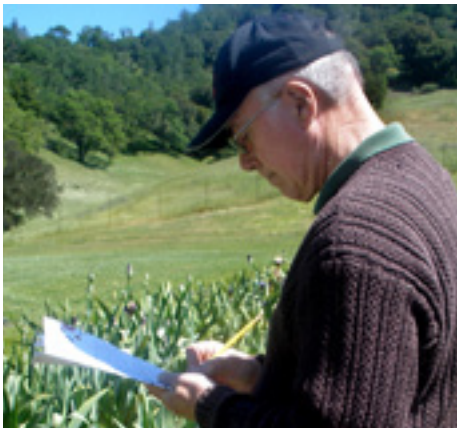


Anna Cadd training Barbara Pesek



Apprentice Yada Hansen being trained by Bill Fink

Kathy Braaten



Rick Williams doing blind judging



Jim Cummins

Spring Regional, 2011



Lorraine Nicholson giving Apprentice Eric Hansen Training
One step closer to G/E Judge!

Kathy Braaten



John Painter with Jim and Irene Cummins

Mikey Lango



Devil David Cadd

Carl Boro



Terry Aitken, Barry Blyth and Keith Keppel take a break in Victoria.

Carl Boro

Region 14 at the AIS National Victoria, BC, 2011



Lowell Baumunk

Mikey Lango



Photographing the flower and maybe iris at the Government House

Carl Boro



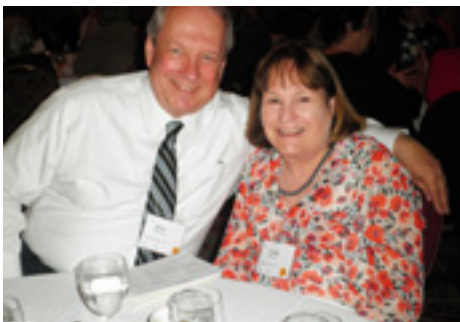
CBRIS in Victoria

Mikey Lango



Santa Rosa in Victoria

Courtesy of Anna Cadd



John & Linda Stremel

Mikey Lango



Hatley Park

Mikey Lango



Marilyn and Carl Boro, CRBIS

Mikey Lango



Region 14 visits Hatley Park

Carl Boro