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*right top:* Black Hope (Lloyd Austin 1963)

*left bottom:* Spooned Fantom (Lloyd Austin 1959)

*right bottom:* Horned Rosyred (Lloyd Austin 1958)

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# The RVP's Garden



What a busy Spring it has been! There have been so many garden visits, shows, the Spring Regional meeting, and of course, our own gardens to enjoy. I feel like it has been a whirlwind of activity.

First, I want to express my thanks to all of you who sent or otherwise expressed

words of sympathy at the death of my dear Mother, Jeannette Ferranti, of Merced, who died peacefully in her own home at the age of 97. She was not a member of AIS, but she loved and grew irises, and when she passed away she had a lovely clump of Jessie's Song blooming in front of her house along with her roses, which she also loved.

On a happier note, the Spring Regional was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Nola and Gary Prevost of Nola's Iris Garden who organized the hotel, transportation, guest irises, and the lion's share of the event. Also thanks to John Pesek, Past RVP, who organized the flower show and guest speaker, and coordinated the event, and committee members Jean Richter -- registration, Kathy Oldham -- pin design, Mikey Lango -- photography and lunch dessert, Marilyn Kaplan -- Registration bags, Carolyn Craft -- silent auction, Helen Franklin -- treasurer, Riley and Shirley Probst -- live auction and AV support, Kitty Loberg and Anna Cadd -- Judges' Training, and especially Steve Schreiner -- guest speaker. I would also like to thank all the affiliate clubs who donated beautiful and cleverly designed baskets for our basket raffle. These clubs include, Leo T. Clark, Santa Rosa, Monterey Bay, Sierra Foothills, Sacramento, Clara B Rees, High Desert, Yosemite, James M Gibson, and Helen Franklin who donated in the name of Region 14. The basket raffle is an increasingly popular part of our regional meetings, and we appreciate all the generous donations from individuals who made up the baskets, or donated to the silent auction. The live auction conducted by Riley Probst is also an important fund raising activity for the Region,

and we appreciate his help in this. He is definitely the consummate auctioneer and really knows how to drive up those prices. I am learning to be quick with the paddle at his auctions.

As the iris blooming season wanes, we need to focus on upcoming events. Most important, is the upcoming "Digging and Labeling Party" at Nola's Iris Garden, on Tues. Aug 2, 2016. See accompanying article for details, and do plan to be there for the camaraderie and fun. In case there is a change of date, the affiliate club presidents will be notified via email, and a message posted on the Region 14 Web site (AISRegion14.org).

I am currently receiving show reports from the clubs who have conducted a show this Spring. Show chairs are reminded to send me a copy of the report that goes to AIS. Also, the Symposium Ballot was included in the last edition of the AIS Bulletin, Irises, and was printed on blue paper. You need to send your votes to me, but you don't need to send me the whole ballot. You can vote by emailing me and including the Numbers and/or Names, of the irises that you wish to vote for. This will save you the postage for snail mail. The Symposium votes must be received by Sept. 1, 2016. In addition, if you are a G/E, Master, or Apprentice Judge, you have received an Activity Report from Judges Training Chair, Alleah Haley. The deadline for sending a copy to Alleah and to me is June 1, 2016. So many things to remember!

Upcoming this fall is an exciting opportunity to hear a fascinating speaker, Dr. Carol Wilson, and experience a new version of a Fall Regional Meeting, titled "Something's Always Blooming Somewhere". This is all thanks to the host Mt. Diablo Iris Society. We will also be hearing Anna Cadd give judges' training on judging Artistic Arrangements. You might learn something about making artistic arrangements too. If you did not receive a copy of the Registration Form at the Spring meeting, or cannot print it from this Bulletin, it is on the Region 14 web site, (AISRegion 14.org).

Keep Gardening!

~ Phyllis Wilburn



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the AIS Blog!

[http://  
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blogspot.com/](http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/)

# Calendar

# Thanks to Nola and Gary!

## 2016 Fall Regional

October 14-15, 2016  
Alden Lane Nursery  
Livermore, California

See registration form later in bulletin!

## Upcoming Regional Events

~ Kathy Braaten, Regional Events Coordinator

Our 2017 Spring Regional event, "Iris Express", is also in the planning stages. This event will be co-hosted by Sierra Foothills Iris Society and Sacramento Iris Society. The dates for the event will be April 21 - 23, 2017. The convention hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. We will be visiting two large gardens that are hosting the guest irises, Horton Iris Garden in Loomis and Frannie's Iris Garden of Fran and Russ Shields in Elk Grove. Dell Perry from Texas will be our guest speaker. We will have more to follow on the planning of this event as well.

The members of Region 14 owe a debt of gratitude to Nola Prevost and her husband Gary. They worked so hard to make this spring regional a time to remember. Good memories were made that day when there were irises, irises, irises, everywhere. Full peak bloom at every head turning. Clean flower beds, nice pathways, a very comfortable large patio, excellent food. Clean crisp air on top of the world. Photos ops everywhere, there were camera shutters snapping everywhere, possibly the beginnings of a future Iris power point (digital) show. I know we are putting together a show of all of this beauty. Is there anything else more perfect?

Down the hill was a beautiful turkey strutting around in full gala wing spread and open tail fan. There was a vendor with wonderfully fragrant hand made goat milk soaps adding perfume to the air. In the distance we could clearly see remnants of the San Francisco Bay. The grass was green and fragrant and spread over the adjacent rolling hills. Nola and Gary get to stay here and see this every day. We had a very good time and dragged our heels in reluctance when it was time to leave. We did not want to leave. Well who would? All of the irises growing there were large, strong and very healthy.

We thank Nola and Gary for all they did for us.

Shirley Trio-Probst

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*right:*  
Nola in her  
garden





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# Editor's Notes ~ Shirley Trio-Probst



## Another Successful Spring Regional

Friday evening was a whirlwind of activity. The show was foremost on everyone's mind. I think that after seeing the 100-plus stalks entered in the show we all know the membership would much rather see full

shows as opposed to seedling shows, where very few can enter.

The show was a riot of color. Many wonderful stalks standing straight and begging for attention. It does surprise me that there were so few blue ribbons. I have attended several shows this spring and spoken with several show chairs. There seems to be some unusually tough judging going on. When there are only twelve blue ribbons yet there are over 100 stalks I cannot help but wonder. As a master judge I have learned over the years if judging becomes too tough and too strict there will be fewer exhibitors. Judges let us all try to give a little. It takes a lot of damage to bring an iris from a blue ribbon to a third place.

Phyllis Wilburn our new RVP is to be commended for getting the Regional business meeting over in such good time. Perhaps in the future we might consider having our annual spring business meeting on Friday evening. For years and years there was a meeting on both Friday night and Saturday. Past RVP Jeanne Clay Plank saw the redundancy of that and we no longer do it, thank goodness. People had no problem getting to the Friday night meeting. In the spring time we need our Saturday mornings for romping in the garden.

Speaking of romping in the garden, Nola's garden was in top form for our spring regional. All of the plants

were accessible and easy to photograph. In my opinion the bloom was at peak and could not have been any better. The wind was acting up but we have had worse. Remember the spring weekend in Sacramento back in the 90's when it poured rain and was so cold. We are gardeners we must expect nature to give us the boot now and then.

The Judges' training was excellent, I even saw some people that I know are not in the Judges' training program trailing along and learning. The food was excellent. Nothing better than a good ole' cheeseburger. One member was seen chasing her food down the mountain as the wind carried it along. The dessert was just scrumptious, I wanted more.

During the National Convention in New Jersey, Jody Nolin, First VP of AIS, said to me that we should give our 2019 National the theme of "It's About the Flowers Damn It." Think about what she means.

*If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts about our Bulletin, please contact me, the editor, directly ~ thanks!*  
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*below: Milo and Emma Sophia (photo: Jean Richter)*



*And hello from your designer!*

Sorry to be late!

~ A serious foot injury and several weeks of getting sick have slowed me down on this issue. I also played a solo harpsichord concert and worked at 3 girls' rock camp sessions -- this line-up of activities probably won't occur so closely-spaced again!

~ Gesine

Region 14 Bulletin!

*image from Lloyd Austin and his wonderful "Rainbow Offerings" catalog*



# The Spring Regional

Here is a quote from a handwritten letter from Steve Schreiner concerning the Spring Regional:

"Dear Phyllis:

To you and all members of the Spring Regional, I wish to convey my appreciation for the warm welcome I received. Every person I met, it seemed, was friendly and helped make my time there enjoyable.

I was very impressed with what I experienced. The flower show in the hotel was first rate. There were so many perfect gorgeous specimens.

My goodness! The prizes raffled off at the meeting were amazing. It's clear that many members are working hard in unison to pull together a successful regional.

I enjoyed both of Riley's presentations. I wish I would have made better notes. And Gary and Nola's property, and the time spent at that beautiful garden will stay with me a long time.

As always, it's the people we meet that determine the quality of a trip. I really enjoyed meeting for the first time, and getting re-acquainted with a bunch of you.....

Thanks so much again, Steve Schreiner"

*below: Nola's Garden (photo: Mark Greene)*



Steve Schreiner (photo: Carl Boro)

*below: Riley Probst, auctioneering (photo: Mark Greene)*





# Awesome Lloyd Austin ~ Region 14 hybridizer

~ Jean Richter



first awarded a Dykes Medal more than twenty years after his death.

Lloyd Austin made many other contributions to the iris world besides the space agers, however— lesser known, but equally important to his legacy, are his contributions to the development and popularization of aril and arilbred iris, as well as reblooming iris.

Lloyd Austin was born in 1898 in Westfield, Massachusetts. After serving in World War I, he became an instructor in the Pomology Department at the University of California's College of Agriculture at Davis. [For those ignorant of the meaning of the term (including the author before she researched this article), pomology is the science of fruit and nut production and distribution.] In 1925 he became the first director of the Institute of Forest Genetics in Placerville, California.

By 1944 he had determined that he was going to hybridize iris, with his initial specialization being aril and arilbred iris. For a time just prior to the establishment of his own Rainbow Hybridizing Gardens in 1946, he was associated with Carl Salbach's iris enterprise in Berkeley, an association that was later to prove crucial in the development of the first space age iris.

Rainbow Hybridizing Gardens published its first catalog in 1946, and remained in business for twenty years. After Lloyd Austin's death in 1963, his widow Gladys kept the business going for a few final years in order to introduce his last few cultivars, but sadly the enterprise ceased operations for good after 1966.

Once he had established his interest in aril and arilbred iris hybridizing, Austin began the laborious process of accumulating stock in sufficient quantity to launch his ambitious breeding program. World War II had a very serious impact on aril iris — the old Middle East sources were eliminated by the war, and most of the European dealers and growers lost their entire stock. One of the first, and most important, of Austin's accomplishments in the aril world was to relocate sources for these iris, bringing them back into commerce or introducing them into commerce for the first time. At the time of his death, almost all of the rare aril species stocks in the U.S.A. originated from

Around 15 years ago, when I first became interested in iris, I spent a few years merely assisting my housemate with the care of several pots of iris she had rescued from her late mother's garden. What really got me hooked on iris was a visit to Bluebird Haven Iris Garden (we had gone there in search of identifications for my housemate's iris). Among the great variety of beautiful iris in bloom there, I was particularly struck by the space-agers — those iris featuring unusual beards in the form of horns, spoons, and flounces. I ordered some rhizomes, and the rest, as they say, is history — I now grow close to 300 different iris.

Love them or hate them, we have Region 14 hybridizer Lloyd Austin to thank for the space age iris. It was through his vision and dedication that these varieties came into being, and for me it is a pity that he did not live to see the prominence and popularity that space age iris now enjoy - a space age iris was





Pink Unicorn (Austin 1960)

his importations.

In the ensuing years Austin introduced many arils and aril hybrids; some based on pure aril parents, and others derived from the van Tubergen regeliocycli crossed with oncocycli species or hybrids. He was particularly responsible for rediscovering and publicizing the fertility of the regeliocycli. He also worked extensively with the oncobreds; introducing a large number of new varieties, including one of the few 'Capitola' seedlings in a yellow color range, 'Real Gold' (1952).

Sadly, in the late 1950s Austin made the difficult decision to discontinue his aril and arilbred hybridization program. Given the difficulties growing these iris, issues with delayed germination, and the niche status of the aril/arilbred market, financial considerations forced him to concentrate his hybridizing efforts on the more profitable tall bearded iris in order to keep his business viable. He still continued to publicize and sell arilbreds in his later catalogs, however.

Another of Austin's major interests was the popularization and improvement of reblooming iris. He realized early on that if iris were ever to become

popular with the general gardening public, multiple-season-blooming iris of quality would be essential to their success. He collected and publicized the available reblooming cultivars, and worked them into his own breeding program.

He began selling reblooming iris in his earliest catalogs, and by the early 1950s had begun categorizing the rebloomers he sold by the month in which they would rebloom, thereby assisting buyers in the selection of rebloomers appropriate for their area.

Austin introduced many rebloomers of his own, greatly expanding the number of available varieties. While some may have been named with a bit too much optimism ('Blue Everbloomer', for example), quite a number of them are excellent growers and reliable rebloomers, such as 'Winter Flame' (1953), 'Winter Gold' (1965), and 'Rip Van Winkle' (1963).

In May 1944, Lloyd Austin was visiting the garden of Sydney B. Mitchell (an associate of Carl Salbach) in Berkeley, and noticed a ruffled plicata seedling, M-5-38 (introduced in 1945 as 'Advance



Horned Rosyred (Austin 1958)





Horned Flamingo (Austin 1963)

Guard’), that possessed a slight projection at the end of its beard. As Professor Mitchell had no interest in pursuing the possibilities of this anomalous beard morphology, he allowed Austin to use it in his hybridizing experiments. He selfed M-5-38, and noticed that one of the resulting seedlings had the beginnings of horns – a lavender fancy numbered 638.

Among a number of other discarded seedlings he had received from Professor Mitchell, Austin found another with a tendency to form a projection at the end of its beard – JS-M-176B. Austin crossed 9 flowers of JS-M-176B with pollen from 638, resulting in 296 seeds. As the seedlings from these crosses bloomed, he discovered that the great majority had horns to some extent. 56 of these horned seedlings were reselected, and from this one cross came the first wave of Austin’s horned introductions: ‘Unicorn’ (1954) (the first introduced horned iris, initially offered for the princely sum of \$100!), ‘Mulberry Snow’ (1955), ‘Plumed Delight’ (1955), ‘Wings of Flight’ (1957), and ‘Spooned Fantom’ (1960).

Austin then pollinated JS-M-176B X 638 seedlings with pollen from a number of different tangerine-bearded pink iris, including ‘Twilight Sky,’ which resulted in both ‘Horned Skylark’ (1957) and ‘Pink Unicorn’ (1960); ‘Cherie’s pollen produced ‘Horned Rubyfalls’ (1958); ‘Pink Formal’s pollen produced ‘Horned Rosyred’ (1958); ‘Fantasy’s pollen produced ‘Horned Royalty’ (1958); and ‘Pink Tower’s pollen produced ‘Horned Amethyst’ (1960).

For the rest of his life, Austin pursued his hybridizing program with space age iris, introducing many horned, spooned, and flounced iris. His work



Horned Flare (Austin 1963)

was cut short by his sudden death in 1963 – one can only wonder what new and exciting varieties he would have developed if he had had the opportunity to fully explore the possibilities of space age iris.

The man is no longer with us, but we have a rich legacy in the things he left behind: the treasure trove of information in his catalogs, and the beauty of his iris. Austin’s catalogs were unique in the iris world – jam-packed with text and filled with pictures, they were equal parts encyclopedic knowledge and corny hucksterism. Some of his claims were a bit grandiose (some of those supposedly flat iris never managed to bloom as flat in the garden as they did in the pictures), but one can forgive a bit of exaggeration given the sheer volume of information he provided.

He gave detailed descriptions, printed accurate pictures, gave extensive information about culture and bloom seasons, and put in a delightful array of “secret variety games” to enable sharp-eyed customers to get additional discounts. The addition of color to his catalogs in 1952 added another dimension to the information available. For many aril enthusiasts, the pictures in his catalogs were the best indicators of what these rare iris should look like. In fact, even today some of his catalog pictures are the best available images of varieties long vanished from commerce. The color reproduction in these catalogs was for the most part quite accurate, with the notable exception of green iris. Many a budding iris enthusiast got a bit of a letdown when ‘Green Pastures’ bloomed with a color considerably more drab than the gaudy bright green it’s portrayed as in Austin’s catalogs.

Austin’s catalogs were particularly helpful to hybridizers. He was very encouraging to would-be



hybridizers, giving parentage and fertility information (particularly for arils and arilbreds), selling hybridizing kits, hybridizing manuals, and even iris seed.

In the end, however, it is Lloyd Austin's iris introductions themselves that provide his most enduring legacy. Sadly, many of the aril and arilbred iris he collected or hybridized for introduction are no longer available. Many of the extant varieties require the usual amount of careful culture common to this group of iris, though 'Turkish Topaz' (1962) is a happy exception to this general rule. A collected regelia hybrid, it grows and blooms for me with no special care, and grows so well for Superstition Iris Gardens that it practically naturalizes there.

More of his reblooming varieties remain in commerce, and I have had very good growth and rebloom from a number of them, including 'Winter Flame,' 'Rip Van Winkle,' and 'Dark Mystery' (1962). Those space age iris that so entranced me that day at Bluebird Haven have a somewhat undeserved reputation for poor growth. While some of his introductions do require a bit of coddling to succeed, I have had very good growth and bloom from 'Unicorn' (the one that started it all), 'Horned Flamingo' (1963), 'Pink Unicorn,' 'Horned Rosyred,' 'Horned Rubyfalls,' and 'Flounced Premiere' (1961).

Lest we forget, Lloyd Austin also introduced a large number of regular old tall bearded iris. I have had very good success with a number of these as well, including one of his best known introductions, 'Tangerine Carnival' (1957), the impressive 'Black Sultan' (1966), and the free-blooming, large-flowered 'Crimson Colossus' (1963).

Even if you're a staunch space-ager-hater, there are many Lloyd Austin introductions you might enjoy growing – give some a try!

*If you would like a PDF of a scanned Lloyd Austin catalog, email Gesine Lohr at [gesine.lohr@gmail.com](mailto:gesine.lohr@gmail.com) -- we've scanned 9 of his catalogs, and several of his manuals.*

*[This article appeared in slightly different form in Roots -- The Journal of the Historic Iris Preservation Society, Spring 2008]*

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Black Sultan (Austin 1966)



Magic Rosette (Austin 1966), flounce detail  
Horned Mystery (Austin 1961)





# Eric Hansen ~ Farewell

Eric Hansen left us on February 28, 2016 as a result of a tractor accident on his farm in Loomis, doing what he loved and where he had lived all of his life.

Eric was 57 having been born on June 20, 1958 in Sacramento to Robert (Bob) and Jonelle Hansen. Eric is a fourth generation Loomis fruit grower. He attended Placer Elementary School, graduated from Del Oro High School in 1976, where he performed with the Del Oro marching band.

After graduating from Chico State with a degree in

Certificate #1 for Placer County and was a member of many organizations, including being a member of the Rare Fruit Society.

Eric was a Boy Scout in Loomis Troop 12, where he later became an Eagle Scout. Eric was also past Master of the Penryn Masonic Lodge.

Eric was a member of the Sierra Foothill Iris Society and the Sacramento Iris Society. He served the last three years as Treasurer of Sierra Foothills Iris Society. Eric was a Garden/Exhibition Iris Judge of Region 14, of the American Iris Society, and judged many iris flower shows for various iris clubs and societies in Northern California and Nevada. He also gave training to those that want to become an

AIS Judge. Eric was quite knowledgeable on the spuria iris and had been hybridizing with them, with the goal of improving spuria iris.

Eric is survived by the love of his life, his wife Yarda. Eric also leaves his friend and brother Randy, (Joyce) son Clint and daughter in law Lori, (Ken) Quade; His adored grandchildren Chet Vaughn Kaitlyn (Tyler) Kiel, Michael Quade, Jenna Johnson, Colton Johnson, and Makayla Quade; Eric's nephew Nicholas (April) Hansen and his niece, Whitney Hansen will miss him greatly.

Many friends in the American Iris Society Region 14 will miss Eric.

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*above: Yarda with Eric (photo by Mikey Lango)*



pomology (the study of fruit cultivation) he returned to his farm home in Loomis.

In 1989 Eric married the love of his life, Yarda.

As one of the original members of the Foothill Farmers Market, Eric served four years as the manager of the markets in Auburn and Roseville, and was still an active member on his passing. Eric was a mentor and friend to anyone who was interested in learning how to farm. He loved to try new fruit and things that were not “mainstream” varieties. Eric held Organic



# AIS Youth Members in CIP (Classroom Iris Project) at Coarsegold Elementary School, Coarsegold, CA ~ Carolyn Hoover, CIP leader



4th graders at Bill Tyson's garden, voting on favorites

Carolyn Hoover, leader and mentor to 100 AIS youths at Coarsegold Elementary School and one youth in Reno NV. Carolyn has signed up 100 youth to AIS. These young people are very active in the AIS Youth programs this year. Thanks to help from the staff and following teachers: Mrs. Kyla O'Driscoll, CIP leader, fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Victoria Glines, CIP leader, also a fourth grade teacher.

Fourth grade Coarsegold School students have planted another new iris and vegetable garden on campus. There are over fifty irises planted in the original iris garden that are now in mid-bloom.

Ten youths entered irises in the YIS annual iris shows. One seventh grade student won first place in the youth division and almost made it to Best in Show. Students also entered the Artistic Design Division and received second place ribbons!!

We had a field trip with the fourth grade fashioned after a region 14 spring meeting. We boarded a bus and visited two gardens and gave iris training. Visited were the iris garden of the Hoovers and Bill Tyson. Bill gave educational training on hybridizing and the students all took notes. The Hoover garden had around 800 different iris varieties in mid peak bloom, lunch was on the lawn and deck.

The students even voted their favorite iris seen in bloom. Many kids had a long list and it was difficult to narrow down the list to just one iris. Finally there was just one. That iris was "Fruitsation" a tall bearded by L& K Jedlicka, introduced in 2006. Possibly because Fruitsation was planted on the end of a row and was in full bloom putting on quite a show for the

*right top:* 4th graders at Hoover garden

*left bottom:* students voting on iris in Hoover garden

*right bottom:* CIP Student entering her Artistic Design Floral Arrangement at 2016 Iris Show, YIS

visitors, had a bit to do with overall selection.

Over forty Coarsegold students entered the AIS Ackerman Contest for youth; it is a 500 word essay and covered the USA and Canada. AIS has just announced the winners; there was a tie in the junior division (10-12 year olds). The tie couldn't be broken so each student will be awarded the first prize of \$100.00. One fourth grade winner was in the CIP Program from Coarsegold and the other was Carolyn Hoover's own granddaughter, age 10, the youth member from Reno NV. The tie was taken to the AIS President Gary White. Gary thought all of the essays were so good that he also could not make the decision to break the tie so all will receive the \$100.00 prize. But that's not all, in the Senior Division, another Coarsegold CIP student won first prize and will receive \$100.00. I couldn't be happier; the three first place winners of the Ackerman Contest are youth members that I signed up.

*photos: C. Hoover*



# Judges' Training Report

~ Alleah Haley

The American Iris Society (AIS) judges' team is alive and well in Region 14. Last fall five new Garden/ Exhibition (G/E) judges were appointed by the AIS Board of Directors. That brings the number of active accredited judges to 42:

21 G/E

17 Master

4 Emeritus

Garden/Exhibition judges are the first level of fully accredited iris judges as appointed by AIS. Master Judges have been judges for at least 15 years since they were appointed as Apprentices. Emeritus Judges are persons who have been recognized by the AIS Board as having given outstanding service to AIS.

In addition, Region 14 has:

8 Apprentices. This group has been especially active this year. Many have completed their apprenticeship requirements and are scheduled to graduate to fully accredited G/E judges this fall.

Region 14 also has 10 Retired Judges and about 28 Candidates (Students). The number of Candidates varies from year to year. Two AIS members signed up as Candidates this year.

So why is the number of judges in the Region important? Region 14 is far flung. It encompasses all of Northern California from the Oregon border to approximately Wasco in Kern County, the entire state of Nevada, and, technically, the entire state of Hawaii (although the state of Hawaii is represented by only one retired judge – irises don't grow and bloom well in the tropics). This large area has 16 affiliate societies; and most of these societies have spring iris shows that need accredited judges, anywhere from two to six per show.

So what are the responsibilities of AIS judges? The most important responsibilities are 1) Maintain continuous AIS membership and 2) Vote the AIS ballot. Anyone can check the expiration date of their AIS membership by going to the AIS website: [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org). In the upper left hand corner click on

About AIS. Then on the drop down menu, click on Membership Information, then AIS Membership. Scroll down through the article entitled AIS Membership and click on the link [www.aislookup.org](http://www.aislookup.org). A screen will appear. Type in 14 for the Region (or scroll down the drop down menu to 14 and click on that) and type in your last name. The expiration date for your dues will come up. AIS bills for membership renewals, but be sure to watch for your renewal notice in the mail and pay on time.

In order to vote the AIS ballot, a judge must see and evaluate irises in a garden setting during two successive bloom seasons. Judges should visit many iris gardens during bloom. Attending the Spring Regional Meeting and the AIS National Convention are good ways to ensure that you can see many irises. The judge should take copious notes. The AIS ballot is mailed to all accredited judges and may be filled out and mailed or voted online no later than August 1 of each year. Instructions and the online ballot are at <http://www.voteirises.org>.

Additional responsibilities of iris judges include 3) growing a representative collection of iris types (medians, TBs, Japanese, Louisianas, species, PCNs, etc.) that can be grown in his/her area and to add some new varieties each year, 4) accepting invitations to and judging iris shows, 5) submittal to the Judges Training Chair a timely (by June 1) Judges Activity Report, and 6) taking judges training sessions as required to fulfill the judges training requirements mandated by the society. For Region 14, the judges training requirements are spelled out in detail in the AIS Region 14 Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges which is found under "Forms" on the Region 14 website: [www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org) under the Events tab/Judges Training. Apprentice, G/E, and Master Judges who fail to vote their AIS ballot or to submit a Judges Activity Report for two years in a row are automatically removed from the judges roster. Judges are also encouraged to teach JT classes and instruct Candidates (students) and Apprentices in 1:1 sessions. Emeritus and Retired Judges are not required to visit gardens, vote the AIS judges ballot, or submit a yearly Judges Activity



Report, although they are welcome to do so.

In conclusion, I invite you to join the AIS Region 14 judges team. You can start by completing an Application for Judge Candidate (found on the Region 14 website under Events/ Judges Training, Forms) and sending it to me:

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[www.aisregion14.org/jt.php](http://www.aisregion14.org/jt.php)  
has a lot of JT information, including  
Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges  
and Region 14 Judges' Roster 2015–2016.



*above:* Alleah Haley, JT chair  
(*photo: Mark Greene*)

## Region 14 now has a Facebook page!

At the 2016 Spring Meeting in San Jose, Riley Probst volunteered to create and administer a Facebook page for Region 14. The Facebook page was created by Riley on May 3, 2016.

To view the site, log on to Facebook.com and then in the search box near the top of the screen start typing in “Region 14 of the American Iris Society”. Then hit enter. Then “like” the site and you will become a member of the Region 14 of the American Iris Society Facebook Page.

Please check it out. There are several photos from the recent 2016 Spring Regional Tour. Enjoy the existing comments and photos and/or add your own comments and photos.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=region%2014%20american%20iris%20soc>

*below:* Anna Cadd pointing out some finer points of garden judging at spring regional (*photo: Mikey Lango*)



*bottom:* Group at the spring regional  
(*photo: Craig Tarr*)



# Distribution of the Irises From the Spring Regional: Be Part of the Fun on Tuesday, August 2, 2016

~ *Phyllis Wilburn*

When guest irises are requested from hybridizers (two years in advance of the Spring Regional meeting), they are asked to donate the rhizomes and their increases to Region 14 for fundraising purposes. Those hybridizers, who request that their rhizomes be returned to them, are to pay the postage for the return shipping. Seedlings that are not returned to the hybridizers are destroyed.

It is our current fund-raising practice to dig, label and distribute the rhizomes from the Spring Regional Guest Iris Beds to the affiliate clubs that wish to participate in the distribution. All clubs in Region 14 are encouraged to participate, and the rhizomes are distributed to the clubs in proportion to their membership, with special attention to make sure that all clubs receive some of the newer varieties. Please notify the RVP, Phyllis Wilburn, by July 1 if your club would like to participate by receiving rhizomes. It is estimated that there are 133 varieties that are available for distribution, so it will not be an unmanageable number for any club. Clubs are expected to pay the Region for the rhizomes, either by having an auction to members only and splitting the receipts with the Region on a 50% basis, or by sending a flat amount to the Region per rhizome received. It is our policy that none of these rhizomes be sold directly to the public, as a matter of fairness to the hybridizers who have donated them. Thanks in advance for paying attention to this policy.

Before we can distribute any rhizomes, we must have a "Digging and Labeling Party" at Nola's Iris Garden. If we do it right, with enough hands, shovels, and marking pens, we can do it in one day. If you come to help, you can take the rhizomes for your club with you at the end of the day. I know that it sounds ambitious, but we have done it before in 2012 with rhizomes from two gardens. So plan to be there to help. "Many hands make light work", as we all know. The date is currently set for Tues, Aug. 2, 2016, starting around 9:00 am. We hope that this date is convenient for those clubs who plan to have an auction in August. In case there is a change of date, the affiliate club presidents will be notified via email, and a note will be posted on the Region 14 Web site (AISRegion14.org). This is a party, so bring something to share for lunch, snacks or drinks. But, of course,

don't forget your shovel, sharpie pens, gloves, sun hat, shears or scissors, brushes, old towels, etc. There will be a canopy area for labeling and cleaning.

There were forty seven rhizomes auctioned at the Spring Regional after the banquet dinner, by Riley Probst, and these will be gleaned off the top and shipped to the lucky winning bidders. There is a \$6 charge for shipping, so if you are one of these winning bidders, and have not sent your \$6 to Helen Franklin, be sure to do it as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to Region 14.

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*below: Nola's Garden at the spring regional  
(photo: Mark Greene)*





# Historic iris at Presby Memorial Iris Gardens ~ photos by Shirley Trio-Probst

Presby Memorial Iris Gardens was one of the gardens at the 2016 AIS Convention in New Jersey. The selection of historic irises was unlike anything I have ever seen before. There were four huge beds planted four across of just historic irises, resembling a rainbow; not to mention the new ones.



Anne Leslie (Sturtevant 1918)



Germaine Perthuis (Millet et Fils 1924)



Mme. Henri Cayeux (Cayeux 1924)



One section of the historic irises



# Affiliate Happenings

**Clara B. Rees Iris Society** ~ no report

**Fresno Iris Society** ~ no report

**High Desert Iris Society** ~ no report

## **James M. Gibson Iris Society**

The James M. Gibson Iris Society had a great sale at the Porterville Iris Festival this year. We had fabulous weather and a large turnout of visitors. We also picked up a new member at this year's festival!

In June, we will be working with the City of Porterville to improve the planters down Main Street. Some 18 years ago, George Sutton gave the City a selection of irises to plant on Main Street. Some planters are void of iris now and some of the larger ones have overcrowded iris in the beds. So, we will dig,



divide and replant the iris in all the beds along Main Street. I think we will make George Sutton proud!

In July we will have our annual club iris auction with picnic and in August we will sell rhizomes at the Farmer's Market in Visalia. Then, later in August the potting party is on the agenda to get ready for next year's Iris Festival.

Keep in mind our meeting day has changed. We now meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5pm and we have a potluck at every meeting.  
Linda Hood, President

## **Las Vegas Iris Society**

Our 27th Annual Flower Show was April 16 & 17. We had our garden tour/ picnic and judges training the weekend before; everything was beautiful until we were hit with hail and high winds. The Meagher's

have over 400 irises, everything that was blooming that day was shredded. We were afraid we would have to cancel our show for the first time ever. I called everyone and asked them to bring anything they had. We set out all of the educational tri-fold boards we could find, and then set up a "boutique" table, and another table with potted irises determined to show the public something. *Many others would have given up and cancelled the show. What determination!* ~ Editor

We had five exhibitors and thirty-six entries. Mike and Christine Meagher took Best Specimen of Show with "Secretary" a tall bearded by Thomas Johnson 2006. Dorlene Waite took runner up with "Undercover" a 1996 Louisiana from John Taylor. I am so proud of new member Saunnie Michael who brought a single stalk of "Mesmerizer" a 1991 tall bearded by Monty Byers, (Dykes Medalist 2002) the only flower that survived the storm; she took home a third place ribbon from her very first showing.

It was quite a day. Then suddenly someone opened our door and yelled "the ducks are going to get killed!" Our club sprang into action to herd two adult Canadian geese and their four downy babies out of traffic and back to the lake. That is when our favorite ambassador, Cecil, got the idea to go through the city park and herd people to the flower show. We had so many families come in who never saw an iris before; almost everyone bought at least one potted iris. We even got a new member. We have really got to do community education and talk to children about their school gardening programs. We did not give up and I will say it was a great show. *What a great day. These people ROCK. We could all learn something here. Ed.*

This year our club has also had a silent rhizome auction; two fundraising rhizome sales; added five new members; gave Christmas gifts to Safe Nest Teens (a domestic abuse safe house); had several "hands on" programs; donated iris to Old Mormon Fort State Park; visited a community vegetable garden; worked two weekends pruning roses at the park; contributed to the Pacific Region National Garden Clubs 73 Annual Convention that was held here in Southern Nevada.

This coming year we hope to do more of the same. The State Park has invited us to do a planting demo and offered to let us sell rhizomes there.



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LTC members Marilyn, Deb, Carol, Marcie  
LTC members Susi and Shirley  
LTC iris show



Another State Park wants to showcase its primary building with iris. Opportunity Village is opening a handicap designed park and is interest in us doing some sort of educational programs.

Our club has a first time president and treasurer; thank goodness our “old guard” has so much patience and experience. *Progress keeps affiliates alive. Ed.*

## Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Spring has been a busy time for the Leo T. Clark members. We just held our Annual Spring Iris

Show this past weekend on April 23 and 24th and it took a lot of effort from all of the volunteers to put on a beautiful show. We had a total of 103 entries, which was less than last year, but considering the strange weather pattern we have been having here in Butte County, we were happy to have representation from so many of our members. There was a particularly good showing in the Artistic section from our Youth Group, and our Youth advisors are to be thanked for all of the time and effort that they contribute to nurture this growing group.

We will have Kathy Hutchinson, Rob Marshall and Deb Rojas speaking at our May 15th meeting on hybridizing tips and techniques. We welcome anyone who would like to attend this meeting to learn more about hybridizing iris. This meeting will be held at Kathy Hutchinson’s home, where the club has its iris growing grounds.

Later in May we are planning on having a fundraiser of a yard and garage sale. The time and place are to be finalized at the May meeting. At the June 5th meeting we will come together and finalize our 3rd Annual Potted Rhizome Sale. Prior to the sale we will be holding a pot cleanup and work day.

July and August are traditionally “dark” months for Leo T. Clark, with the next event being our annual iris rhizome sale held over the Labor Day weekend in Fort Bragg.

We wish you all a safe summer.

Carol Cullen, Co-President

## Monterey Bay Iris Society

After a very short night we all appeared on time for the annual business meeting of the Region 14 Board and general members. The RVP Phyllis Wilburn guided and maneuvered the meeting to stay on track.

We got through all of the work and got on the bus at 11:30 am to head for the iris garden of Nola and Gary Prevost. I happened to be seated on the right hand side of the bus. As we approached the

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garden of Nola and Gary the road narrowed and gave me a look straight down for, it seemed miles and miles, as the bus turned down a country driveway we began to see the reason for our being here.

The irises were glorious in full color and at peak. Nola and Gary had some very nice roses. Craig Tarr, President of MBIS and the First Lady Karin, Brenda, the Cummins, Riley and Shirley were there representing our club.

MBIS has a busy summer planned, there is the Garden Faire in June at Sky Parks, and we will have a booth there to see irises to the public. In July we will have our big, loud and raucous picnic and auction. In August we dig for our big sale at the Deer Park shopping Center, and then we follow that with a sale at the Farmers Market at Cabrillo College.

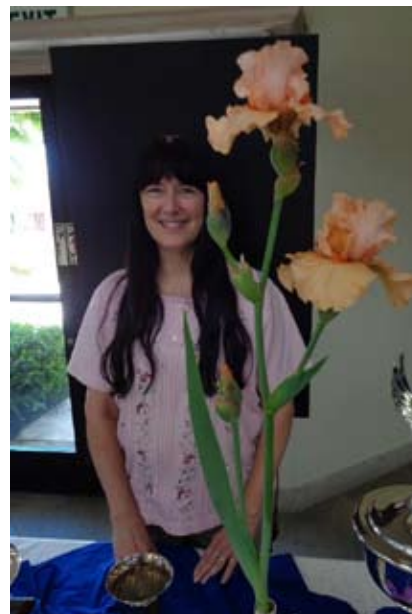
After 20-30 years of meeting the 3rd Friday of the month at the Native Sons of the Golden West clubhouse, we are MOVING!!!. The night and time will remain the same but we will meet at the Simpkins Swim Center in Santa Cruz. We will have more room, a full kitchen, large parking lot. See you at one of our functions. Maybe you will win an extra special rhizome introduction.

## Mount Diablo Iris Society

Our Club had a very successful April Iris Show and potted iris sale at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, Ca. The Best of Show was won by Linda Woods with the TB Iris Coral Splendor. The show and sale was very well attended by the public; we had many anxious iris buyers. Club members throughout the day assisted buyers with helpful growing tips, expert advice and iris knowledge. We sold over 244 potted iris over the two day weekend event. A special thank you to Chair Mary Sindicic and her committee for bringing together a beautiful and colorful venue decorated with iris posters, large iris photographs, umbrellas, and cut flowers throughout.

We held a demonstration for the public on how to separate a clumps of irises and prepare them for planting. We held a second class featuring Ikebana flower arrangements using irises.

A good showing of club members attended the Region 14 Convention. We enjoyed Nola's hospitality and BBQ along with her gifts of goat soap and



*Top: Staging area*

*Middle: The show!*

*left: Linda, with Coral Splendor*

discount coupons for iris ordering. Thank you Nola and Gary Prevost and all Region 14 committee members for bringing together a remarkable event.

We now look forward to our future monthly meetings at our new location at Lindsay Wildlife Museum at 1931 First St. in Walnut Creek, Ca. Meetings are now on Thursday nights for May, June,



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Sept., Oct. and Nov. at 7:00 PM. July brings our annual iris auction and picnic lunch in Livermore, Ca. on July 23, 2016. Time to relax, have fun and enjoy club members' friendship. Bargain irises are always bid on with enthusiasm and laughter. Come join us. Contact our President Stan Morgan for future details.

August rolls in with our Benicia Peddlers Fair sale located downtown on Saturday the 13th. All day sales of iris rhizomes to the public is one of our huge income projects. Often times there are newer rhizomes for sale. It is always well attended by the public throughout the day. If you are in the area, stop by and say hello and buy a few iris.

Check out our new Facebook page at [Facebook.com/MtDiabloIrisSociety](https://www.facebook.com/MtDiabloIrisSociety). Thank you Kathy Oldham for the work on our Facebook page. Have a wonderful Summer!  
Eileen Roark

*below:* Mount Diablo Iris People from left to right, Pat Morgan, Eileen Roark, Jan Blaedel, Marilyn Kaplan, Stan Morgan, Kathryn McCune Linda's mom an avid iris grower and working member of Region 18, and member of Wichita Area Iris Club. Linda Woods



## Sacramento Iris Society

Sacramento Iris Society did it up big with three garden visits and a show this Spring. The show is on the same weekend every year, so we cannot juggle early or late bloom, but it seemed to hit just right this year. The theme of the show was "Country

Living ". The Best of Show was won by Fran Shields with "Treasured" (Ghio, 2004, Tb). The Best Artistic Arrangement went to Kathy Braaten for her arrangement in the category "In the Garden". Potted iris sales went well with many having bloom stalks. One of the most popular was "De Nile" (Kasperek, 2012, AB), a real beauty and an eye catcher which sold out fast. Coming up will be our summer picnic with our sister club Sierra Foothills IS, which will be held at the Shield's residence in Elk Grove on June 11. Following that will be two digging and labeling parties at Horton's and Wilburn's right before our annual rhizome sale which is scheduled for July 16-17. From the sale we glean off some rhizomes for potting, and follow up with a potting party on July 27. The cycle just keeps going on and on.

Phyllis Wilburn, SIS Editor

*below:* Fran Shields and Best of Show -- Treasured, Kathy Braaten with Best Artistic.



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**San Joaquin Iris Society** ~ no report

## **Santa Rosa Iris Society**

Our Society meets the 2nd Monday of most months at 7:00 PM at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

In July member Marlene Horn will give a digital slide program showing the Society's club irises available for bid at our August picnic/auction. During the latter part of July members will dig and divide the club irises that are planted at our iris display garden at the Garden Center in preparation for the auction and door prize distribution. In August, rather than a regular meeting, we will gather on Sunday August 7 at the C&L Vineyard of Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence for a potluck picnic, auction of club irises, and raffle of newer irises donated by members. Barbecued beef and/or chicken will be furnished by the Society.

September is one of our busiest months. On Monday September 5, starting at 8:00 AM, we will bag member-donated iris rhizomes in grocery barrel bags, affix photo name tags to the narrow ends of the bags (saves shelf space), and then set up the Society's double-wide sales booth at the 6th Annual National Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. This event is our largest fundraiser of the year. Members will work shifts, three per day on Tuesday, September 6 through Thursday, September 8, selling rhizomes and educating the public about irises and iris culture. We sold over 300 iris varieties last year! If you haven't come to Santa Rosa for the National Heirloom Expo, you've been missing a real treat. Billed as the "World's Pure Food Fair" vendors and exhibitors display "all things heirloom" (4000 varieties of produce alone) from heirloom tomatoes, squash, and watermelons to heirloom breeds of poultry and other livestock. Seventy-five nationally and internationally acclaimed experts will speak and give demonstrations.

We'll sell any remaining rhizomes at the Community Farmers' Market in the parking lot of the Santa Rosa Veteran's Building the mornings of September 10 and 17.

Alleah Haley, Newsletter Editor

## **Shasta Iris Society**

Shasta Iris Society had a very busy April. We had our potted iris sale at Shasta College alongside their horticulture department and the Native Plant Society. There's always a good turnout. The following weekend, April 23 and 24, we had our show with design on Saturday and horticulture on Sunday. Despite the weather we had the day before, we managed to have a show.

Sandy Olsen won the design competition and a new member, Carey Kuhn won Best of Show with his tall bearded Edge of Heaven in the horticulture competition. Sylvie Sidebottom had the runner up tall bearded and Sandy Olsen won a horticulture award. We had 54 entries with 5 varieties represented. It was a small show compared to past years, but successful none the less and was held at the Mount Shasta Mall. We also are happy to add two new members.

Our May meeting will be held at the home of Sandy Olsen where we will hand out awards and tour Sandy's beautiful garden. In June we will go to the home of Janice Scott who has another beautiful garden. In August we will meet at the home of Ann Hass. We have no meeting in July. Shasta Iris Society gives an annual scholarship to a student that is studying something related to horticulture and we are well on our way to raising those funds from our monthly raffle. I hope everyone has a nice summer. Ann Hass, President

## **Sierra Foothills Iris Society**

Sierra Foothills Iris Society celebrated our "Twentieth Anniversary" show. We had a rather small show this year as it was a week earlier than usual for us due to the Spring Regional date. Although it was a smaller turn out there were a quite a few different types of iris entered. We had tall bearded, intermediate bearded, border bearded, miniature tall bearded, species, spuria and pacific coast iris. We also had artistic arrangements entered in the show. The Best of Show was won by Dark Wonder, a border bearded exhibited by Kathy Braaten. Yvette Meador won the Best Design in the artistic arrangements. Cindy Eastman was the winner of the Silver Medal and Mary Ann Horton won the Bronze Medal.



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The AIS judges for our show this year were Rudy Ciuca, John Pesek, Terry Toney and apprenticing was Joe Lawrence.

There were potted iris for sale at the show and almost all of them were in bloom at the time of the sale. The customers really enjoy purchasing an iris in bloom.

We will be having a demonstration on digging and dividing an iris clump at our June 28th meeting. Our meetings are held in the Rose Room at the Auburn Civic Center 1225 Lincoln Way Auburn CA.

Our main fund raiser sale will be July 23rd and July 24th and held at Easley's Nursery in Auburn CA at 380 Nevada St Auburn CA. The hours for the sale are Saturday, July 23rd 9-3 and Sunday July 24th 10-2. Submitted by Kathy Braaten

*below:* Best of show



*below:* Best of classes



## Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society had a very successful show on April 16-17. We had over 100 entries, with Linda Woods winning best specimen with her tall bearded iris 'Dazzle.' The beautiful Dazzle is a tall bearded Joe Ghio introduction of 2011.

We're gearing up for our July bearded iris rhizome sales - our main auction and sale will be held on Friday, July 22 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Oakland Garden Center, and we will also be selling rhizomes at the Jack London Square Farmers' Market on Sunday, July 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We are also looking forward to a presentation on historic iris at our August 26 meeting by Gesine Lohr (former HIPS journal editor and current layout person for this publication).

Jean Richter, President

*below:* Judging



*right:*  
Best of show,  
Linda Woods with  
winner Dazzle  
(photo J. Richter)



# Affiliate Happenings

**Westbay Iris Society** ~ no report

## **Yosemite Iris Society**

The Yosemite Iris Society has been very busy during the Spring months. We have three new members of YIS this month!! Welcome to YIS!!

We held YIS 4th Annual Iris Show April 16, 2016. We had Artistic Design Division for the first time this year! Betty Bridger won that division with her lovely arrangement of iris: Social Graces. Bill Tyson won best of show with TB: "Sotto Voce", 2nd place, Carolyn Hoover, "Starwoman", IB, and Youth Division winner, "Passion Play."

Friday, June 3rd 7 PM meeting will present the YIS Iris Show Awards at the Yosemite Lakes Park Club House, Coarsegold, CA.

We have been doing some fundraising with potted TB irises at Farmer's Market at Kaiser Hospital, Fresno every Wednesday through June 1st. Many thanks to Guy Hoover, Gary Collings, Betty Bridger and Maureen LeForge for participating in Fundraiser. YIS is also planning a fundraiser on Memorial Day Week End at the local Peddler's Fair grounds, Sat. May 28th. We will be potting up over 800 donated irises at our annual POTTING PARTY on Saturday, August 13th from 8-2 PM at the Hoover's garden in the heat of summer. Hopefully, it will be cool enough under the big oak trees!

July 16th is our Annual BBQ and Auction to be held at Gary and Gail Collings home in Oakhurst. Our monthly door prize Irises won during the year will be handed out that day by Shirley Trio, Iris Door Prize Chair.

September 9th, 2016 YIS will have Jean Richter with a program on Historic Irises.

Oct 7th Vice President Riley Probst will present a program on the Region 14 garden tour. Riley and Shirley will be attending the annual AIS National Convention so at our Nov 3rd meeting Riley will present a power point program on 2016 AIS National being held in New Jersey.

Our Iris Bloom is coming to an end this year except for Gary Colling's Iris garden at elevation of over 3,000 ft. By the time this bulletin is published my Spurias and Japanese irises will also be coming to

an end.

Come by and be a guest at one our club meetings. Our meeting place is in same building as Blue Heron, a very nice restaurant. Come by and have dinner with us at 6 PM and have a social hour with us.

Carolyn Hoover, President

YIS 4th annual iris show (photo: C. Hoover)



Youth 1st Place and Best in Show  
photo: Sandy Saelens





## Awards for Irises Blooming at Spring Regional

~ Riley Probst, AIS Emeritus Judge

The following awards were given to irises seen blooming at the 2016 Spring Regional at Nola's Garden in San Jose, CA.

The Cotillion Cup is awarded to the best current introduction of a Region 14 Hybridizer. This year's Cotillion Cup winner was *Heaven's Door* by Bob Annand / Rob Marshall 2016 TB.

The Clara B. Rees Cup is awarded to the best past introduction of a Region 14 hybridizer. This year's Clara B. Rees Cup winner was *Hearts On Fire* by John Painter 2014 TB.



The Out of Region Award is awarded to the best iris from a hybridizer who resides outside of Region 14 introduced between 2012 and 2016. This year's winner was *Skirting The Issue* by Schreiner's 2014 TB.



The James Gibson Cup is awarded to the best plicata, fancy plicata, luminata, broken color or visual plicata introduced between 2012 and 2016. This year's

winner was *Jazzberry* by John Painter 2013 TB.



The Hager Cup is awarded to the best bearded (not TB) introduced between 2012 and 2016. This year's winner was *Holiday In Mexico* by Riley Probst 2012 MTB.

The Knopf Cup is awarded to the best numbered or named seedling of a Region 14 hybridizer. This year's winner was *Skybeat* by Bob Annand/ Rob Marshall TB.

The Melrose Cup is awarded to the best beardless iris. This award was not given this year.

The following list is some of the additional guest irises observed blooming nicely the day of the tour. They are: *American Original*, Tasco 2014; *Broke Again*, Tyson 2012; *Calizona Gold*, Valenzuela 2012; *Chili Spots*, Valenzuela 2016; *Downtown Brown*, Schreiner's 2013; *Florentine Gold*, Filardi 2010; *Heartfelt Beauty*, Valenzuela 2013; *Helen's Melody*, Stout 2014; *Honey Cream Grapes*, Valenzuela 2016; *Honey Way*, Annand/Marshall 2016 IB; *Ice Planet*, Tasco 2013; *Lemon Jade*, J. Painter 2015; *Magnificent Masterpiece*, Nicodemus 2010; *Not A Clue*, M. Sutton 2014; *One Step Beyond*, Tasco 2014; *Opposites*, Trio 2012; *Ozark Jubilee*, Nicodemus 2014; *Pamela Rae*, Valenzuela 2012; *Payback Time*, Schreiner's 2014; *Power Lines*, Probst 2013; *Quintessa*, J. Painter 2015; *Shaman's Magic*, Tasco 2014 AB; *Subtle Beauty*, Tasco 2011; *Sweets*, G. Sutton 2013; *Urban Cowgirl*, Schreiner's 2013; *Vibrato*, L. Painter 2015 and *Voyager*, Filardi 2014. *Voyager* was receiving a lot of attention. The freshly opened bloom is much darker than the bloom that has gracefully matured. It gives the appearance of two different irises on the same stalk.



## **BROKEN BORDER**

**Bill Tyson 2016 BB-BC**  
\$30

**Fleur De Lis Garden**  
2701 Fine Ave.  
Modesto, CA 95355

**shipping \$6**

[shirleytrio@gmail.com](mailto:shirleytrio@gmail.com)  
[rprobst02@earthlink.net](mailto:rprobst02@earthlink.net)

### **OPPOSITES**



**S. Trio 2012 TB \$12**

### **POWER LINES**



**R. Probst 2013 TB-SA \$15**

### **NOT BROKE THIS TIME**

**B. Tyson 2015 TB \$25**



### **BROKE AGAIN**

**B. Tyson 2012 TB-SA-BC \$12**





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**Napa Country Iris Garden**, John and Lesley Painter, 9087 Steele Canyon Rd., Napa, CA 94558; 707-255-7880; www.napairis.com .

**Nola's Iris Garden**, Nola Prevost, 4195 Sierra Rd., San Jose, CA 95132; 408-929-6307; www.walking-p-bar.com; email: orders@walking-p-bar.com or gprevost@sbcglobal.net.

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REGION 14  
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AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report

REVENUES BY ITEM:		
Bulletin Advertising	300	
Bulletin Subscriptions		
Donations from Societies *	2400	175
Donations/Raffles		
Interest	200	116.53
Judges' Training	500	
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400	
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-	1000	
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1000	
" Fall Beardless Fundraiser	900	
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	700	
Region 14 Spring 2016 Regional	8400	
Use of Reserve Funds	0	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>15800</b>	<b>291.53</b>
		-
Total Expenses	-19048	2406.61
Less total Revenues	15800	291.53
		-
Excess exps/revenues:	-3248	2115.08

Donation= Honor= 75 Scholarship=100

REGION 14 OF THE  
January 1, 2016 to April

		Funds	
Checking		11549.	9317.8
Coast hills Savings		1861.	24734.
" CD			22756.
<b>Total</b>	<b>36167.16</b>	<b>34052</b>	
<b>EXPENSES BY ITEM:</b>			
Bulletin- Publishing	3		21.77
" Editor Expense	5		
RVP Allowance	2		699.74
Finance, Summer Fundraiser			
" Beardless Purchases	4		
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	1	48.07	
" Sales Taxes	2		89
Judges' Training	1		
Awards and Trophies	6		
Honorary Awards	3		
Office/Legal	3		231.08
Historian		100	
Scholarship	1		
Additional Funds Donated by Redwood I S	8		
Science		500	
Youth Committee	2		
Membership	5		
Internet Services	1		
S.F. Flower Show-	6		
Donation-		200	
Start-up Funds	5		
Spring 2016 Regional	8		1316.9
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2406.6</b>

**Wanted!**

We encourage each iris society president, or a representative, to send news from their society for publication in the Bulletin. Please share information on your events, innovative ideas and latest accomplishments to [Shirley Trio, Editor shirleyjtrio@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyjtrio@gmail.com) by the quarterly due dates listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

This is YOUR bulletin!



# Something's Always Blooming Somewhere

American Iris Society Region 14  
2016 Fall Regional – October 14-15, 2016  
Alden Lane Nursery

981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550

We have reserved guest rooms at: Extended Stay America - Airway/Livermore  
2380 Nissen Dr. Livermore, CA 94550

Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 1-877-701-3383

To receive the group rate, use the name AIS when making your reservation by AUGUST 15, 2016  
\$99.00, single or double occupancy, one bed; \$109 two beds, double occupancy; \$114 triple occupancy, \$119 for four  
There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25

Registrant 1: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee paid BY September 1, 2016 \$ 70.00 X person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee AFTER September 1, 2016 \$ 75.00 X person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MDIS or Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Send registration to: Kent Lincoln

752 Laurel Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94596

For more information: [Fallregion14@gmail.com](mailto:Fallregion14@gmail.com) Phone – (925) 828-2192

Refunds before September 15, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee. No Refunds after September 15, 2016

FRIDAY We will have a Rebloomers Iris Show. Will you be bringing bloom stalks?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

3:30-5 PM Iris preparation MDIS will provide containers and entry tags. Please bring your own grooming equipment.

We would like to encourage participation this year by offering several new events on Friday:

We invite past and present SHOW CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many \_\_\_\_\_

4 – 5 PM We invite past and present PROGRAM CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

5 - 8 PM Mocktails and small plates. Will you be joining us for the Meet and Greet? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

5:30 PM Stan Morgan will present, "The Incredible Wild Iris – A Specie Overview"

7:00 PM Dr. Carol Wilson, research botanist, will be our very special Guest Speaker. She is currently at UC Berkeley while continuing her affiliation with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. She has traveled extensively researching and collecting wild iris. Her presentation will include pictures of her travels and stories about her collecting experiences. Don't miss this!

## SATURDAY

8:00 AM Continental breakfast

8:30 AM Region 14 business meeting

10 AM Coffee break followed by the conclusion of the business meeting

NOON Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 Judges' Training - Division V Artistic with Dr. Anna Cadd Will you attend? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

We would appreciate you sharing with us any food issues so we may plan a menu for all to enjoy.

Vegetarian \_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_ Gluten-Free \_\_\_ Dairy \_\_\_ Nuts \_\_\_ Seafood allergy \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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AIS-14 Treasurer Helen Franklin  
5621 Oakhill Court  
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~ Advertising Manager ~

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