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The RVP's Garden



As I write this, my garden is not yet at peak bloom, but I know that soon the Spurias and Louisianas will bloom, and then there will be summer projects. Summer brings on the big "D" which stands for Digging, and of course, rhizome sales. By the time you read this you

will probably have your shovels ready for action.

But before we get into that, what about that great Spring Regional we had on April 21-23 in Sacramento? I am biased, because it was sponsored by the two clubs that I belong to, and I was Chair of Guest Irises, but I had a wonderful time. The hotel was great, in spite of the other guests, who included a clogging convention --it tested the meddle of the iris show judges with country music and tap dancing in the background. The show was outstanding, with 171 horticultural entries, 26 exhibitors and 14 artistic arrangements. It was a sight to behold. Our guest speaker, Dell Perry from Plano, Texas was well received. Her lecture on 'What are the Rules' caused some introspection among judges, and her knowledge of Arils and Arilbreds is inspiring.

I would also like to thank all the affiliate clubs who donated beautiful and cleverly designed baskets for the basket raffle, as it is becoming more and more popular with participants and a great fundraiser for the Region. Many kudos to the committee that was headed by Kathy Braaten, and the Presidents of the two hosting societies, Cindy Eastman, Sierra Foothills Iris Society and Ruth Ostroff, Sacramento Iris Society, for a job well done.

I know what you are thinking - those must be two big clubs. Not True! Your club could do it too. In fact, you might be impressed to know that SIS had their annual show the weekend before the Spring Regional. Good budgeting and planning is the key to success.

We are set to go to Mariposa for the Spring Regional in 2018 hosted by the Region and assisted by San Joaquin and Yosemite Iris Societies, followed by the AIS Convention in Pleasanton which the Region will host in 2019. See the Region 14 website (www.aisregion14.org) for details of future events. Then comes 2020 - which must have rhizomes in the ground in Fall 2018, unless you request beardless iris. If you request beardless iris for 2020 you must be preparing to receive beardless rhizomes this coming Fall 2017. So 2020 is not so far away when you think about it in terms of guest irises - in fact, it is just around the corner. Talk it up with your clubs and plan to showcase some gardens in your area. They don't have to be big commercial gardens because iris people love to visit all gardens. If your club is not feeling up to sponsoring a Spring Regional, why not one of the upcoming Fall Regional meetings. They are pretty

much the same, but without the gardens, and usually one day shorter.

Along that vein, I want to remind Presidents of the affiliate clubs to let me know by July 1, 2017 if you want to participate in the distribution of guest irises from this year's Spring Regional guest gardens. There are many rhizomes of approximately 145 iris varieties that will be distributed. An email was sent to all Presidents with the details. Thanks to those clubs who have already responded. We do have an agreement with hybridizers that we will not sell any of the rhizomes on the internet, or undercut them by selling them to the public at reduced rates. If your club sends a member or two to help with the digging and labeling, they can take the club's rhizomes back with them, and save the cost of shipping. You are expected to either pick up your rhizomes, or reimburse the Region for the cost of shipping (which has become more and more expensive). The Digging and Labeling of the guest irises will take place Tues. July 18, 2017 at Frannie's Iris Garden, 8884 Saddlehorn Ct, Elk Grove, and Wed. July 19, 2017 at Horton's Iris Garden, 7440 King Rd., Loomis. The distribution will take place after all the digging and labeling is completed at Horton's Iris Garden, on July 19, 2017.

In your AIS Spring Bulletin, you received the Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot. Every AIS member can vote, not just judges, so results represent the irises that are most popular in AIS, and you can infer that those are also the best growers and bloomers. So don't forget to vote, by sending your votes to me via email indicating the numbers or the names of the 25 varieties that you choose, or sending the ballot to me at: P.O. Box 9, Rescue, CA 95672.

Show chairs are reminded to send me a copy of their show reports, and Judges should send me a copy of your Activity Report which has been distributed by Alleah Haley, Judges Training Chair. The June 1 deadline for the Activity Report for Judges has been changed to June 8 to accommodate those Judges who will be attending the AIS Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

So there will be more fun in the summer for all we irisarians who love to dig in the dirt and sell to the public. As SIS member, Stan Logan, says, "this is the fun stuff". I hope we all take that positive attitude and help our clubs and the Region with all our various iris activities, and have fun doing it. Here is the Mission Statement of AIS: "The Mission of The American Iris Society is to organize and disseminate knowledge of the genus *Iris*, while fostering its preservation, enjoyment and continued development." Let's all do our part to promote AIS, by finding at least one new AIS member for each club in the Region. Let's find those other iris lovers who are out there, who are not members of AIS and don't yet know how much fun it can be to join and be part of a group that supports their favorite flower.



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the AIS Blog!**
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Editor's Notes

I am sorry to report that our layout person and computer whiz Gesine Lohr has asked to step down from the Bulletin. Gesine has taken on a big project with a girl's rock musical project. Plus she still does her volunteer work and various animal help things plus she has her own cats to care for. We will miss you, Gesine. I could not have learned as much as I have without your help. Thank you, thank you for all you have done for Region 14 and the Bulletin. The bulletin literally flowered with your help.

Larissa E. Daniel of the Monterey Bay Iris Society will take over the vacated spot for one issue. If you are handy with computers and would like to help with the Bulletin let me know.

The summer is here and the blooms have come and gone. Bloom time was up and down this year. In our garden in Modesto we did not see a peak bloom time. Blooms started much earlier than usual in March and just kept up steadily until about the second week of May. Soon the rebloom will kick in and there will be color again.

Remember, reblooming irises should not be allowed to go dormant, so do not taper off the water. If a reblooming iris goes longer than 3 weeks without water, the rebloom is lost. Also, fertilize your rebloomers now if you didn't do it when they were blooming.

It is not too early to begin to think about a reblooming show.

So many fun things are happening this summer. There are auctions and sales everywhere. You can save a bundle on new irises for your garden by attending these bargain filled auctions.

Start making plans to attend the fall regional. That is where you can really learn about the nuts and bolts operation of the region. Start thinking about the spring regional now. We will be competing for rooms in the already few hotels and motels, with the Yosemite Valley tourist season, (the falls are at their greatest during the spring thaw). There is also some kind of bike marathon going on that will also take up rooms.

The 2019 National AIS Convention plans are moving forward. The "Choose the Theme Contest" will close on July 1, so get your suggestion in writing to me, Shirley Trio-Probst. The person that submitted the name and the Theme will be announced at the fall regional.

Shirley Trio-Probst

Editor



Shirley Trio-Probst, Carolyn Craft, Carol Dahout, Karin Tarr, Irene Cummins and Jim Cummins at Frannie's Iris Garden during 2017 Spring Regional. Photo by Riley Probst

Calendar of Regional Meetings

Fall 2017 - October 27-28, Chico. Hosted by Region 14 with Leo T Clark Iris Society

Spring 2018 - May 11-13, Mariposa, Hosted by Region 14 with San Joaquin and Yosemite Iris Societies

Fall 2018 - Host Needed

Spring 2019 - April 23-27, 2019, AIS Convention, Pleasanton, Hosted by Region 14 with assistance from all clubs

Fall 2019 - Host Needed

Spring 2020 - Host Needed

Fall 2020 - Host Needed

Report of the Awards and Trophies Committee 2017

The 2017 Region 14 Spring Meeting April 21-23, 2017, had guest rhizomes hybridized by Robert Annand from Rob Marshall, Cynthia Bauer from Bruce Filardi, Tom Burseen, Cheryl Deaton, Roger Duncan, Bruce Filardi, Joe Ghio, Chad Harris, Douglas Kanarowski, Keith Keppel, Larry Lauer, Dave Niswonger, John Painter, Leslie Painter, Nancy Price, Riley Probst, Ray Schreiner, George Sutton, Michael Sutton, Richard Tasco, Shirley Trio, Bill Tyson, John Van Hook from Bruce Filardi, and Margie Valenzuela. The guest rhizomes were hosted by Frannie's Iris Garden and by The Horton Iris Farm. The qualification requirements for the awards are detailed in the Standing Rules of Region 14. For convenience of reference a brief form of these requirements are included below. Sixty-three attendees submitted ballots for the Region 14 Awards with the following results:

- 1) **The Knopf Cup** which is awarded to the best seedling by a Region 14 hybridizer; second runner up was QBDX40PQ hybridized by Riley Probst; first runner up was 04-16-5 hybridized by Bill Tyson; and winning the award was 0540 hybridized by Douglas Kanarowski.
- 2) **The Out of Region Award** which is awarded to the best guest seedling or named variety introduced within the last five years by a hybridizer outside Region 14; second runner up was Sweet Child of Mine hybridized by Larry Lauer; first runner up was Decked Out hybridized by Tom Burseen; and winning the award was Flash Mob hybridized by Keith Keppel.
- 3) **The Cotillion Cup** which is awarded to the best current introduction by a Region 14 hybridizer; first runner up was Broken Border hybridized by Bill Tyson; winning the award was Tropical Fruit Salad hybridized by Douglas Kanarowski.
- 4) **The Clara B. Rees Cup** which is awarded to the best introduced iris prior to the current year by a Region 14 hybridizer; second runner up was Vibrato hybridized by Leslie Painter; first runner up was Jelly Bean Parade hybridized by Douglas Kanarowski; and winning the award was Autumn Explosion hybridized by Richard Tasco.
- 5) **The Jim Gibson Cup** which is awarded to the best plicata or related form introduced within the last 5 years; second runner up was Vibrato hybridized by Leslie Painter; first runner up was Flash Mob hybridized by Keith Keppel; and winning the award was Ghirardelli Square hybridized by Keith Keppel.
- 6) **The Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup** which is awarded for the best bearded iris that is not Tall; second runner up was Deep Secret an IB hybridized by Larry Lauer; first runner up was Candy Basket an MTB hybridized by Chad Harris; and winning the award was Black Cherry Sorbet an MTB hybridized by Chad Harris.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee:

William Fink, Chair
Yvette Meador
Lucy Fink
Riley Probst



The Prestigious
Clara B. Rees Cup
was awarded to the
outstanding
rebloomer Autumn
Explosion

Photo by Riley Probst

The Jim Gibson Cup for
the “Best Plicata” went
to the Plicataman him-
self, Keith Keppel with
a beautiful specimen
named after our San
Francisco landmark
“Ghirardelli Square”

Photo by Riley Probst



The Cotillion Cup
which is awarded to the
best current introduc-
tion by a Region 14 hy-
bridizer was awarded
to Tropical Fruit Salad
hybridized by Douglas
Kanarowski.

Photo by Riley Probst



Best Artistic Design depicting the "Wild West" category By the Master of Design Anna Cadd. *Photo by Riley Probst*



The Bulletin Editor Shirley along with Sandy mother of Region 14 AIS winner of both the Ackerman Award and the Clarke Cosgrove Award. *Photo by Riley Probst*



Cindy Eastman Regional Show Chair. *Photo by Riley Probst*



Belle of the Ball Carol Dahout of CBRIS modeling her beautiful Iris Dress. *Photo by Riley Probst*



Guest speaker and Judges Trainer Dell Perry from Texas giving judges training. *Photo by Riley Probst*

Winners Region 14 Show ~ April 21, 2017

Best Specimen of Show:

Lady of Leoness TB by: Della DeCorse,

Best Seedling Judged Most Worthy:

05-41-1 TB hybridized by Joyce Ragle, 10 entries

Silver Medal (Most blue ribbons):

Linda Woods

Bronze Medal (2nd most blue ribbons):

Cindy Eastman

Best Design of Show:

Wild West by: Anna Cadd

Best Miniature Dwarf Bearded Iris:

Icon by Douglas Kanarowski, 1 entry

Best Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris:

Grape Orbit by Douglas Kanarowski, 19 entries, 18 cultivars

Best Intermediate Bearded Iris:

Rust Never Sleeps by Cindy Eastman, 12 entries, 10 cultivars

Best Boarder Bearded Iris:

Niche by Jim Cummins, 5 entries, 5 cultivars

Best Miniature Tall Bearded Iris:

Dividing Live by Linda Woods, 7 entries, 6 cultivars

Best Tall Bearded Iris:

Lady of Leoness by Della DeCorse, 70 entries, 68 cultivars

Best Historical Iris:

Jeweled Starlight by Craig Tarr, 10 entries, 9 cultivars

Best Novelty Iris:

Westpointer by Fran Shields, 9 entries, 9 cultivars

Best Pacific Coast Iris:

Eye Catching by Linda Woods, 18 entries, 17 cultivars

Best Aril/Arilbred Iris:

Enchanters Spell by Mary Sindicic, 4 entries, 3 cultivars

Best Siberian Iris:

Caesar's Brother by LaVille Logan, 3 entries, 2 cultivars

Best Spuria Iris:

Rodeo Blue by Elaine Fischer, 1 entry

Best Louisiana Iris:

Sinfonietta by Mickey Lango, 1 entry

Best Species Iris:

Beta Gnu by Cindy Eastman, 1 entry

We had 171 Horticulture entries and 14 Arrangement entries!! 185 entries total!!!!

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all exhibitors. It was you that made this show the best Region 14 has ever had.

Cindy Eastman
President Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Judges' Training Report Summer 2017

~ Alleah Haley

It has been a very busy spring for all the judges, apprentices, and students in the region. We have had eight judges' training (JT) sessions, including two in Las Vegas, Nevada and two at the spring regional meeting. Combined with training on judging the artistic division (arrangements) at the fall 2016 regional meeting, that brings the total sessions for the year (August 1 through July 31) to nine. My sincerest appreciation to the following judges for all their hard work in giving these trainings: Jim Begley, Ross BeVier, Anna Cadd, Carolyn Craft, John Jones, Dell Perry of Plano, Texas, Riley Probst, and Dorlene Waite.

As the JT year heads towards its close on July 31, Region 14 has 92 folks enrolled in JT including 24 Garden/Exhibition judges, 15 Master judges, 4 Emeritus judges, 12 Retired judges, 5 Apprentices, and 32 Student judges. Four Apprentices are expected to advance to fully accredited Garden/Exhibition status this fall. We lost two Garden/Exhibition judges this year – they moved from Las Vegas to Region 15 (southern California). This number includes four new Student judges (Candidates).

By the time you read this, all apprentices and active judges should have completed and returned to RVP Phyllis Wilburn and me their Judges Activity Reports for the year. In addition to completion of judges' training classes to maintain active judgeship, judges and apprentices are required to submit Judges Activity Reports each year and judges must sign and return their AIS ballots. Both the Activity Report and AIS ballot are mandatory requirements to maintain active AIS judgeship. The AIS ballot must be postmarked by August 1, 2017. Judges can also vote online at <http://www.voteirises.org>. Many judges use their paper ballot for note taking during bloom and then vote online. Just be sure to submit your ballot in a timely fashion. Failure to vote the official ballot in a timely manner for two consecutive years results in automatic disqualification as a judge.

In my last spring's judges' training update I focused on the need for consistency in exhibition judging, judges putting themselves in the shoes of competitors at shows, and overall fairness in awarding ribbons and awards. From what I observed this spring, I'd say that consistency in judging improved this year in Region 14. Bloom quality was high, in part because our wet winter favored iris growth. Grooming and staging were, however, at times problematic. As judges we can help prepare show

committees to do their jobs by giving programs on these topics in the spring so that exhibitors will know how to prop their specimens for best effect, display specimens with the front facing forward, and teaching placement personnel the importance of checking varietal ID and classification. Judges should be especially careful when thinking to disqualify a specimen as misnamed. I quote from the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials (page 67): "Judges must be especially hesitant to declare that a specimen is misnamed, as color intensities [of flowers] vary greatly, even in small geographic areas." Consistency and reliability in judging engenders trust in the AIS awards system for competitors and the public at large.



Guest speaker Dell Perry with Lucy and Bill of SIS AND SFIS in Horton Garden. Photo by Riley Probst



Frannie's Iris Garden in Elk Grove

~ By Marilyn Kaplan

After driving on beautiful country roads, we reach Fran-
nie's Iris Garden.

Here there are well-groomed and manicured beds, laid
out with wide walking paths, A Dykes Medal winner gar-
den dating back to 90 years ago, a Rebloomer garden and
an area for Space Agers. and, of course, rows and rows
of all the new introductions in all their beautiful glory. I
spend time with my booklet and makes lots of notes.

This is Fran and Russ Shields iris garden, complete with
gazebo, plenty of garden art and sitting areas. A huge
selection of one gallon pots for only \$7 each, all alphabet-
ized, sit on tables on one side of the garden. It's tempting,
to say the least, to do early pot sale browsing. Also tempt-
ing is to sit under the trees and have a late breakfast with
all the tasty food snacks, cakes and pastries. Nearby is an
antique red Coca-Cola® cart complete with ice cold cans
of my favorite drink. I pop the top off one and begin to
look around.

William R. Dykes, his story and untimely death at 48
years of age following a motor car accident really gets my
attention. The Shields have written out his bio and how
the Dykes Medal Award tradition began 90 years ago, on
a sign post in the Dykes Medal garden. Being a historian,
this really takes me back in time, as I browse through the

garden, looking for the first Dykes Memorial Award, San
Francisco, (Mohr-Mitchell, 1927). It's one of my favorites
and I grow it at home in my garden.

Not far from this impressive Dykes garden is a Re-
bloomer garden, then a bed of Space Agers. I stop to take
a picture of Sutton's "Not a Clue"(2014), with yellow stan-
dards with red violet falls and a band of ruby red. And
how those horns reach upward towards the sky, although
I'm told that is not why they are called Space-agers. And
did I mention that the sky was overcast, making it perfect
for photos?

Let me digress a moment, and talk about the Shields.
Before moving to their Elk Grove location, they retired
from County jobs, Russ as an engineer and Fran as a li-
brarian. They raised a herd of 50 llamas for their Summer
High Sierra backpacking business. I look over the fence,
and to my surprise, see a llama staring at me.

Upon leaving this lovely garden setting, I overhear an
R14 guest say "I came to see the irises, but I loved the Pa-
pillion's even more!" They frolic and flirt with all the dog
lovers, happily falling into Fran's arms as they charm their
way into our hearts. And, might I add, Fran and Russ are
just as charming and hospitable as their dogs!



photo by Riley Probst

Fall Regional Event 2017

October 27th and 28th
in
Chico, CA

Ramada Plaza Hotel
685 Manzanita Ct
Chico, CA



Introducing:
Guest Speaker

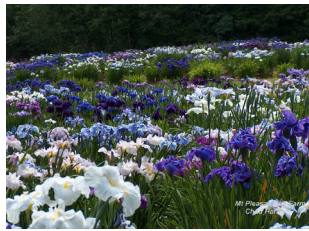
Chad Harris

Of Mt Pleasant Iris Farm
Washougal, WA



Chad Harris of Mt Pleasant Iris Farm has been growing many different species of irises in southwest Washington for over 35 years. He is respected in the iris world as a Master Judge with the American Iris Society and for his work with *Iris ensata* of which several of his introductions hold National Awards. He also enjoys working with the Asian water species *Iris laevigata*.

Currently he and a handful of hybridizers worldwide are using *Iris ensata* to create a new iris hybrid "Pseudata" that is longer blooming and more tolerant of cultural needs.



Region 14
2017 Fall Regional October 27th – October 28th

“Going Beardless”
Hosted by Region 14/Leo T Clark Iris

Guest Speaker – Chad Harris
-proprietor of Mt Pleasant Iris Farm
Washougal WA

Conference Hotel
Ramada Plaza Chico
685 Manzanita Ct Chico CA

Contact them directly for room reservations at 530 345-2491 or by e-mail directorofsales@ramadachico.com
**To receive the group rate use the group name Iris Fall Event when making your reservation. The room rate is available until
October 10th 2017.**

Hotel room rates are \$99.00 + tax for double queen and \$89.00 + tax for single king.
Breakfast included in room rate. Pet Friendly \$22.00 per night charge. Wireless Internet
Registration includes deli buffet lunch on Saturday

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

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Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee by October 10th, 2017 \$70.00 x person (s) ____ Total \$ ____
AFTER October 10th, 2017 \$80.00 x person (s) ____ Total \$ ____

Please make checks payable to Region 14

Please send registration to:

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Re-blooming Iris Show Oct 27th Ramada Plaza Lobby
Irises Accepted: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm Judging at 5:00pm

Will enter: Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____



Spring Regional 2018
Information Flyer
May 11th -13th 2018

“Butterflies in the Mountains”

Guest Speaker Rick Tasco
of
Superstition Iris Gardens

This will be an opportunity for Region 14 folks to visit irises blooming at a higher elevation, around 3,000 ft. Due to the fact the bloom season is later, the Spring Regional is scheduled for a later date than our usual meetings. Also, we will be competing with the beginning of the Yosemite Valley tourist traffic season, thus requiring some 'out of the box' thinking about the hotels and event meeting place. This is going to be a 'down home' event in the Sierra Foothills of Yosemite and the Region is hosting with the assistance of San Joaquin Iris Society and the Yosemite Iris Society. SJIS will be organizing the lunch in Diane and Doug Kanarowski's garden. An AIS sanctioned show will be hosted by Yosemite Iris Society. The registration fee has not been set, but we wanted you to have information about the hotels available in the area, so you can make reservations as soon as possible. There will be no meeting hotel, but all activities will take place at the Bootjack Stompers Hall. There are other hotels in addition to those mentioned in Mariposa, and it will be up to you to choose where you want to stay. Mariposa is approximately 40 minutes from Merced, where you can find other hotels which may be more reasonable. Here are the details that are available at this time:

Kathy Braaten is chairing the event if you have any questions please feel free to call 530 477-2811 or e-mail katbrat@cebridge.net

Judges trainer, Registration fee and registrar TBA

IRIS Spring Regional; Friday/Sunday MAY 11,12,13, 2018

* *Discount hotel room rates*; Good until April 10, 2018;

No rooms will be blocked nor held at this time.

Guests are encouraged to *call immediately* to make the reservations.

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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 -- No report

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Our club had a disappointment this Spring as we were regrettably forced to cancel our annual iris show at the Chico Mall on April 8. Our growers just had few or no good stalks available to display. The cool, rainy weather has been relentless this year, and as much as the rain is needed: Enough, already! We can only hope that our beloved iris (who we all know possess minds of their own) will cooperate with whatever weather we have next Spring to be ready for next year's show! Everything seems to be delayed this year, but we sure have a dazzling display right now (end of April/early May)! Our club yard sale will be held on May 27, and Treasurer Carol Cullen has graciously offered the use of her home for the proceedings. We thank everyone who is donating items.

The LTCIS is taking the preliminary steps to host the Fall Regional in Chico on October 27 and 28. The event will be held at the Ramada Plaza, 685 Manzanita Ct, Chico, CA 95926. Guest speaker Chad Harris of Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm will be discussing Japanese irises. More information is available on the Region 14 website.

Speaking of websites, the LTCIS website is up and running! It is still a bit of a work in progress, but our club has taken a further step into the digital age. There is always room for improvements, learned the inexperienced webmaster (myself). The address is: www.leotclarkirissociety.org.

Happy Growing!

Deb Rojas, Co-President

Monterey Bay Iris Society

The Monterey Bay Iris Society in June is holding a celebration of baseball at our June meeting. Of course there will be hot dogs and soda and peanuts. Plus there will be a guest speaker talking about sharpening your garden tools.

In July we hold the annual picnic and auction. We have what we call our ground sale. Members bring extra rhizomes that date from 3-4 years old back to the historic. These irises are placed on the ground in a singular line. Those attending the picnic buy raffle tickets. As each number is called the winning number may go to the line and choose any iris. Joe Ghio is the lively auctioneer.

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All are invited to come to our picnic and take part in the auction. Very good buys and the prices cannot be beat.

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Our Club had a successful and profitable early April iris show and potted iris sale at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, CA. It was very well attended by the public with many iris buyers. We unfortunately had a hard down pour of rain in the morning but it cleared by the time the show was open to the public at 1:00 pm. Best of the Show iris was Air Hog TB 2009 by Hybridizer Tom Burseen. The exhibitor was Eileen Roark.



Potted iris sale at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, CA.
Photo by Eileen Roark



Iris Show at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, CA.
Photo by Eileen Roark

Club members throughout the day assisted buyers with helpful growing tips, expert advice and iris knowledge. We sold over 225 potted iris over the 2 day weekend event. We gained 1 new member too. A special thank you

to Chair Mary Sindicic and her committee for bringing together a beautiful and colorful venue decorated with iris posters, umbrellas, cut flowers throughout and handy pamphlets for the public taking. A wonderful and delicious lunch for the Judges along with a morning buffet of goodies was prepared and managed by our own amazing Jan Blaedel. Her homemade purple and green iris cookies were a huge hit.



Homemade purple and green iriscookies.

Photo by Eileen Roark

We had a demonstration in the afternoon for the public on how to separate a clump of iris and prep them for planting. Our expert divider was Jeanne King and she provided iris tips, knowledge, planting ideas and how to throw an iris across your garden, make it stick and have it grow- all in one toss. The students embraced her years of experience along with a bunch of laughs.

A good showing of club members attended the Region 14 Convention in Sacramento, CA. They enjoyed the gardens, hospitality, iris show and food along with the silent auction and guest speaker and judges trainer, Dell Perry from Texas. Always a great time to reconnect with members from other societies.

We now look forward to switching to monthly meetings at our second location at Lindsay Wildlife Experience at 1931 First St. Walnut Creek, CA.

Meetings are now on Thursday nights for May, June, Sept., Oct. and Nov. at 7:00 PM.

July brings our annual iris auction and lunch picnic in Livermore, CA. on July 15, 2017. We have ordered irises from the top hybridizers. A club auction is the time to get 3 new irises for the price you would normally pay for one. Time to relax, have fun, jump in the pool and enjoy club members' friendship. Bargain iris are always bid on with enthusiasm and laughter. Come join us. Contact our President Mary Sindicic for more details.

August rolls in with our Benicia Peddlers Fair booth located downtown on the main street. The date to mark your calendar is August 12, 2017. Entire day sales of iris

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to the public is one of our huge income projects. 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. We would love to meet you.

Check out our new Face book page at Facebook.com/MtDiabloIrisSociety. Thank you so much Kathy Oldham for putting together and maintaining our face book page

Have a fun Summer.

Eileen Roark

Sacramento Iris Society

So much has happened in just a few short weeks, and I was once again taken aback at how two amazing events can be pulled together with such apparent effortless-ness. We know, of course, that this isn't really the case. The mark of a successful event is its lack of chaos and ultimate coordination. This was the case with both our Sacramento Iris Society Show over the weekend of April 15-16 and the AIS Regional event, co-hosted by Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies, over the weekend of April 22-23. A huge thank you goes to Alison Willy who has demonstrated through the years how an impressive SIS show can come together and to Bill Fink who stepped up to be her show-chair. Many people worked behind the scenes (you know who you are!) to make the show one of the biggest and best we have ever had.

This all seemed like a dress rehearsal for the following week's Regional event. Thank you to the many people who made this a successful weekend, especially to Kathy Braaten for assuming the role as event chair. The Shield's and Horton's show gardens were amazing, and the garden helpers were engaging and friendly. The weather worked hard this year to put a damper on things, but by event time, the weeds and puddles were a thing of the past. Special thanks go to Phyllis Wilburn for her work as guest iris chair and to the SIS and SFIS "hotel crews" who worked hard to bring us one of the most impressive shows of any I've seen to date. Cindy Eastman, show chair, and her army of helpers made it all possible in the beautiful hotel lobby setting. You knocked our socks off.

I appreciate being part of this festive group, and looking ahead, I urge you all to register for the fall Regional event on Oct. 27-28 in Chico, and to join in the fun! Our annual picnic which we share with our sister club, Sierra Foothills Iris Society, will be at the Logan's house on June 24. Our upcoming Rhizome Sale is on July 15-16, preceded by a dig and labeling party at Horton's Iris Garden on July 9. Not to let the grass grow under our feet, we will be assisting with the digging and labeling for the Spring Regional Guest Iris at Frannie's Iris Garden

on July 18, and Horton's Iris Garden on July 19. We will be having a "Potting Party" on July 29 at my house (Ruth Ostroff) to get ready for next season's sales. We (SIS) will dig the door prize iris that were won during this previous year, on Sept 9, and will auction the leftover rhizomes at our Sept 18 meeting, that pretty much sums up the busy summer that we have in store. But, with the wonderful camaraderie within our club and with other region clubs, I know that it will be great fun!

All the best,

Ruth Ostroff, President Sacramento Iris Society

San Joaquin Iris Society -- No report

Santa Rosa Iris Society -- No report

Shasta Iris Society -- No report

Sierra Foothills Society News

Our society co-hosted the Spring Regional event with the Sacramento Society this year

April 21, 2017 through April 23, 2017. I hope those that attended had a terrific time visiting Horton's Iris garden, Frannie's Iris garden and hearing our guest speaker Dell Perry from Plano TX. Hopefully some of you were also able to visit Ostroff's garden (our optional garden) on Sunday after the judges training. We even had PERFECT weather for the weekend. I would like to thank Cindy Eastman for chairing the show for the Regional. This was her first time as show chair and I think she did a terrific job. It was Cindy's idea to add the Artistic Design portion of the show and what a showing we had. The full show report is elsewhere in the bulletin.

The next big event for our society will be the annual rhizome sale. It will be held this year at Eisley's Nursery 380 Nevada St Auburn CA on July 22, 2017 9am to 3pm and July 23rd 10am to 2 pm.

Submitted by Kathy Braaten

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

After a very successful show at the end of April showing a large number of entries, the Best in Show was Morning Sunrise a tall bearded entered by Linda Woods. See our photo of Linda with her winning iris.

On June 23 our meeting will feature Emeritus Judge Riley Probst giving a presentation on the 2017 AIS national convention in Iowa.

We will be having our bearded iris auction and sale a bit earlier than usual on July 22. Just a couple of days later on July 23 we will have a sidewalk sale. Please see our website (<http://www.bayareairis.org>) for information on the sidewalk sale location (as well as further information on all of our events).



Linda Woods won Best in Show with Morning Sunrise TB.

We will be having an iris potting party in early August to increase our stock of potted irises for future sales. Also on August 25 we will have a program by Gesine Lohr on historic Irises. Hope you can join us at one of our events!

Jean Richter

President, SBMIS

Westbay Iris Society -- No report

Yosemite Iris Society -- No report



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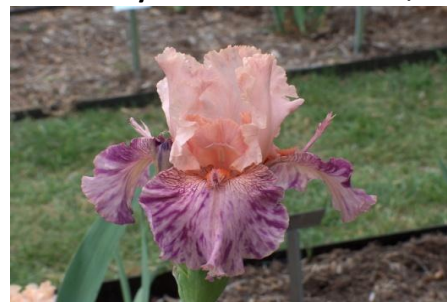
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