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'Carnival Carousel' (Begley 2005) by Riley Probst



## Editor's Notes



This issue of the Bulletin features the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting, a fine event due to excellent hosting by the Santa Rosa Iris Society. See Society News for Anna Marie Hermansen's recognition of the many members and friends who contributed to a successful event.

See reports throughout this issue of the Bulletin for highlights of the meeting.

The event included many enjoyable and satisfying activities, and one of the most exciting was Kitty Loberg's suggestion that the time is near again for Region 14 to host a national convention. This is a formidable responsibility, but participants in the regional meeting quickly embraced the idea. In less time that it takes for more routine business (it seemed), the group approved a committee to explore the issues involved in the feasibility of such a project: when and where it might be held, convention hotel, gardens, organization, budget, etc. Kitty Loberg agreed to chair the committee, and several members promptly volunteered to serve on the committee. They will report their recommendations during the 2014 Fall Regional Meeting (Reno, October 4 & 5).

Reporting such a momentous development is not typically within the scope of Editor's Notes, but this report helps to foreshadow the fall issue of this Bulletin, which is scheduled for release September 1, 2014. We will ask the Convention Exploration Committee to provide a "sneak preview" of their findings for publication in the Bulletin.

In the Bulletin's winter issue, (scheduled for December 1st) we will of course include the Committee's full report, as presented during the 2014 Fall Regional Meeting, plus updated information, as available.

Another interesting idea: free advertising on a trial basis. We have invited advertising in the Bulletin, and have received no responses. During discussion at the regional meeting, we reached an informal consensus that prospective advertisers may be unsure of the Bulletin's value as an advertising publication. This suggests a one-year free trial (four issues) as a way for us all to learn if this publication can be a resource for both sellers and buyers. Watch for the fall issue of the Bulletin!

As always, the Bulletin invites—and needs—your ideas, articles and photos. ☞

Tom Karwin

## Region 14

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## The RVP's Garden

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Wow! What a turnout at our Spring Regional “A Carnival Carousel of Iris.” Thank you, Santa Rosa Iris Society for all your hours and hours of preparation. It sure paid off, making this Regional an extraordinary event. The results of the awards can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. The flowers, gardens, flowers, hotel, flowers, food, training, flowers and the keynote speakers were just spectacular.

The [Fresno Iris Society Iris Show](#) was featured on their local PBS TV station. You can view it on line.

Another video you can view is a drone view of the [Superstition Iris Gardens](#). A photographer was testing his skills and equipment flying over the iris garden.

A big “thank you” to Terri and Jay Hudson, first, for donating \$425 to the Region 14 Scholarship Fund, and second, for handling all the paperwork is that is involved in running the Region 14 Scholarship Program.

If your affiliate is looking for some programs, look no further than the [AIS Digital/Slides Program](#) on the AIS web site. Click on member services and then click on presentations. Our own Region 14 and Fresno Iris Society member Janet Smith is the coordinator.

Janet Smith is also the coordinator for the [AIS Photo Contest](#). The contest is now open until June 30, 2014. Go to the AIS web site. Click on photo & puzzles and then click on photo contest.

The symposium voting will start on June 1st of 2015. Let's get a higher percentage of members voting this year.

Now that our spring boom is almost over, it is time to think about heading north next year to “Iris in Wonderland 2015.” That is the theme for the 2015 AIS Convention in Portland, Oregon. There will be over 4,200 guest irises planted in six gardens, of which five are well-known commercial gardens. The website for the convention is here: <http://www.ais2015portlandconvention.com/>. ↻

John Pesek

photo by Phyllis Wilburn



John with Betty Ford, Allison Willy and Phyllis Wilburn



<http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/>

# Calendar

## Regional Meetings

### 2014 Fall Regional “Let’s Get Lucky”



October 3 - 4  
Reno, Nevada

Hosted by the  
High Desert Iris Society

#### Regional Meeting headquarters:

Atlantis Casino Resort Hotel and Spa in Reno, Nevada

Master iris judge Kathy Chilton will be our guest speaker and will conduct the judges’ training session.

The meeting registration form and the detailed schedule are on the Region 14 website:

[www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org).

Contact Billie Shea  
via email <sheabillie@sbcglobal.net>  
phone: 775-720-3736

### 2015 Spring Regional

Hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society. Look for details in the spring 2015 issue of the Bulletin (March 2015) and at [www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org).

### 2015 Fall Regional

Hosted by San Francisco Bay area affiliates and Nola’s Iris Garden.

## AIS Conventions



### 2015 Iris in Wonderland

May 18 - 23 Portland, Oregon

2015 Convention Chair:

John Ludi, 35071 SE Hwy 211; Boring, OR 97009  
503-668-9230; <kludi@juno.com>

<http://www.ais2015portlandconvention.com/>

2015 Convention Headquarters:

Red Lion Hotel on the River

(Jantzen Beach, Oregon)

909 N. Hayden Island Drive; Portland, OR 97217  
503-283-4466; [www.Redlion.com/jantzenbeach](http://www.Redlion.com/jantzenbeach)

### East We Go in 2016

May 23-28, Newark, New Jersey

Convention Chair: Paul W. Gossett

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### 2017 AIS Convention

May 22-26 Des Moines, Iowa

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# Call for Nominations

By John Pesek, RVP, Region 14

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The Region 14 Honorary Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nominations must meet the following criteria.

The Larry Gaulter Award may be awarded to an individual, firm, or couple that has made a significant, long-term contribution to Region 14. The individuals selected as recipients must be currently living in Region 14 at the time of the decision of the committee.

A Larry Gaulter Award recipient shall have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to serve Region 14 over a long period of time. The award is meant to honor those individuals that have demonstrated exceptional service over a period of eight years or more.

Service to the region. This service is demonstrated by (but not limited to) any of the following: service on regional committees, as regional committee chairs, as regional officers, on the executive or general committee, and service in conjunction with regional or regionally sponsored shows and meetings.

Service to local societies, iris shows. Judges training, other local activities and general promotion of irises can be considered, but only as an adjunct to primary service as defined above.

Service at the national level is not to be considered.

In making nominations, please include as much supporting information that meets the above criteria as you can to support your candidate. ☞

Please send your nominations for this award to the Chairman of the Honorary Awards Committee:

John Pesek  
4631 Mayfield Drive,  
Fremont, California 94536  
Phone: 510-793-5089,  
Email: <jmpesek@sbcglobe1.net>

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Napa Iris Garden by Phyllis Wilburn

# Remembering Friends

by Phyllis Wilburn

**Bertha May Brownlee**  
January 4, 1926—March 9, 2014

Kathy Braaten advised on March 9 that her mother, Bertha Brownlee, had passed away that morning. Bertha was known as "The Iris Lady of Auburn" by many and was a life member of Sacramento Iris Society. She mentored many people in growing and showing iris during her lifetime, and was a founding member of the Sierra Foothill Iris Society.



Bertha became interested in irises when intrigued by a black iris that she saw

blooming on Highway 20 in the 1970s. She asked for and received a rhizome and grew that black iris for many years at her home in Auburn, although she never knew its name.

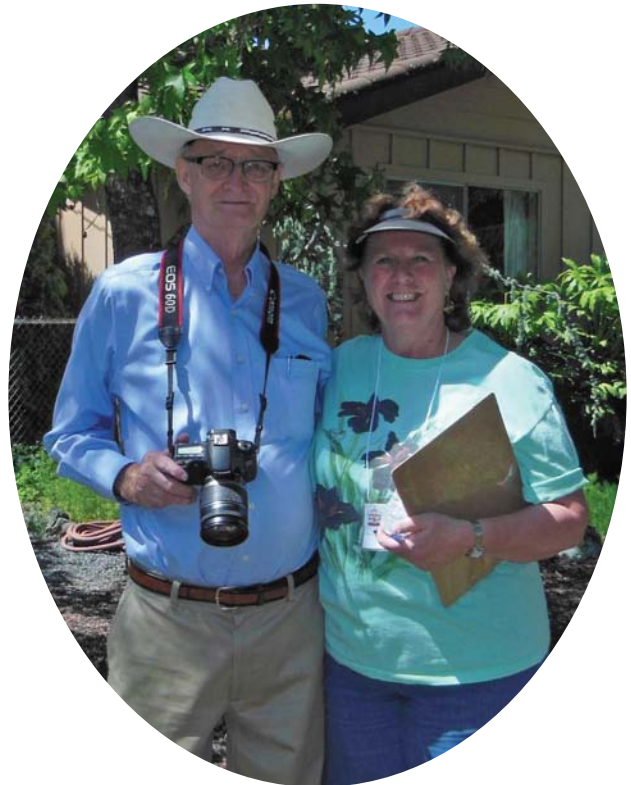
She was active in both societies, serving as board member and as show chair many times, and won many awards for her well-grown beauties. Her garden was a local legend. I overheard one man at a show say that he would love to know Bertha's secret to for growing award-winning bloom stalks. She won Best of Show four times, eight silver medals for the most blue ribbons in a show, and 6 bronze medals for runner-up in the blue ribbons.

One of her pet projects was to promote iris to local youth in Placer and Nevada Counties, with plantings of iris on many of their school grounds. She never missed a rhizome sale and was always generous with her donations. She attended many national and regional conventions, and visited gardens in Oregon and California as often as she could.

She will be sorely missed by family and friends. ♡



'Bertha Brownlee' TB (Fred Kerr 2013)  
Photo from Fred Kerr's Rainbow Acres website



Fred Kerr and Kathy Braaten at Betty Ford's garden during spring Regional. by Phyllis Wilburn



# Back in the Day Art – part 3 of 6

by Stan Morgan

Our history of iris in art series continues. We started in the 16th century BC with an example of iris painted on stucco: the Blue Bird Fresco on the palace wall at Knossos, Crete.

Then we moved to the 15th century BC with engraved stone on the temple wall at Karnak, Egypt.

With this third part of the history, we move to the 1st century AD, when a bas-relief iris was carved in granite on a pagan altar. Caesar Augustus built the monument in Rome upon his return from adding Egypt to the Roman Republic. The monument was called Ara Pacis Augustus (Altar of Peace). ☞

- 589 BC Pharaoh Psametic II sent two rose granite obelisks to Heliopolis
- 13 BC Augustus sent one obelisk from Heliopolis to Campus Martius, Rome
- 9 BC Obelisk is installed on the flood plain of the Tiber River
- 67 AD Altar is finished, Nero strikes ten coins
- 1000 AD By the 11th century, the monument had gradually disappeared
- 1463 AD Obelisk is found in the basement of a barber's shop during construction
- 1748 AD Obelisk is reconstructed
- 1938 AD Altar restoration, which was begun in 1932, is completed
- 2006 AD Museo della Ara Pacis is opened to the public



One panel of the Ara Pacis Augustus monument depicts an iris; it is the tallest bloom in the cluster of flowers to the right of the woman in the center.

Reference: Information from the website, [Ara Pacis Augustae](#), maintained by Charles S. Rhyne, Professor Emeritus, Art History, Reed College.



# Awards Presented at the 2014 AIS Convention

reported by John Pesek

## The President's Cup

- 1st 'Bottled Sunshine' IB—Hooker Nichols
- 2nd 'Dorothy Davenport' LA—Hooker Nichols
- 3rd 'Muleshoe Money'—Tom Burseen

## Ben R. Hager Cup

- 1st (tie) 'Bahama Blues'—Michael Sutton
- 'Bottled Sunshine'—Hooker Nichols
- 2nd 'Midnight Sharp' IB—George Sutton
- 3rd 'Leave the Light On' IB—Riley Probst

## Franklin Cook Memorial Cup

- 1st 'Bahama Blues'—Michael Sutton
- 2nd 'Beyond Borders'—Rick Tasco
- 3rd 'Midnight Sharp'—George Sutton

## Lloyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Seedling Cup

- 1st 08-6-10—Alton Pyburn
- 2nd 06-104-10\*—Fred Kerr
- 3rd R11A2003—Kendall Rohr

\*Fred Kerr submitted a correction: his seedling is 'Ginny Mitchell' (#05-104-10)



'Bahama Blues' IB  
RE (MSutton 2010)



'Leave the Light On' IB  
(RProbst 2013)



'Midnight Sharp' IB  
(GSutton 2010)



'Ginny Mitchell' (Fred Kerr 2013)  
seedling #05-104-10)



Riley Probst and Shirley Trio with awards  
photos by Carolyn Hoover



'Holiday in Mexico' (RProbst 2012)  
photo by Riley Probst



'Blueberry Trail' (GSutton 2012)  
photo by Sutton Iris Gardens



Spuria 24-91-1 (Anna and David Cadd)  
photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Fred Kerr seedling (see note facing  
page regarding the number)  
photo by Riley Probst



'Amber Rainbow' (Fred Kerr 2014)  
photo by Fred Kerr



'Swirling Waters' (Heather Pryor 2001)  
photo by Phyllis Wilburn



'Under the Boardwalk' (LPainter 2012)  
[www.NapaIris.com](http://www.NapaIris.com)



'Opposites' (Trio 2012) photo by Riley  
Probst



# Region 14 Trophies & Awards

by Bill Fink

Attendees of the Spring Regional Meeting for 2014 voted for the Region 14 hybridizer awards based upon the irises on display in the two guest gardens with the following results.

## Knopf Cup

for the best seedling by a Region 14 hybridizer

- Winner:** 02-08-4A by Fred Kerr (Note: Fred says this seedling number is incorrect)  
**2nd:** three-way tie: A2-3-11, 1017-6-29, (by Robert Sutton)  
B02-02D by Barbara BeVier

## Cotillion Bowl

for the best 2014 introduction by a Region 14 Hybridizer

- Winner:** TB introduction 'Amber Rainbow' (Fred Kerr 2014)  
**2nd:** TB 'Betty Ford' (Fred Kerr 2014)

## Clara B. Reese Cup

for the best introduction prior to 2013 by a Region 14 Hybridizer

- Winner:** two-way tie: TB 'Under the Boardwalk' (Leslie Painter 2012)  
TB 'Opposites' (Shirley Trio 2012)  
**3rd:** TB 'Granfundo' (Brianna BeVier 2012)

## Jim Gibson Cup

for the best plicata

- Winner:** BB 'Blueberry Trail' (George Sutton 2012)  
**2nd:** TB 'Inkination' (John Painter 2011)  
**3rd:** TB 'Camera Ready' (Richard Tasco 2009)

## Melrose Award

for the best beardless

- Winner:** LA 'Swirling Waters' (Heather Pryor 2001)  
**2nd:** Siberian 'Miss Apple' (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks 2009)  
**3rd:** Spuria seedling 24-91-1 (Anna and David Cadd)

## Out of Region Award

for the best iris by a hybridizer not in Region 14

There were no guest rhizomes from outside the region in the gardens; consequently, the out of region award was not given in 2014.

## Hager-DuBose Cup

for the best bearded iris other than tall

- Winner:** MTB 'Holiday in Mexico' (Riley Probst 2012)  
**2nd:** BB 'Blueberry Trail' (George Sutton 2012)  
**3rd:** IB 'Leave the Light On' (Riley Probst 2013)

Awards committee: Bill Fink, President,  
Anna Cadd, David Cadd, Alison Willy,  
Eric Hansen, Yarda Hansen

# Report of the Scholarship Committee

By Terri Hudson

We are pleased to announce the Scholarship Recipient for the 2013-2014 school year. His name is Wyatt Johnston.

Here is the application Essay by Wyatt Johnston, AIS Region 14 Scholarship Recipient, 2013-2014 School year.

*American Iris Society,*



*I want to hold a hardworking, high paying job in the horticulture field. How I get there, lots of good ol' hard work and college, college is almost my top priority right now, top being God.*

*As of right now, I am a senior at West Valley High School. I will be graduating on June 1, 2014. I have already applied to Shasta Junior College and Modesto Junior College (Modesto if my application for west campus housing goes through—I really hope it does). I will be taking transfer classes because after my JC associates [degree] I will attend Cal Poly State College in San Louis Obispo and major in Horticulture for a bachelors [degree].*

*What I do with [my] education is still undecided, that is something that I plan on learning along the way. During my college courses in a JC and Cal Poly, I plan on doing small landscaping jobs to help support the costs for college. As well as working in college I have been putting almost all my money into a savings account for two years to support myself while in college. I have competed in two years of FFA Nursery/ landscape competitions, our team of four placed 7th in state last year 2013. This year we are trying/will be first in state.*

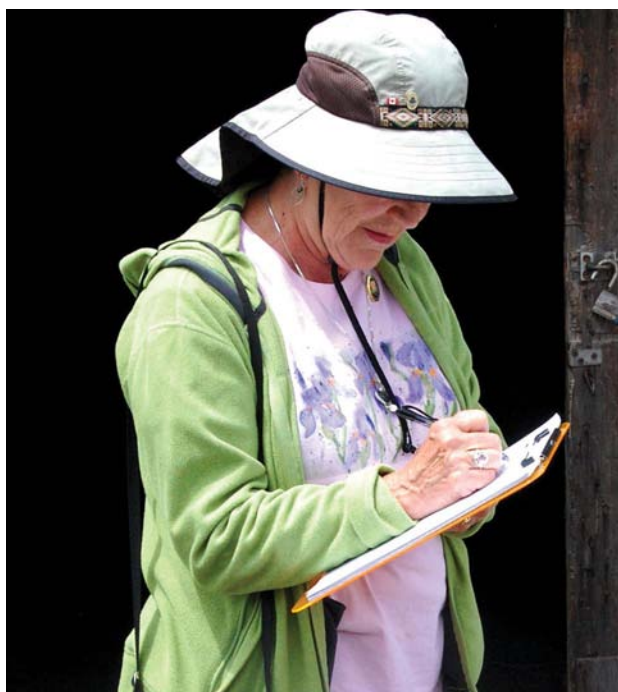
*Community service-wise, I have volunteered to fix and maintain our local junior high school's gardens, and landscape the school's front planting beds. I am working with the two West Cottonwood teachers to help fix the gardens for their special Ed classes, (It makes a good friendly place for them to learn.)*

*At our school I have been seeding and maintaining private nursery orders for local organic farms as well as seeding and selling a crop at our schools Spring Plant Sale.*

*Thank you for reading my application and considering me for this scholarship,*

*Wyatt Johnston*

Phyllis keeping the judges' training organized. by Mikey Lango



Below right: Chris Dickinson, Marilyn Boro, Betty Ford and Carl taking a close look at the iris at C & L Winery. Photo by Carl Boro





# Judges' Training

by Phyllis Wilburn, ARVP /Judges Training Chair

We had a great Spring Regional Meeting, sponsored by the Santa Rosa Iris Society. I really appreciate the effort that they made to provide four judges training sessions or one hour each. The sessions were all well attended and well received.

Many thanks to the judges who provided the training: Ross BeVier, Jim Begley, Fred Kerr, and Heather and Bernard Pryor. It was a special treat to hear Heather and Bernard speak about Australia and their Louisiana irises at the banquet as well as at the training the next day.

Region 14 currently has:

28	Active Students
7	Apprentices
23	Garden/Exhibition Judges
13	Master Judges
4	Emeritus Judges

Two students will move to Apprentice this year, and several new students signed up at the Spring Regional. If you haven't yet signed up, the application to start training as a student is at [www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org) under "Judges Training." This application is filled out by the student only once, and kept on file by the JT Chair. If you were one of the people who took training at the Spring Regional, but have never filled out the application, please fill out the application from the Region 14 web site and send it to me at: P.O. Box 9, Rescue CA, 95672.

By June 1 of each year all Master, Garden/Exhibition Judges, and Apprentices must fill out and return an Activity Report to the RVP and the Judges Training Chair. Failure to do so can result in disqualification as a judge. I distributed Activity Reports to those who attended the Spring Regional Meeting, and mailed copies to the others. The Activity Report is also available at [www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org). Remember that you must complete and return two copies, one to the RVP and one to the JT Chair. Students do not have to return the Activity Report, but are welcome to keep a copy in their files for future reference.

I appreciate that everyone has been diligent about getting approvals for JT sessions and one-on-one training. I especially commend the judges who have given their time and expertise to conduct trainings and tutor apprentices and students. This is one of the most important functions of the Region and it requires the support of everyone in order to have judges for shows and to vote the ballot for AIS awards.

And speaking of voting your ballot for AIS awards: The deadline for voting is August 1, 2014. There is no special deadline for voting for Japanese irises. All iris types

have a deadline of August 1, 2014. You are encouraged to vote on-line. Detailed instructions will be on the [voting website](#). The voting process is very easy and user friendly. Failure to vote in a timely manner for two consecutive years results in automatic disqualification as an AIS judge. If you cannot vote in a timely manner, just sign your ballot, state your reason and mail to the address indicated on the ballot.

Thanks to all the judges for a great spring with lots of shows and garden visits. ☺



From the top: Jim Begley Judging Seedlings training in his garden, Heather and Bernard Pryor Classroom Training on Louisiana Iris, Fred Kerr Garden Training at C&L Vineyards, Jim Begley and Ross BeVier preparing for Staging Specimens and Showbench Training.

Photos by Phyllis Wilburn and Tom Karwin



Bill Fink announcing award winners



John Pesek, Region 14 RVP

At the Banquet . . .

photos by Phyllis Wilburn and Tom Karwin



Alison Willy, David Cadd and Bill Fink counting ballots



Heather Pryor presenting a slide show



Jim Cummins examining the award-winning seedlings



Riley Probst auctioning donated iris



# Abstract of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and General Meetings

## Spring Regional May 2-4, 2014, Santa Rosa, California

Mary Sindicic

Note: The following is an abstract of the official minutes by AIS-14 Secretary Mary Sindicic. The unedited minutes are available on the AIS-14 website.

RVP John Pesek called to order the combined meeting of the Executive Committee and General Membership Meeting at 8:05 a.m.. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Annand and Bertha Brownlee.

Approval of Minutes Fall Regional Meeting of October 19, 2013, as published, 2013 in the Bulletin

Board Reports (see also the official minutes on the [AIS-14 website](#))

Secretary Mary Sindicic: Had nothing to report.

Treasurer Helen Franklin: (see the financial report elsewhere in this Bulletin)

Judges Training Chair Phyllis Wilburn (see the report elsewhere in this Bulletin)

Bulletin Editor Thomas Karwin (see Editor's Notes elsewhere in this Bulletin)

Standing Committee Reports (see summary reports elsewhere in this Bulletin)

Directors Reports (see Affiliate News elsewhere in this Bulletin)

Carol Dahout (see official minutes on the AIS-14 website)

Carolyn Hoover (see official minutes on the AIS-14 website)

### New Business

Defining a Member: RVP Pesek distributed a handout about what constitutes a member of the AIS, and possible differences among affiliates' definitions. He called for a clear definition of active and non-active membership for use by all Region 14 affiliates. He recommended that the Region should define "a member" at the Regional level and let the local societies implement that definition into their local bylaws or standing rules. John appointed an ad hoc committee of the three directors, chaired by Rudy Ciuca, to define "member" as used in Region 14's Standing Rule 1D:

"The RVP will respectfully request of each affiliate, on an annual basis, a minimum of \$3.00 per member based upon the Affiliate's current membership roster for the purpose of supporting the operation of Region 14. The date of July 1, was accepted as the date to transfer money from the affiliate to the Region."

Clarifying Requirements for Awards: RVP Pesek distributed a handout about several unclear criteria and procedures for awards at the Spring Regional Meeting. For example, Standing Rule 4 lists both six Spring Regional Awards (Guideline III) and seven Spring Regional Awards (Guideline IV). Lynn Williams moved to clarify these guidelines in the Standing Rules III. Riley Probst seconded the motion and it carried. RVP Pesek appointed Bill Fink to chair an ad hoc committee to review and clarify the requirements for awards.

Hosting AIS Convention: Kitty Loberg proposed that Region 14, as the AIS's largest region, and the successful host of the 2004 AIS convention in Fresno, should offer to host a future AIS convention. To encourage people to host gardens, she suggested using Region 14 funds to assist the owners of host gardens. Kitty Loberg moved to form an ad hoc committee to explore hosting an AIS convention within Region 14 and report at AIS-14's 2014 Fall Regional Meeting. John Jones seconded the motion and it carried. Loberg agreed to chair the committee and several members volunteered to serve on the committee: Phyllis Wilburn, Riley Probst, Shirley Trio, Kathy Braaten, Eric Hansen, Carolyn Hoover, Ted Hawkins, and Peggy Rude. Rose Pipkin volunteered a representative of the Fresno Iris Society.

### Announcements

Region 14's 2014 Fall Regional Meeting will be convened in Reno, October 4-5, 2014, hosted by the High Desert Iris Society.

Region 14's 2015 Spring Regional Meeting (Spring Fling) will be convened April 19-19, 2015, hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society.

AIS's 2015 Convention will be convened in Portland, Oregon, May 18-23, 2015.

AIS membership stands at 4,471 members, up 89 from the fall of 2013.

Meeting adjourned

## Region 14 of the American Iris Society Treasurer's Report 01-01-13 Through 12-31-13

Expenses by Item:	Budgeted	Funds at 12/31/13
Bulletin		
Reimbursements	200	98
Postage/Label/Mail	250	
Color Pages	0	
Editor Expense	50	
RVP Allowance	1500	1,788
Finance		
Summer Fundraiser	0	
Beardless Purchases	425	
Miscellaneous/Auctions/ Raffles	100	
Sales Taxes	190	160
Judges' Training 2014	1,000	
Science Committee	500	
Awards and Trophies	650	
Honorary Awards	300	
Office/Legal	200	187
Historian	100	
Scholarship	575	575
Youth Committee	1,000	279
Membership	50	
Internet Services	110	98
S.F. Flower Show-2013	600	433
Donation	100	500
Spring Regional		319
Start-up Funds		400
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>5,895</b>

Revenue by Item	Budgeted	Funds at 12/31/13
Bulletin Advertising	200	
Bulletin Subscriptions	15	
Donations from Societies	800	3,688
Donations/Raffles	100	
Interest	150	446
Judges' Training	500	814
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	300	492
Finance		
Spring Fundraiser- Raffle	1,000	1,223
Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1,000	1,495
Fall Beardless Fundraiser	700	680
Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/ Donations	250	1,038
Subtotal	5,015	9,877
Use of Reserve Funds		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>9,877</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>5,895</b>
Less Total Revenue	5,015	9,877
<b>Expenses/Revenue</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>3,982</b>



## Region 14 of the American Iris Society Treasurer's Report 01-01-14 Through 04-30-14

	Funds at 12/31/13	Funds at 4/15/14
Checking Account	13,331.75	12,885.51
Savings Account	23,705.02	23,815.56
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>37,036.77</b>	<b>36,701.07</b>

Expenses by Item:	Budgeted	Funds at 4/15/14
Bulletin		
Reimbursements	200	
Color Pages	0	
Editor Expense	50	
RVP Allowance	2,500	
Finance		
Summer Fundraiser	0	
Beardless Purchases	425	
Miscellaneous/Auctions/ Raffles	100	
Sales Taxes	240	102
Judges' Training 2014	1,000	
Science Committee	500	
Awards and Trophies	650	
Honorary Awards	300	
Office/Legal	300	65
Historian	100	
Scholarship		
Appropriation	575	
Additional Funds (contributed)	250	
Science	0	
Youth Committee	1,000	279
Membership	50	
Internet Services	110	
S.F. Flower Show- Donation	600	
200		
Start-up Funds	500	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,650</b>	<b>446</b>

Revenue by Item	Budgeted Funds at 12/31/13	Funds at 4/15/14
Bulletin Advertising	300	
Bulletin Subscriptions		
Donations from Societies	2,400	
Donations/Raffles		
Interest	200	111
Judges' Training	500	
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400	
Finance		
Spring Fundraiser-	1,000	
Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1,000	
Fall Beardless Fundraiser	900	
Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/ Donations	400	
Use of Reserve Funds		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>446</b>
<b>Less Total Revenue</b>		<b>111</b>
<b>Expenses/Revenue</b>		<b>335</b>



Ciuca-Lawrence Garden



Begley garden

Betty Ford, Ross BeVier

In the gardens...  
photos by Phyllis Wilburn,  
Carolyn Hoover and Tom Karwin



Rudy Ciuca serving lunch

Joyce Ragle and Jean Plank







Begley garden

Joyce Ragle and Bill Fink



Begley garden



Napa Iris garden

Rose Pipkin and Peggy Ruud





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## *Irises at Filoli's Mother's Day Flower Show*

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At Filoli, an historic site in Woodside, California, there is a Mother's Day Flower Show every year. This year there were more than 100 floral exhibits and displays to be enjoyed by guests. Clara B. Rees Iris Society has been providing blooms for this occasion for several years. As members in the society had an early bloom season, CBRIS reached out to Monterey Bay Iris Society. *Irene and Jim Cummings saved the day with cuttings from their garden in Scott's Valley.* A nice display was provided! ♡

Below: Carol Dahout, Jim & Irene Cummings and Elaine Fischer at Cummings garden in Scott's Valley and the display. Photos by Mikey Lango and Carol Dahout

[www.fioli.org](http://www.fioli.org)



### **AIS Membership Campaign**

You have an opportunity to win prizes and help the AIS grow. You or your group can win the new member contest this coming year. The contest period is from the convention to the month before the next convention. Submit the list of names of your new members to the Public Relations and Marketing Committee <AISpublicrelationsmktg@irises.org> by April 15, 2015.

It is easier than ever to get those new members. You can point out the \$25 voucher they will receive when joining. Many clubs throw in extra irises for new members at their sales. Sales and shows are great opportunities to find new members. Sign them up then and there. You can find out all about this new marketing program on the AIS website [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org) in the "News" section.



## Affiliate Happenings

## Affiliate Presidents

### Clara B Rees Iris Society

Clara B. Rees Iris Society members have had a wonderful spring and bloom season. Our spring show was very successful with Carol Dahout, our show chairperson, winning the Best of Show Award with her stalk of 'Hop to It'.

We had a profitable potted iris sale.

We are proud of Carolyn Craft, Region 14's finance chairperson. She and her committee expertly laid out the baskets and items for the silent auction at the Spring Regional. Who knew there was so much iris memorabilia available? There was a nice profit made for the Region's coffers.

Our society is fortunate to have several Master Gardeners as members. They teach us a lot about plant life and growing conditions and helped sponsor the 20th Annual Spring Garden Market, which featured a wide variety of tomato, pepper, herb, and flower/ornamental seedlings as well as CBRIS' potted irises.

Many of our members were able to attend the CBRIS Garden Tour that featured three member's gardens. ☞

Barbara Pesek

### High Desert Iris Society

The High Desert Iris Society is enjoying another beautiful spring of flowers. Unlike our friends in warmer climates, our blossoms are still a little bashful. It has been a slow spring, with a few light freezes. Still, we anticipate a great show on May 17 and 18 in Reno.

Our annual sale will be on July 26 and 27 at Moana Nursery in Reno, followed by the club's iris exchange in August. My, my what a busy summer we have ahead of us.

We are all looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Regional, to be held in Reno on October 4 and 5, featuring Kathy Chilton as our guest speaker. Check the AIS Region 14 website for the announcement or contact Billie at sheabillie@sbcglobal.net for a copy of the announcement and sign-up form. ☞

Happy summer everyone.

Billie Shea

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## 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 Lorraine Nicholson at iris4u@fire2wire.com by the quarterly due dates listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

# Affiliate Happenings

## Mt. Diablo Iris Society

We broke from tradition this year by sponsoring two spring shows, one at the beautiful nursery of Alden Lane in Livermore and one at our current location in Walnut Creek.

Best Specimen of the Livermore show was 'Frilly Fancy', a PCI by our president, Stan Morgan. Linda Woods took Best of Show in Walnut Creek, with her IB, 'Backlit Beauty'.

We were well represented at the Santa Rosa Spring Regional in May, with thirteen members in attendance. Excellent judges' training, beautiful private and public garden tours, topped off by the Pryor's history lesson of Australia, made it a very successful Regional.

Thank-you to our Santa Rosa hosts!! ☺

Marilyn Kaplan

## Sacramento Iris Society

April has been a glorious month of iris activities. There are iris shows all over and there are gardens open with magnificent displays of rows and rows of blooming iris.

Our own show held on April 19 and 20 was a great success thanks to show chair Phyllis Wilburn and her ready assistant Alison Willy, and to all who helped with it. The companion sale of potted iris plants was a great success, selling nearly \$1,500 worth of plants for the purchasers to enjoy.

An aspect of the show that is really fun is that it attracts less active and long-standing members. It is a personal delight to see their familiar faces again and to catch up a little bit with what is happening in their lives.

Saturday had greater attendance than Sunday as was expected, since Sunday was Easter Sunday, but there was a good steady flow of attendees through the show even on Sunday. Beautiful iris entries were on display, clever and gorgeous artistic arrangements competed for the awards, and everyone had a marvelous time enjoying iris in multiple ways.

Tuesday following the show, Ruth Ostroff and Mary Ann Horton hosted all SIS comers to visit their gardens. It was an interesting treat and contrast to see the blooms in the garden so shortly after seeing them on the show bench. The garden is clearly the natural place for viewing them and I was grateful to Ruth and to Mary Ann for the opportunity to view their gardens.

Our May meeting will be focused on presenting the awards from the show. It is always fun to congratulate the winners, even if there is a little green showing in my eyes. We have the summer activities of rhizome digging, rhizome sale, potting party and excess door prize auction to look forward to. It will be a great summer. ☺

Bill Fink

## Shasta Iris Society

For the second year in a row, Shasta Iris Society had to cancel its show. You just can't predict what Mother Nature is going to do. I think you need enough members with enough irises to pull off a show that—for a long time now—we haven't had, hence our membership drive. This month we have three potential new members, so we are excited about that.

At our June meeting, which will be at a member's lovely home, we will have a club member design show. We will follow design rules, except any plant material will do since no one has any iris. Also at the June meeting, we hope we will meet our scholarship recipient. We award a \$500 scholarship and this year we chose a local high school senior going on to a four-year college. Another reason to be excited!

We have a couple garden tours coming up at members' homes and of course we are getting ready for our annual rhizome sale. So we manage to stay busy. ☺

Ann Hess



Right: Ruth Osteroff with her best of show TB 'Opposing Forces' (Keppel 2002)  
Above: Alison Willy selling potted iris  
Below: Cindy Eastman staging iris





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# Affiliate Happenings

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## Santa Rosa Iris Society

Our Society has just completed hosting the 2014 Region 14 Spring Meeting, May 2-4. It was a tremendous amount of work, ably co-chaired by Society President Anna Marie Hermansen and former AIS President Jeanne Plank.

The convention featured two gardens where 113 guest irises submitted by 24 Region 14 hybridizers were growing: the master planting in the Society's display garden at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center in Santa Rosa and the private C&L Vineyard garden in Sonoma owned by members Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence. Three optional gardens were available for visits: the commercial Napa Country Iris Garden of John and Leslie Painter east of Napa, the private Betty Ford garden in Sonoma, and the private garden of Jim Begley and his wife Marcelline Nelipowitz in Santa Rosa.

Spring bloom was early this year and hot weather the week before the convention resulted in the gardens being past peak, but later blooming irises including Louisianas and Siberians still put on quite a show for over 100 attendees. The Society would like to thank the owners of the host gardens and all of its members and friends who worked so hard to put on this event.

In the weeks ahead the Society will host a work party (tentatively scheduled for June 21) to dig, label, and distribute the 2014 Regional guest irises to societies participating in the Region 14 summer fundraiser. We hope that many of the Region's affiliate societies will chose to participate and send members to help in the work party and receive their societies' rhizomes directly, thus reducing the work and cost of shipping.

Then in late July we will dig the Society's door prize and auction irises in preparation for our August 3 potluck picnic, iris auction, and raffle to be held this year at C&L Vineyard.

The Society's annual rhizome sale to the public will be held at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center on Saturday, September 6, followed shortly thereafter by participation in the 4th Annual Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa on September 9-11. Santa Rosa Iris Society's booth at the Expo selling iris rhizomes labelled with iris name and a picture of the iris has become the Club's chief fundraiser of the year. ☺

Alleah Haley

Luther Burbank Garden by Riley Probst



Yvette Meador with Best of Show, 'Holiday in Mexico' (RProbst 2012) at the Sierra Foothills Iris Society annual show Photo by Bob Matherly

## Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society held its annual show and potted iris sale on April 26 & 27. Even with a heavy rain and hail the day before, we had a strong showing of blooms.

A quick report on the winners:

Best of Show, 'Holiday in Mexico' (MTB)

Grown by Yvette Meador. Riley Probst hybridizer.

Best MTB, 'Holiday in Mexico'

Best BB, 'Walk This Way'

Best Median, 'Holiday in Mexico'

Best TB, 'Golden Panther'

Best Historic, 'Indian Chief'

After the judging was finished on Saturday we met at Maryanne Horton's garden for judges training on Tall Bearded Irises, led by Kitty Loberg. ☺

Eric and Yarda Hansen



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# Affiliate Happenings

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## Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society has been busy planning to host AIS-14's 2015 Spring Regional to be held April 17, 18, and 19, 2015. The three guest gardens put on a fabulous bloom for the first year, with over 90% bloom. Next year, weather permitting, the guest gardens should be great.

YIS also held its 2nd Annual Spring Iris Show on April 18 and had 106 entries including three youths that entered their irises.

Winners at the 2nd Annual Spring Iris Show Coarsegold, CA hosted by Yosemite Iris Society.

Best of Section (Beardless Division): Bruce Rybikar 'Bayou Mystique' LA (Dunn 1988)

Best Seedling (TB): Bill Tyson Seedling #07-28-2

Best of Show (TB Division): Carolyn Hoover: 'Golden Panther' (R. Tasco 2000)

Best of Section (Historical division): Gary Collings 'Snow Flurry' (R&I 1939)

Best of Section(TB) Youth Division: Amber Lee Pick 'Okapi Poppy' (Kasperek 2004)

Silver Metal for most blue ribbons in Show: Carolyn Hoover

Bronze medal runner up in most blue ribbons.: Bruce Rybikar

We also held an art contest with Coarsegold School's 1st and 2nd graders who are participating this year's Classroom Iris Project, with Carolyn Hoover as leader-instructor. The Yosemite Iris Society donated a potted iris for each of the winners of the art contest. (photo of Carolyn and the class is below.)

We also have received eight new YIS members during the month of April. We now have 25 members in YIS!! We signed up most of our new members at the show and at the fundraisers we held recently.

YIS offers a \$25.00 gift certificate to purchase iris from the catalog of Fleur De Lis Iris Garden of Shirley Trio and Riley Probst. New members will receive their irises at the Summer Potluck in July, held at the Hoover's garden and home. This has really helped our membership increase!! Thanks Riley and Shirley for your generous donations to our society!!

We had five YIS members attend AIS-14's 2014 Spring Regional: Carolyn Hoover, Betty Bridger, Barb Parsons, Shirley Trio and Riley Probst. We all had a fabulous time; Betty also was thrilled to win a raffle basket!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for next year's AIS-14 Spring Regional on April 17, 18 and 19, 2015. More details will be announced in the Fall Bulletin!! ☺

Carolyn Hoover



YIS Spring Show winners fom left to right: Bruce Rybikar, Bill Tyson, Carolyn Hoover, Gary Collins and Amber Lee Pick.



Caroyn Hoover and CIP class



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1/8 page (3.65"w x 4.875"h)	\$50	\$160
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