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## **REGION 14 CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

### **SPRING REGIONAL 2010**

April 24-26, 2010

Hosted by: Region 14 Board

Contact: Shirley Trio

Shirleytrio@clearwire.net 209-551-6323

### **FALL REGIONAL 2010**

TBA

Hosted by: Fresno Iris Society

Contact: Shirley Trio

Shirleytrio@clearwire.net 209-551-6323

### **SPRING REGIONAL 2011**

TBA

## **2010 SPRING FLOWER SHOWS**

### **Las Vegas Iris Society**

April 17-18, 2010

Contact: Paul Fortner - 702-228-0827 mybasket@cox.net

### **James Gibson Iris Society**

April 10, 2010

Contact: George Sutton 559-784-9011 Margaret@suttoniris.com

### **Santa Rosa Iris society**

May 8-9, 2010

Contact: Anna Marie Hermansen 415-681-7040 rmah@ix.netcom.com

Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center

## **AIS CONVENTION**

### **MADISON, WI**

May 31-June 5 2010

Contact: John Baker 608-825-7423 johnbaker1@verison.net

### **FALL BOARD MEETING**

2010 TBA

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### **VICTORIA, BC, CANADA**

May 30-June 4, 2011

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### **ONTARIO, CA**

April 16-21, 2012

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## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

I'd like to thank the Sacramento Iris Society for hosting a wonderful Fall Regional. The booklet was wonderful, especially with the historical information about Sacramento and the colored printing; the decorations were fantastic. I loved the pumpkin floral arrangements; and the socks were a great treat, not to mention all the goodies, iris pin, and iris cup in the gift bags. I really appreciate the effort you put into making this such a successful Fall Regional. Lynn Williams ♪ ♪

### Milestones:

If your Society is having a special event or project this year; Jim Morris, compiler of the milestones column in the AIS Bulletin would like to know. The Milestones column is the place for your Society to promote your events, special occasions, and anniversaries. Please send your articles to Jim at [AISSectionLiaison@irises.org](mailto:AISSectionLiaison@irises.org). ♪ ♪

### Electronic Judges' Training:

Just to let you know, AIS is currently doing a pilot test project using electronic Judges' Training for certain topics. Ethics is the first topic to be tried. Keep tuned for further information. ♪ ♪

Anyone in Region 14 interested in becoming part of the ongoing Southwestern reblooming iris reports that are published in the "Recorder" please e-mail [Rprobst02@earthlink.net](mailto:Rprobst02@earthlink.net) or call 209-551-6323 - Riley Probst ♪ ♪

From the Desk of Lynn Williams

Immediate Past RVP

I want to thank everyone in the Region for all your support and good will during my three years as RVP; I couldn't have done it without you. It has been a great term with some of my goals accomplished like cleaning up the By-Laws, starting a new iris society, and encouraging the Regionals to be more fun. I hope that I have encouraged you to reach out and share your society's information with other societies and to get more active in your society and with introducing irises to the youth in your community. I know that as in any non-profit organization that is based on volunteerism, that this Region and the societies in it are only as good as the people in them that are willing to cooperate and to work, even if it is only taking attendance, your contribution is important. I am looking forward to being able to continue contributing to the Region in my capacity as Immediate Past RVP and working with Jeanne Plank and the new board. ♪ ♪

**If I could catch a rainbow I would do it just for you  
and share with you its beauty on the days you're feeling blue.**

**If I could build a mountain you could call your very own, a place  
to find serenity a place to be alone.**

**If I could take your troubles I would toss them in the sea, so that  
would make all your days worry and trouble free.**

**I cannot build a mountain or catch a rainbow fair or toss your  
worries and troubles out into the sea, for all these things I'm  
finding are impossible for me.**

**But let me be what I know best - a friend that's always there!!!**

Mary Lee - half mine and half found, author unknown.

# From the Desk of Jeanne Clay Plank RVP

November 11, 2009

## Something To Think About:

Way back in 1867 Benjamin Disraeli said, "Change is inevitable. In a progressive country change is constant."

In 1867 change was constant all right, but was occurring at a pace slow enough to be absorbed, integrated and accepted, even if reluctantly, over a broad span of time. The momentum of change had accelerated at the turn of the century, and by the middle of the twentieth century it was flying at "prop-plane" speeds. Though change was fast, with no signs of slowing down, during that period staying "current" was psychologically and materialistically still manageable.

In the year 2009 much of our everyday world is changing at a speed that is almost incomprehensible. Staying current is a constant matter of trying to "catch-up" with the newest computer software, the newest phone -- basically with the newest electronic advances and their myriads of applications. Old comfort zones are either gone or blurred, new comfort zones are constantly transforming, and the discomfort of having to think up and break-in new ways of approaching our activities is everywhere.

At their Fall Meeting, the AIS National Board of Directors considered and employed different ways for dealing with familiar situations in need of new solutions.

One situation, and probably the easiest to act upon, was the realignment of two regions that had petitioned to be joined into one. The action was practical, sensible and overdue, but nonetheless it was the first region realignment to be granted in decades and decades. Region 3 (Pennsylvania and Delaware) and Region 19 (New Jersey) have now been joined. A "Region 19" no longer exists within the AIS region structure.

For many the most important action passed at this meeting was the vote to change the format of the AIS *Bulletin* from a five-and-one-half inch by eight-and-a-half inch format (journal-type) to an eight-and-a-half inch by eleven inch format (coffee-table-type). Undertaken only after much thought and discussion, this change is expected to increase membership and advertising appeal while lowering production costs. This photo-featuring, market-competing "magazine" change came about because it was clear that

what was once our most important product -- the *Bulletin* -- had stiff competition on every front – print-wise and web-wise.

With these two examples, I am highlighting a fraction of the many changes that are being considered in this rapidly evolving electronic age where communication from anywhere to everywhere is instant; where information on almost any subject is available at the snap of a phone cover and where real time meetings are conducted across world-wide time zones and geographic boundaries. If the American Iris Society is to remain a viable organization, new approaches to familiar operations must be explored and put into practice. Stay tuned! Keep your mobile phone charged and don't forget to read your AIS Bulletin as well as your Region 14 Bulletin for the latest developments.

As your newly elected RVPI wish to encourage innovation in planning affiliate and regional activities. I strongly urge affiliates to supply digital photos and written articles to local and regional magazines and newspapers showcasing and promoting all exhibitions, sales and special events within the region. Last but certainly not least, I wish to foster harmonious, cooperative interaction and involvement between the Region 14 leadership and Region 14 Affiliates. Equally important is harmonious, cooperative interaction and involvement among the seventeen region affiliates. It is no revelation that any and every RVP would like to achieve that kind of productive interaction between the affiliates of their region, as well as between affiliates and region leadership. Unfortunately, this is not an easy goal to accomplish. Strong personalities often find themselves at odds. Success requires everyone's thoughtful and considerate participation. Friendly, cooperative effort can really make a difference toward achieving our mutual goal: an innovative and vital Region 14 – “The Best In The West!”.

I want to commend Lynn Williams for her vision and dedication during her three years as RVP. It has not always been a smooth road, but Lynn's optimism and indomitable spirit remained undaunted and dedicated. Thank you, Lynn, for holding the course. Cheers!       ♪ ♪

Jeanne Clay Plank

**Congratulations**  
Kitty Loberg for being appointed Emeritus Judge  
at the Tulsa AIS meeting.



# **JANUARY BUDGET MEETING**

The Region 14 January Budget Meeting will again be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland, on Saturday, January 23, 2010. The regional meeting, followed by a potluck luncheon and speaker, is always a fun event. Doors will open at 9:00am and the Budget meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. Doughnuts, coffee, tea, and juice will be available. After the meeting and luncheon, Riley Probst will present a slide show on miniature tall bearded iris.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Budget Meeting, or just come early and enjoy visiting with fellow irisarians. You are invited to bring items of historic interest, memorabilia, or photos about irises or irisarians -- there will be a display table to share these items with the group.

Please bring your contributions for the potluck luncheon to the large kitchen (stove & refrigerator are available). Lunch will be served at 12:00. Please bring your own plates, silverware and cup. The society will provide napkins, hot drinks, rolls, and a ham. Local Sydney B. Mitchell members will bring warm dishes. More distant members & guests, please bring appetizers, salads, desserts, or other beverages. Your dish should be suitable for at least 10 people.

Directions to the Garden Center: From the north or west; take Highway 580 or 24 to 980; take the West 27th Street/Grand Avenue exit, turn left on 27th Street, go east to Grand Avenue, watch for Lake Merritt on the right, take a left on to Grand Ave., then a right at the stoplight into the park. Proceed on Bellevue to the Garden Center. From the south or east; take the Lakeside (Lake Merritt) or Grand Ave. exit in Oakland; follow around the lake on the north and west side to Grand Ave. and Bellevue, turn left into the park.

Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll booth to park. Proceed to the Garden Center, park on either side of the road. We hope you can come - everyone is welcome!

Jean Richter  
President, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



# BIG CONGRATULATIONS!!

## JUDGE ADVANCEMENTS

Student to Apprentice: Christine Meagher  
Barbara Pesek  
Linda Stremel

Apprentice to Garden/Exhibition: Betty Ford  
Phyllis Wilburn

Garden/Exhibition to Master: Anna Cadd  
David Cadd

Retired: James Whitely

Out of Retirement: Berkeley Hunt

Region 14 Judgeship standings:

Emeritus Judges	6
Master Judges	15
Garden/Exhibition	21
Apprentice Judges	6
Student Judges	28

Upcoming Training: April 25<sup>th</sup> Bruce Filardi 3 hrs. Garden  
April 26<sup>th</sup> Bernard & Heather Pryor 3 hrs Louisiana

Winner of "Most Hours of Training" - Shirley Trio 24 hours.

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Wouldn't you know it....

Brain cells come and brain cells to, but FAT cells live forever!

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Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference. ☺

# WINNERS OF THE PHOTO CONTEST

## Region 14 Fall Regional Sacramento California October 23, 2009

1. Irises used in a landscape garden- Phyllis Wilburn (SIS)
2. Irises in a home garden or field- Terry Toney (Fresno IS)
3. Events, tours, a person or people, or shows- Mary Ann Horton (SIS & SFIS)
4. Close-up of an iris or irises- Mikey Lango (CBRIS)
5. Photo with art effect, macro photo of bloom segments, pets or wildlife in the irises-Mary Ann Horton (SIS & SFIS)
6. Youth, any category (under 19)- Majken Horton age 9 (SIS)



#6 by Majken Horton age 9

#3 by Mary Ann Horton



#5 By Mary Ann Horton



# **Iris Reticulata: The whole new World The First iris to bloom.**

By Anna Cadd

After I moved in May to Healdsburg some 19 years ago, during the next spring I was having a really eye opener: there were the daffodils and narcissus sprouting everywhere in the garden, the ornamental onions and garlic sprouting in every corner, winter blooming *Iris unguicularis* covered by flowers all winter long (new and a surprise for me) and irises like *Hermodactylis tuberosa* – Snake Head iris and *Iris histrioides*, with small, blue flowers. But my love with really small stuff started before Valentine’s Day in Safeway, where I discovered pots and pots of small blue and yellow spotted tiny irises, which I saw for the first time in my life! Enchanted, I bought several pots, wishing, that I have more money to buy them all and it was the perfect gift for my “first Valentine” husband. I am sure that he even doesn’t remember this, but it started my long love affair with *Iris reticulata*!

A few facts about *Iris reticulata*, before I begin:

1. They are one of the first flowers to bloom each year, together with early narcissus and crocuses.
2. They are available commercially in shades of blue and purple, along with the lemon yellow *Iris danfordiae* and pale yellow, sort of difficult to grow *I. winogradowii*.
3. They come primarily from Turkey, Iran and the Caucasian Mountains, where is very dry in the summer.
4. They can provide two, even three flowers in succession, if the bulbs are large enough.
5. *I. danfordiae* is notorious for “shattering”, meaning breaking up into a lot of rice grain-sized bulblets.
6. Many of the Dutch hybrids will bloom for two or three years and eventually die in our climate.
7. Try growing them in sandy top soil in a well drained location with reasonable space between the bulbs.
8. A little bit of low nitrogen fertilizer at the beginning of the bloom season is good for bulb regeneration.
9. It takes five years to go from seed to a flowering bulb.

*Iris reticulata* grows easy in average, medium, well drained soil in full sun to part shade. Soil needs to stay relatively dry in summer in order for the bulbs to set buds

for the following year. Plant bulbs 3-4” deep and space 3-4” apart in fall. Bulbs tend to separate into offsets or bulblets after bloom (particularly when planted shallowly), with each new bulblet requiring several years to mature. Although bulbs can be dug and divided (offsets removed) after bloom, it is probably best to do this only if flowering has significantly declined. In order to insure consistent flowering from year to year, it is an option to plant supplemental bulbs each fall, or to grow this plant as an annual by planting new bulbs each fall. Because they are small, they are perfect for rock gardens.

Narrow, grass-like leaves elongate to 15” after bloom, but eventually disappear by late spring as the plants go dormant. Flowers have a sweet fragrance. Standards are usually smaller than falls and sometimes are absent.

They should be given bulb fertilizer at planting, then again after bloom is completed. When they finish their bloom, the iris grass continues to grow to a foot height and the health of the plant during this time defines how well it will naturalize for coming years. By late spring when the leaves are obviously dying back they can either be clipped down if they seem unsightly, or just left to vanish naturally.

The species name of *reticulata* is in reference to the netted or reticulate pattern on the dry bulbs. Also sometimes it is commonly called netted iris.

The *reticulata* has no serious insect or disease problems. *Fusarium* basal rot is an infrequently occurring disease problem.

This wild *Iris* has been extensively cultivated, resulting in over a dozen different named varieties, most in beautiful shades of blue and purple. The *Iris reticulata* varieties "Harmony" and "J.S. Dijt" are very popular, and, so, are easy to find commercially. However, other varieties are not equally easy to locate different cultivars don't bloom at identical times. The most common deep purple variety "Harmony" is the first to bloom. "Natasha" can bloom week to 10 days later, and then follows "Purple Gem". *I. histroides* "Katherine Hodgkin" will bloom immediately after the wild blue reticulated iris, but before "Natascha". *Iris danfordiae* sometimes starts blooming even before the wild blue and is lovely for brightness of its yellow color, which cannot be obtained in any other *reticulata*. Unfortunately, the rain may damage its tiny flowers.

Sources:

1Allan McMurtie, Ontario. AIS Bulletin October 2007, pp.82-85

2Missouri Botanical Garden website

3Different Nurseries web sites



# **In the Shadow of Greatness from Santa Rosa Iris Society**

By Anna Cadd

Santa Rosa Iris Society members can once again bask in the glory of local hybridizers who placed well in the 2009 American Iris Society awards voted by AIS judges. Jim Begley received two Honorable Mention awards for his tall bearded introductions “Bellarosella” and “Mojave Moonlight”. Both were introduced through Ross and Barbara BeVier’s My Wild Iris Rows Iris Garden.

Anna and David Cadd won a coveted Wister Medal for tall bearded irises for “Italian Ice”, tying with Anton Mego for “Slovak Prince.” The other Wister Medals were “Paul Black” by Tom Johnson and “Drama Queen” by Keith Keppel. A nice photo of “Italian Ice” is prominently featured on Schreiner’s Iris Garden’s website: <http://www.schreinersgardens.com/2009ais.html>

Anna and David Cadd’s “Bermuda Triangle” was 2nd runner up for the Knowlton Medal for best border bearded, their “Copper Bubble Bath” received an Award of Merit for tall bearded irises, their “May Happiness” was 3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up for an Honorable Mention award for border bearded irises, their “Chalk Hill Road” (L. W. Beeman selected by Anna and David) received an Honorable Mention award for Californicae (Pacific Coast native hybrids), their “Chocolate Dreams” and “California Gold Rush” won Honorable Mention awards for Spuria irises with their “Lemon Chiffon Pie”, “Breezy Day”, and “Abalone Pearl” coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> runners-up, respectively, for Honorable Mention awards for spurias. In the Symposium list “Italian Ice” took the 62 Place and “Polish Princess was 98.

The Dykes Memorial Medal went to “Golden Panther” by Region 14’s Rick Tasco. Runners-up for the Dykes were “Happenstance” (Keith Keppel), “Starring” (Joe Ghio), and “Daughter of Stars” (Don Spoon). Receipt of the Wister Medal by “Italian Ice” makes it eligible for the Dykes Medal voting next year.

Society member and Region 14 RVP Lynn Williams has been selected as one of four new Directors of the American Iris Society, to serve from 2010 through 2012. Congratulations, Lynn!

Another member of Santa Rosa Iris Society was elected during Fall Regional 2009 to be Region 14 RVP and this is Jeanne Plank! Congratulations, Jeanne!

Betty Ford is serving as a Reg. 14 Director and Anna and David Cadd are the Chair for Trophies and Award Committee.

Region 14 has now 6 Apprentice Judges, 21 Garden /Exhibition Judges, 15 Master, 16 Retired and 6 Emeritus Judges in the Region. We are proud to announce that Betty Ford was approved as Garden/Exhibition and Anna and David Cadd as Master Judges. Jim Begley and Ross BeVier is the Garden/Exhibition Judges, Alleah Middling, Jeanne Plank and Barbara Whitely are the Masters and Hal Mattos is the Retired Judge. ♪♪

## ESTELLE (REES) ARROYO

### “Graduates at 92”

Estelle is one of the founding members, of Sierra Foothills Iris Society, In January, 1996, she and her husband, Carlos, lived in Grass Valley. Sadly, Carlos passed away a few years ago, and Estelle downsized to a smaller home and yard in that same city.

On May 22, 2009, Estelle became the oldest person to graduate from California State University, Sacramento. She now has her Bachelor of Arts Degree, in History. Driving down from Grass Valley, staying in a motel two or three nights a week and eating out was a costly price to pay for this lady’s dream. Her late husband told her that she never finished anything. Now, she can look to the heavens and tell him that she had a well earned completion.

Estelle was asked why she decided to achieve this goal so late in life, and her response was: “There is so much junk on T.V. Everything is brought to you. I wanted to use my brain to express myself - go to the library, do research, and write papers.”

Included in all the pomp and circumstance, were the numerous interviews, with the local T.V. stations. She said eight (8) different ones came to her home. She was featured on the noon news and the 5:00 segments of Channel 3 and 13. Saturday morning, bright and early, she was put through her conversational paces, on Good Morning Sacramento. She looked tired. Cody kidded her about going to keg parties and why she didn’t join a sorority, so she would have had a place to stay on campus.

Two professors hosted a garden party, at one of their beautiful homes, for their students. They made sure Estelle would be attending. Everyone was singing, “For She’s a Jolly Good Fellow,” and Estelle was singing right along. One of the students brought out a big, decorated cake that said, “Congrats Estelle!” She was very surprised and pleased.

Dressed in her black robe, mortarboard, with gold tassel, Estelle received her diploma. She walked very slowly, with classmates on both sides offering congratulations. Estelle has had a knee replaced and two shoulder surgeries, in the last five years.

Estelle’s now famous words and, “It’s never too late.” One of her professors said she was a delight to have in his class because she has lived most of the history he was teaching.

Estelle was a secretary at Army Headquarters, in Panama. This was her first employment, after attending UC Berkeley, in 1930. After her marriage to

Carlos, she lived in Saudi Arabia for nine years. Their daughter, Margaret, attended school there and learned to read and write in Arabic, at the tender age of seven or eight. Carlos and Estelle also raised two sons, in places where history was made thousands of years ago. Estelle loves the History Channel because she's been to a lot of the sites, such as Stonehenge and the Berlin Wall.

What is Estelle going to do now? She says she may write a book about her life, and she should because she's certainly had an interesting one.

Submitted by Marilyn Baker,  
Sierra Foothills Iris Society, April 27, 2009



**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 awardees 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 service to 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 8 years or more.

Service to the region is demonstrated by (but not limited to) any of: 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 clubs, iris shows, judges training, other local activities and the 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 a nomination, 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 Chair, of the Honorary Awards Committee, George Sutton, 16592 Road 208, Porterville, CA 93257, (559) 784-9011, Margaret@suttoniris.com.



# MONDAY JUDGES TRAINERS

## LOUISIANA SPECIALISTS

HEATHER PRYOR

Heather joined the Iris Society of Australia (NSW Region) in 1986.

She served as Secretary of the New South Wales region from 1987 to 1998, was joint regional newsletter editor with her husband Bernard from 1987 to 1991 inclusive and was also the competition co-ordinator of the internationally recognised Sydney Louisiana Iris Spectacular from 1989 to 1991 inclusive.

Heather was appointed as an accredited judge of the Iris Society of Australia in 1989 and she has maintained her accreditation since that time.

Heather was appointed a Fellow of the Iris Society of Australia in 1995 and was Federal President of the Iris Society of Australia from 1997 to 2000 inclusive.

In 2000 Heather was appointed as the International Chairman of the Society of Louisiana Iris - and she still holds that position to this day. In recognition of her judging skills Heather was appointed as the first Australian woman Overseas Judge of the American Iris Society for Australia in 2001. Heather's work has formed the basis for the 'soon-to-be published' Iris Society of Australia national judges handbook. At present each region of ISA operates its own regional trial garden competition under its own rules. The ISA Dykes Medal competition is the only national judging criteria at present – and this does not cover Show judging etc.

Heather is a senior judge of the ISA and is involved with most of the training of regional judges in the various regions of the ISA. She also lectures to the Royal Botanical Gardens, Sydney, other horticultural organisations (including many gardens clubs) in Australia and at national conventions of the ISA. Heather is also the web-mistress for the Royal Horticultural Society of NSW. Heather is a member of the AIS and SLI in the USA - plus the NZIS and ISA.

Many of her Louisiana iris cultivars have won Trial Garden awards here in Australia over the years, including First Place in the Sydney Louisiana Iris Spectacular for her CHARLOTTE'S TUTU in 1995.

CHARLOTTE'S TUTU, FROSTED MOONBEAM, LOTS OF JOY and MOONLIGHT CASCADE have been awarded Awards of Merit in regional Trial Garden competitions in Australia. An AM Award in the Australian system automatically qualifies a cultivar for entry in the Australian Dykes Medal competition, but none of her cultivars have been entered in that competition.

## BERNARD PRYOR

I discovered iris with a passion in the mid-1980's and after being a member of the Iris Society of Australia for less than a year, I was asked in 1987 to become the Bulletin Editor (a role I continued for seven years). The following year I became the President – a position I held for six years. It was a period of prosperity for the Society as we slaved at running frequent displays and stalls throughout Sydney to promote iris as widely as possible. My efforts were recognised in 1995 when I was thrilled to be appointed as a Fellow of the ISA. I continued my involvement in the Society and also supported the Federal Committee of the ISA by undertaking the role of the Australian Dykes Medal Trial Garden Coordinator for three years.

During those years, I also trained as an iris judge and was accredited in 1989. In 2001, I was deeply honoured to be appointed as an Overseas Judge of the American Iris Society.

I began dabbling with hybridising in 1988, but by 1990 I became so serious about hybridising that I found our average-sized home garden had insufficient room. Subsequently we rented half an acre in a more rural area about 35 minutes from our home and there we had room to row out our seedlings.

Our hybridising efforts increased annually and, by 1995, we found we had to start a small company, Iris Haven, in order to market the stock excess to our breeding program. Demands for our iris rapidly increased and at times now we struggle to keep up the supply.

Although my wife, Heather, yearned for a true orange iris in her breeding program, I loved blues, pinks and pastels and ventured down that path. Luckily we each developed seedlings over the years that were so distinctive and lovely that they just had to be named. Along the way, I played with the shorter forms as there were not many that were superb in that height range. I guess it is for that reason that we began naming the taller ones in Heather's name and the shorter ones in mine. We still continue this procedure as a

habit today, although many of the taller ones are actually my creations and some of the shorter ones are Heather's.

Some of my cultivars have been awarded AIS awards:

HM in 2007 for LET FREEDOM RING. HM in 2008 for LAKE HAMANA.

HM in 2009 for EASTMAN WINDS and

HM runner-up in 2009 for LITTLE BRONZED AUSSIE.

LET FREEDOM RING was runner-up for AM in 2009.

My other shorter-growing cultivar, BLUE MOUNTAIN MIST, won the premier award in the Western Australian regional trial garden and an AM in 2008. This is the first shorter-growing cultivar to win the coveted John Betts Medal and an AM in Australia. It is our premier release for Iris Haven in 2009.

To date I have registered thirty, primarily shorter-growing Louisiana irises.

I was an English high school teacher from 1973–2004 and then worked full-time as a Literacy adviser for the State Office of the NSW Department of Education from 2005–2009. I have also written two books for teaching English. So with education duties during the week, my weekends are busy in the iris garden when we maintain the land and dig and pack the various orders.



## **Sacramento Iris Society**

Iris Show winners were announced:

Mary Ann Horton got the Best Specimen award and Best of Show award with "Feedback"

Michael Sutton got the Best Seedling award.

**Congratulations to you both!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

# **Bruce Filardi**

## **Speaker and Judges Trainer - Sunday**

Region 14 is pleased to announce the guest speaker/judges trainer for the 2010 spring meeting/garden tours. That person is Bruce Filardi of Portland Oregon.

Bruce will be giving 1 hour of garden training in each of our guest gardens as well as presenting a slide/power point program on Sunday afternoon.

Bruce has been a distinguished member of the American Iris Society for many years, serving several of those years as the AIS bulletin Editor. Anyone that has read the AIS bulletin in the past few years is familiar with his work. Under Bruce's guidance the bulletin prospered. Many new topics were explored, such as the introduction of beginning iris genetics. In a time when very few understood or even knew about iris genetics Bruce was printing articles and soliciting new articles from the first hybridizers that were just beginning to delve into iris genetics. Bruce sought out articles that were written in such a way that the common person could understand a little and learn a little about iris genetics. Now most of us have a little knowledge on the subject.

Bruce also has served region 13 as RVP, after serving on other board positions.

If all of that wasn't enough Bruce decided to open a commercial garden. There are several unique things in his commercial garden. He has a well maintained American and British Dykes Award collection. An extensive historical collection is growing and multiplying on a slope facing the east.

Bruce has the only commercial garden in the USA that introduces irises hybridized by several international breeders.

To add to his accomplishments Bruce has also introduced several irises of his own creation. Some of those irises have won AIS awards. Bruce makes it a habit to visit other gardens as he travels around the world. ♪ ♪

**We are looking forward to seeing Bruce at Spring Regional!**

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# **HOTEL INFORMATION**

***CONTACT HOTEL DIRECTLY FOR YOU RESERVATION***

## **DAYS INN**

**1312 McHenry Ave.  
Modesto, Calif. 95350**

**209-527-1010**

**\$60.00 single queen or \$65.00 double queen, must mention Iris  
Conference for rate**

**Continental breakfast included**

**May request 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> level room NO ELEVATOR**

### **Driving Instructions**

#### **Hi-way 99 from North**

Briggsmore exit to right  
Turn left at top of off ramp onto Briggsmore  
Bottom of Briggsmore ramp  
Turn right onto E. Orangeburg Ave.  
E. Orangeburg to McHenry Ave.  
Right on McHenry 200 feet left into hotel  
Hotel set back 100 feet off McHenry

#### **Hi-way 99 from South**

Briggsmore exit to right  
Right onto Briggsmore Ave. for 200 feet  
Bottom of Briggsmore ramp turn right onto E. Orangeburg  
Orangeburg to McHenry Ave.  
Right on McHenry 200 feet then left into hotel  
Hotel set back 100 feet off McHenry

**PEP BOYS AUTO PARTS IS LOCATED IN THE SAME PARKING  
LOT AS THE HOTEL BUT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HOTEL**

# “ SPRING FUN”

## Region 14 Spring Regional Sponsored by Region 14

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Society \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail for Conformation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Spouse or 2<sup>nd</sup> person \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$85.00 per person -

Postmarked: April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 After April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 - \$95.00

Make checks payable to: Region 14

Send To: Barbara Pesek, Registrar,  
4631 Mayfield Dr.  
Fremont, CA 94536  
Phone - 510-793-5089

(Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards). Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS; Days Inn 1312 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any special requirements - Please contact us.

Barbara Pesek # 510-793-5089

Registration includes: Judges Training - Sunday & Monday, Lunch in the gardens, and the Sunday Banquet.

Executive Board Meeting,	Sat 7:00pm	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Slide Show	Sat 7:00pm	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Will there be entries for the flower Show:		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Judges Training Sunday - in the gardens		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Sunday Banquet	<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Judges Training Monday		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>

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## **REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY**

### **Minutes of Region 14 General Membership Fall Meeting Sacramento, CA Saturday, October 24, 2009**

RVP Lynn Williams called the duly noticed meeting of the General Membership of Region 14, in Sacramento, CA, to order at 9:00 AM. She welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked the Sacramento Iris Society for hosting the Fall Meeting, and introduced Rick Williams as secretary of the meeting. A sign-up sheet was ordered circulated, and was ordered attached to the minutes of the meeting. RVP Williams started to do a roll call of the societies present, but decided to postpone it until the end of the meeting due to so many people still arriving for the meeting.

#### **PRESENT**

Executive Committee members present were RVP Lynn Williams, Secretary Rick Williams, Judges' Training Chair Kathy Braaten, Bulletin Editor Mary Lee Fortner, Director Shirley Trio, Director Betty Ford; Standing Committee Chairs present were Finance Ray Vickers-Traft, Internet/Electronic Services Kitty Loberg, Membership & Public Relations Mary Ann Horton, Science John Stremel, Trophies and Awards David and Anna Cadd.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Spring Regional General Membership Meeting having been published in the Bulletin, RVP Williams asked if there were any corrections to the minutes: Kitty Loberg stated that she believed that where the proposed amendments to the Region 14 by-laws was discussed, she had not included in her motion that the proposed changes would be presented at this meeting "for final action." The correction was accepted and the language stricken from the minutes of the meeting. Upon motion duly made by Ray Vickers-Traft and seconded by David Cadd, the minutes, as corrected, were approved.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Helen Franklin being absent, RVP Williams asked Mary Lee Fortner to read the Treasurer's Report for the period 01-01-09 to 10-15-09. RVP Williams said that although the report showed a deficit in excess of \$3,000.00, she understood that there were societies that were going to be remitting, before the end of the year, approximately a combined total of \$1,000.00 to the

Region for the Summer Rhizome Sale, and money was going to be raised at this meeting that would be income for this year. It was also announced that certain amendments to the bylaws had been adopted for presentation to this meeting that would tighten and change some of the requirements for the Treasurer for line item expenses in excess of the budget. After further brief discussion, upon motion of John Stremel, seconded by Linda Stremel, the Treasurer's report was approved, and ordered attached to the minutes of the meeting.

## **JUDGES' TRAINING REPORT**

Kathy Braaten read from the copy of the report she presented at the Board meeting Friday night, announcing that David and Anna Cadd had been promoted to Master Judge by AIS, Betty Ford and Phyllis Wilburn had been promoted to Garden/Exhibition Judge, Christine Meagher, Barbara Pesek, and Linda Stremel had been promoted to Apprentice Judge. She also announced that James Whitely had Retired and that Berkeley Hunt has now come out of retirement and been reinstated to Master Judge. We have four lost Judges this year, namely Art Bern, Betty Coyle, Larry Lauer, and Michael Sutton. Our totals are 6 Emeritus Judges, 15 Master Judges, 21 Garden/Exhibition Judges, 6 Apprentice Judges, and 28 Student Judges. Kathy then announced that Shirley Trio had won the award for being the judge with the most hours of training for the year 2008-2009, with 24 hours.

## **REGION 14 BULLETIN**

Mary Lee Fortner asked, pleaded, for articles from the members for the Bulletin, and for reports from the societies on any changes to their officers or time or place of meetings.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee.** Ray Vickers-Traft reported that \$931.50 was raised in the silent auction at the 2008 Fall Regional, and of the monies received from the 2009 Summer Fundraiser, \$647.80 was raised at the live auction in Oakland, with reports still coming in from the various societies on the money to be paid to Region 14 from their sales of the irises distributed after the Spring 2009 Regional, of a combined total of about \$1,000.00. Ray then announced the arrangement of all of the raffle and silent auction items around the room and what the raffle tickets were selling for, and encouraged everyone to buy things and be generous because the Region needs the money and no one wants to take home anything that was brought for the raffle and auction.

**Honorary Awards.** RVP Williams announced that there were no awards at this time, since the Honorary Award was given at Spring Regional this year.

**Historian.** The Historian, Marlene Wiley, could not attend the meeting, but RVP Williams announced that she had spoken to Marlene and been told that she was still sorting through and organizing all of the materials that she had been given earlier, and asked that any members who had materials or photos from the earlier days of the Region please get them to her.

**Internet/Electronics.** Kitty Loberg announced that a picture of Betty Ford's garden was on the first page of the Region 14 website, and reported on what she has been doing to post pictures of irises and various documents for the Region on the website, and that since the last meeting she had completed work on the password protected page for Bulletins, society and Region information that was private, such as names and addresses or telephone numbers of members, and asked that more Region business documents, such as minutes, Bulletins, Treasurer's reports, and committee reports, be sent to her via the internet for posting on the website.

**Membership and Public Relations.** Mary Ann Horton announced that she had sent out 56 reminder notice letters to members as their memberships came up for renewal, said that Tom and Rita Gormley had moved to Florida, said there were 7 new members and 46 renewals, and described the renewal process.

**Scholarships.** Terri Hudson could not attend the meeting, so RVP Williams announced that she is trying to get the fax numbers for the schools so that she can send out the scholarship applications from Bill Coyle, but has been unable to reach Bill because of not having Bill's current email address.

**Science.** John Stremel announced that there was nothing new to report.

**Trophies and Awards.** There was a report from David and Anna Cadd, with them showing and announcing all of this year's 2009 Region 14 Trophies and Awards, as follows: Knopf Cup, Best Seedling of a Region 14 hybridizer, a tie between Lesley Painter for L00-27 C, and Karma and Chuck Barnes for 02 49 3; Cotillion Cup, Best current introduction of a Region 14 hybridizer, to Larry Lauer for "Let It Be"; Clara B. Rees Cup, Best past introduction of a Region 14 hybridizer, to Vern Wood for "Heather Marie"; Jim Gibson Cup, Best Plicata or Visual Plicata, to Tom Johnson for "Ink Patterns"; Melrose Award, Best Beardless Iris, to Joe Ghio

for “Drip Drop”; Out of Region Award, Best iris from a hybridizer outside of Region 14, to Tom Johnson for “Ink Patterns”; Hager/DeBose Memorial Cup, Best Bearded Iris other than Tall, to Chuck Bunnell for “Dividing Line.” The Cadds’ list was ordered attached to the minutes.

**Youth.** RVP Williams announced that we still have no chair for this committee, but that there are youth members in 5 or 6 societies. Mary Lee Fortner asked for articles from societies about their youth members for the Bulletin.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

4Proposed changes to the Region 14 Bylaws: RVP Williams announced that since the mailing of the proposed changes to all of the members some grammatical errors had been discovered, and corrected, and that the Board at its meeting Friday night had exhaustively reviewed all of the proposed changes and made many changes to them, all of which had been approved by the Board for presentation to the General Membership at this meeting. RVP Williams then asked Secretary Williams to read for everyone the changes that were made by the Board to the published changes, and Mr. Williams read all the changes in Article I; Article II Sections 2 and 2(A) and 2(C); Article IV Section 2(A) and 2(D); Article V Section 1, Section 1(A), 1(B), and 1(D); Article VI(A), (B), and (D); Article VII Section 1(D), Section 2(C), and Section 3 (B) as amended was moved to be Article VI (F); Article VIII Section 1, Section 2, and Section 3; and Article X. There was a general discussion of some of the proposed changes, such as the one increasing the amounts of expenses in excess of the line item budget to \$200 that had to be pre-approved by the Board, and \$500 that had to be pre-approved by the membership, and how the budget process was going to be tightened. Also that the Board was recommending that the practice of the Nominating Committee selecting only one nominee each for the positions of RVP and ARVP be continued, contrary to what was mailed to everyone. After all the changes were finally read to all present, a motion was made by Kitty Loberg and seconded by Mary Lee Fortner to approve the proposed By-Law changes as changed and amended at the Board meeting, and upon hand raised vote the motion was passed. RVP Williams ordered the handwritten copy of Secretary Williams’ copy of the Proposed By-Laws attached to the minutes of the meeting.

5RVP Williams then asked Shirley Trio, Chair of the 2010 Spring Regional in Modesto, to announce all of the information for the Regional. Shirley announced that the budget had been reviewed and approved the night before, with a registration fee of \$81, that it would be held at the Days

Inn, that Bruce Filardi was putting on the General Meeting Program, that everyone would spend one hour in each of the three guest iris gardens, that depending on the advance demand there would be a bus available for everyone at an additional fee for the guest iris garden tours. Then Shirley initiated a discussion of what the schedule for the Regional would be—Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, or Saturday, Sunday and Monday, or some other combination of days for the Board Meeting, the garden tours, the banquet, the General Membership meeting, and the judges training on Monday. One of the problems discussed was when the Nicholson garden would be available for tours. After a through discussion of all of the various options, taking into consideration the owners of the gardens, what all had to be accomplished, and the time off from work many people would have to arrange, it was moved by Barbara Whitley and seconded by Kitty Loberg to have the Regional in Spring 2010 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 24, 25, and 26. The Nicholsons agreed to have their garden available for tour on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> with the others, and with a show of hands vote, those dates were adopted. The Chairs of the Regional, Shirley and Riley, agreed to finalize the schedule and get it and all of the final details for the hotel to RVP Williams for review by the end of October and to Mary Lee Fortner for the Winter Region 14 Bulletin.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Elections.** RVP Williams announced that it was time to elect a new director for a three year term from the Southern area of the Region, and asked for nominations. Sandy Mann put the name of Gordon Nicholson in nomination, and Kitty Loberg put the name of Riley Probst in nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. RVP Williams announced that since there were two nominees, there would need to be a paper ballot, and pieces of paper were distributed to everyone present for their vote. Secretary Williams and Bob Plank were appointed by RVP Williams to collect and count the ballots, and return with the count later in the meeting.

Ray Vickers-Traft was then asked by RVP Williams to announce the nominees of the Nominating Committee for the new RVP and ARVP, and Ray announced that the committee was nominating Jeanne Plank for RVP and Kathy Braaten for ARVP. Jeanne and Kathy were elected to their offices by acclamation, to commence their respective terms in accordance with the bylaws and the acceptance of the AIS Board of Directors at their 2009 Fall Board Meeting in two weeks.

The Region 14 Photo Contest winners were announced.

The Sacramento Iris Society Iris Show winners were announced: Mary Ann Horton got the Best Specimen and Best of Show with Feedback, and Michael Sutton got the Best Seedling award.

**Roll Call.** A roll call of all of the societies/clubs present was then conducted, and 14 of the Region’s 17 societies had members present as follows:

Clara B. Rees	7	Fresno	5
James Gibson	4	High Desert	1
Las Vegas	3	Leo T. Clark	0
Monterey Bay	5	Mt. Diablo	6
Redwood	6	Sacramento	14
San Joaquin	7	Santa Rosa	8
Shasta	0	Sierra Foothills	5
Southern Nevada	0	Sydney B. Mitchell	6
West Bay	2		

**Election Results.** Ballot counters Secretary Williams and Bob Plank then announced that they had tabulated the votes in the election between Gordon Nicholson and Riley Probst for Southern area director, and Mr. Williams announced that Mr. Nicholson had been elected in a very close race. Everyone congratulated both nominees.

**PROGRAM.** Terry Aiken, a renowned hybridizer from Region 13, was then introduced and presented a program consisting of a discussion of what was happening with the new thinking for the AIS Bulletin, and then a beautiful slide show of irises from his commercial garden.

RVP Williams then handed the gavel to RVP-Elect Jeanne Plank, and there being no further business to come before the meeting, it was ADJOURNED, at 10:50 AM.



R. Richard Williams, Secretary

The Region 14 Fall Regional in Sacramento.  
 Board Minutes of Friday, October 23, 2009 will be posted on the  
 Region 14 web site. [www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org)

# American Iris Society Region 14

## By-Laws

### **Article I: Name**

This organization shall be known as Region 14 of the American Iris Society (Region 14).

### **Article II: Purpose**

Section 1. This corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for purposes described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. The purposes of Region 14 of the American Iris Society (AIS) shall be to promote the science of horticulture and any activities related to the study, propagation, improvement and culture of the genus *Iris*; to stimulate and foster interest in horticultural pursuits, conservation, protection, and culture of these plants; to support the aims of the AIS. These shall include but are not limited to:

(A) encouragement and support of scientific research, including those pertaining to the solution of diseases related to, but not necessarily exclusive to the genus *Iris*, and investigation and conservation of the genus in the wild;

(B) collection, compilation and publication of data concerning the history, classification, breeding and culture of *Iris*; and

(C) education of the public through exhibitions, public display gardens, published standards for judging irises, and providing guidance for local, area, and regional meetings open to the public.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of Region 14 shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation is authorized to pay reasonable compensation for goods and/or services rendered in furtherance of the purposes of Region 14.

### **Article III: Membership**

All members of the AIS residing within Region 14, the boundaries of which have been designated by the Board of Directors of the AIS, shall automatically be members of this organization.

### **Article IV: Officers and Duties**

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be the Regional Vice President (RVP), the Assistant Regional Vice President (ARVP), Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors, the Regional Bulletin Editor, and the Immediate Past RVP. It is a duty of these officers and directors to attend spring and fall Region 14 meetings as well as other Region 14 meetings that may be called by necessity to resolve business for the Region.

#### Section 2.

##### (A) Regional Vice President (RVP)

It shall be the duty of the RVP to perform all duties assigned to this position by the bylaws of the AIS and to respond in a timely manner to requests from AIS officers and Committee Chairs. Additional duties of the RVP shall be to (1) preside at Regional meetings and at Executive Board meetings; (2) appoint the Secretary, Treasurer, and Bulletin Editor; (3) appoint Chairs and committee members as needed with the approval of the Executive Board; (4) act as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; (5) Recommend garden and apprentice judges for the approval of the AIS Board of Directors; and (6) perform any other duties necessary to maintain the well-being of Region 14 and the AIS national organization.

##### (B) Assistant Regional Vice President (ARVP)

The duties of the ARVP shall be to: (1) preside at Regional and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the RVP; (2) serve as the Region's Judges' Training Chair; and (3) assume duties and responsibilities of the RVP when that office is declared vacant by the Executive Board.

(C) The duties of the Secretary shall be to: (1) record and transcribe the minutes of the Regional and Executive Board meetings; (2) conduct official mailings; and (3) keep additional records as directed by the RVP.

(D) The duties of the Treasurer shall be to: (1) have custody of all regional monies and deposit these monies in a bank in the name of the Region; (2) issue all checks dispensing Regional funds consistent with the budget, *or* as directed by the Board; (3) keep books showing the source and use of all Regional monies; (4) submit said books



annually for review; (5) prepare the annual proposed budget and with the RVP, co-chair the annual Region 14 budget meeting; and (6) serve on the Fundraising Committee.

(E) The duties of the Directors shall be to: (1) serve on the Nominating Committee; (2) serve as advisors to the RVP; and (3) serve as Committee Chairs when requested by the RVP.

(F) The duties of the Bulletin Editor shall be to: (1) edit the Regional Bulletin under the direction of the RVP and under such policy as determined by the Executive Board; (2) chair the Publications Committee; and (3) report to the Budget Committee in advance of the annual Region 14 budget meeting a proposed annual budget for the Regional Bulletin.

### **Article V: Nomination and Election of Officers**

Section 1. During the last year of an incumbent RVP's term of office a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board for the purpose of nominating candidates to the positions of RVP and ARVP. Nominating Committee members shall be composed of seven (7) members: the three (3) Directors, a Region 14 affiliate president, a Region 14 AIS judge, and a Region 14 member-at-large. The Nominating Committee Chair shall be a past RVP selected by the Board, who may only vote to break a tie. Members for the Nominating Committee shall be selected as to represent equally the different geographic areas of the Region as defined in the most current edition of the Region 14 Standing Rules. The Committee shall nominate one candidate for RVP and one candidate for ARVP.

(A) The Nominating Committee shall submit a proposed slate to all local Society Presidents as well as to the Region Board within 30 days of their decision. In order to reach all Region 14 members by the end of August, nominee names shall be printed prominently in the Summer Issue of the Region 14 Bulletin (or substitute official communication).

(B) Additional nominations may be made by petition of the general membership. Each such petition shall be signed by the nominee and endorsed by at least ten percent of the Region 14 members, representing at least three (3) local Affiliates, one from each of the three geographic areas. This petition shall be placed in the hands of the secretary prior to September 1 of the election year. Such names shall be printed on a ballot together with the Nominating Committee's nominee names and mailed so as to be received by all members in early October.

All voted ballots must be received by the Regional Secretary no later than ten days prior to the Fall Regional meeting.

(C) The Secretary shall be Chair of an Election Committee of three to count the ballots and report results to the RVP. The RVP and ARVP are elected for a term of three (3) years. The RVP is subject to approval by the Board of the AIS annually.

(D) There shall be three directors, each elected for a term of three years, one from each geographic area of the Region, the term to begin immediately following election. One Director shall be elected at each Fall Regional Meeting; candidates shall be nominated from the floor; a nominee shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present. During the three-year term that a geographic area's Director is seated on the Board, no other Director from that geographic area, as defined in the most current edition of the Region 14 Standing Rules, may be elected to a Director position. In the event that a Director's position is vacated before the end of their three year term, another qualified person from the same geographic area may be elected at any subsequent membership meeting to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term. Directors may not serve successive terms as Director; provided, however, a person filing a Director vacancy for one year or less shall be eligible for election to a successive full term.

**Article VI: Executive Board**

(A) Membership

The voting members of the Executive Board shall be the officers of Region 14 as listed in Article IV; Standing Committee Chairs and all Affiliate Presidents within Region 14 shall be ex-officio voting members of the Executive Board. An Affiliate President may appoint a designated representative in writing, to vote on the Executive Board in that capacity.

(B) Duties

The duties of the members of the Executive Board shall be as follows: (1) attend the Executive Board meetings, as called by the RVP; (2) serve as an advisory group to the RVP; (3) select the Nominating Committee; (4) adopt an annual budget; and (5) appoint an ARVP when the office is declared vacant by the Executive Board.

(C) Meetings

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the RVP at each Fall and Spring Regional, and at any other time deemed necessary to conduct the business of Region 14. Electronic meetings of the Executive

Board may also be called by the RVP, in compliance with the Standing Rules.

(D) Quorum

Quorum for the meetings of the Executive Board shall be a simple majority of the Executive Board. The Affiliate Presidents and Standing Committee Chairs shall have a vote, but their presence will not count against the quorum.

(E) Standing Rules

There shall be Standing Rules for the governance of Region 14. Standing Rules may be proposed by the Executive Board and approved at a general membership meeting. Standing Rules shall not be inconsistent with these By-Laws, the By-Laws of AIS, or the purposes of Region 14 and the AIS.

(F) The Region 14 Executive Board shall have the authority between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board to conduct business via electronic mail in accordance with the Region 14 Standing Rules.

**Article VII: Regional Meetings**

Section 1. Spring Regional

A spring regional meeting shall be held each year during iris bloom season. It may include garden tours, and at least one tour garden may contain plantings of guest seedlings. At least two years in advance when possible, a local society wishing to host a spring regional meeting should present a written invitation to the RVP, who will in turn present it at the next general membership meeting for approval by members.

(A) Registration fees for the Spring Regional shall be set at an amount that will cover expenses and leave a three dollar minimum per registrant for the Region 14 general fund.

(B) The Society hosting the Spring Regional shall select the Chair and Committee members who will make arrangements for the event.

(C) Plans for the Spring Regional meeting must be submitted to the RVP for final approval no later than the preceding Fall Regional. The Chair shall send to the RVP a full report within ninety days following the meeting; the report should include attendance, finances, and awards.

## Section 2. Fall Regional

(A) A Fall Regional Meeting shall be held each October. The RVP shall present a written invitation to host from a local society for approval by the membership at the next general membership meeting, at least one year in advance.

(B) Registration fees for the Fall Regional shall be set at an amount that will cover expenses and leave a three dollar minimum per registrant for the Region 14 general fund.

(C) The Society hosting the Fall Regional shall select the Chair and Committee members who will make arrangements for the event. This Chair shall present final plans for the Fall Regional for approval by the RVP no later than six months before the event. Following the event, the Chair shall send a full report on the Fall Regional to the RVP within sixty days.

## Section 3. General Membership Meetings

(A) A General Membership meeting shall be called by the RVP in conjunction with each Spring and Fall Regional.

(B) At each general meeting every member in attendance shall have the privilege of addressing the Chair and the Board. Each member shall have full privileges of bringing a motion before the assembly, offering a second and voting on any motion brought before the assembly.

## **Article VIII: Finances and Budget**

Section 1. The annual budget shall be prepared by the Budget Committee and submitted to the Executive Board at the Annual Budget Meeting for adoption, on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>; approval by a simple majority in attendance is required. The approved budget shall be printed in the next issue of the Region 14 Bulletin or other substitute official communication.

Section 2. Unbudgeted expenses or those in excess of the approved budget of more than two hundred (200) dollars require the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Unbudgeted expenses or those in excess of the approved budget of more than five hundred (500) dollars require the approval of the members attending a regional business meeting.

Section 4. The fiscal year shall begin the first day of January and end the last day of December.

**Article IX: Standing Committees**

The Standing Committees shall be: Fundraising, Historian, Honorary Awards, Internet/Electronic Services, Membership and Public Relations, Policy and Procedures, Scholarships, Science, Trophies and Awards, and Youth.

**Article X: Amendments**

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed at a regular business meeting of the region, and voted upon at the next regular general membership meeting for approval of a majority of those members present, provided that the membership has been notified of the intention to amend at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting.

**Article XI: Conflict with AIS By-Laws**

The bylaws of the American Iris Society shall, in cases of conflict, take precedence over these bylaws.

**Article XII: Dissolution of Corporation**

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, after paying or adequately providing for its debts and obligations, Region 14 shall distribute all corporate assets to such organizations as are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of a future Internal Revenue Law.

(Amended and Adopted May 2, 1998, October 25, 2003, April 29, 2006, October 28, 2006, and October 24, 2009)

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I would like to make a point about the article on p. 44 of the Bulletin "The Miracles of WD 40". It is not fish oil. It is made from Petroleum Distillates. There are several warnings on the can including the universal danger signal a triangle with ! Enclosed. There is a first aid section also on the can. It will indeed do all the things Ken East lists but should not be considered a "harmless substance".

Lois Cook -----Redwood Iris Society

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY  
TREASURERS REPORT 01-01-09 THROUGH 10-15-09

	BUDGETED	Funds At 10/15/09
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		\$ 4,098.99
SAVINGS -LOUIS OBRIEN		\$ 543.69
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		\$ 23,382.66
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 28,025.34
EXPENSES BY ITEM:		
Bulletin- Publishing	2500.00	1435.00
" Postage/Label/Mail	1150.00	607.56
" Color Pages	500.00	125
" Editor Expense	100.00	
Ad-refund		6
RVP Allowance	2500.00	2656.19
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	150.00	805.12
" Beardless Purchases	400.00	400.00
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00	100.00
" Sales Taxes	150.00	91.85
Judges' Training	1500.00	1043.17
Science Committee	500.00	
Awards and Trophies	600.00	563.37
Honorary Awards	100.00	293.88

Office/Legal	200.00	
Supplies		45.22
Fees		23.00
Printing & Mailing By-Laws		344.67
Office Equipment		53.86
Historian	100.00	
Scholarship	550.00	
Youth Committee	300.00	
Membership	50.00	27.22
Internet Services	60.00	
S.F. Flower Show-2009		85.00
S.F. Flower Show-2010	500.00	280.00
New Societies	300.00	419.16
		\$ 9,405.27
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,310.00	

REVENUES BY ITEM:

Bulletin Advertising	300.00	174.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	15.00	
Donations from Societies *	800.00	1263.00
Donations/Raffles-Louis O'Brien		
Donations/Raffles	75.00	
Interest	775.00	445.12
Judges' Training	1500.00	1355.00
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regionals	500.00	336.00
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-Raffle/Donations	1500.00	931.50
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	2500.00	1622.80
" , Summer Fundraiser-Donations		
" Fall Beardless Fundraiser	1000.00	
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	125.00	
S F Flower Show		
Subtotal	9,090.00	
Use of Reserve Funds	3,220.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 12,310.00	\$ 6,127.42

Total Expenses		\$ 9,405.27
Less total Revenues		\$(6,127.42)

## COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR AIS AFFILIATES

In an action at the AIS Fall Board meeting in Tulsa, OK, a new definition and job description was given to the AIS National Board position of “Affiliations.” As a result of the Board action, the position is to be called “Affiliates Liaison” and the duties for the position are to provide additional services and advice that extend beyond facilitating the affiliation process.

**There will be a full article on this in the Spring Bulletin!**

## REGION 14 MEMBER SOCIETIES’ INFORMATION

If you are a contributing society (membership dues paid by July 1) you have a - ♡ - and you are taking part in supporting your Region 14 in 2009

Societies, General Meetings, and Presiding Officers

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 Tom Karwin, President, P.O. Box 7600, Santa Cruz, CA  
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Third Sunday, February, March, May, July, September & October  
The Ukiah Garden Club Clubhouse, 1203 West Clay St., Ukiah, CA.  
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Kitty Loberg, Vice President [loberg@adelphia.net](mailto:loberg@adelphia.net) 707-485-7907  
Marlena Chancellor, Treasurer 707-463-6675  
Vacant - Recording Secretary

♥**SACRAMENTO** [shirleytrio@clearwire.net](mailto:shirleytrio@clearwire.net) 209-551-6323

Third Monday, Jan, Feb, Mar, Jun, Aug, Sept, Oct, & Nov at 7:pm  
Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento  
Other locations for May, June, July & Aug, potluck holiday dinner in Dec  
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The have a ♥ campaign is new. Each year in the Summer Issue only of the Region 14 Bulletin all of the affiliates that have paid their

yearly dues to Region 14 by **July 1<sup>st</sup>** will have a heart by their society name. This is a small way to say thank you for your support to our Region 14. (This is the last of the catch up issues)

Region 14 also thanks Sydney B. Mitchell for hosting the January Budget Meeting, and Santa Rosa Iris Society for the wonderful Spring Regional and Sacramento Iris Society for the super Fall Regional. You all did superb jobs and you all get ♡♡. Thank you - Thank you  
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**Region 14 website: [www.aisregion14.org](http://www.aisregion14.org)**

The password is: 14irises

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