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The RVP's Garden

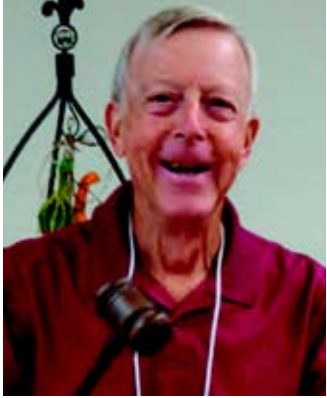


photo: Phyllis Wilburn

A huge thank you to the High Desert Iris Society for hosting a wonderfully successful Region 14 Fall Meeting. All the hard work was evident by how smoothly the weekend went.

Another thank you, this time to all affiliates for keeping Region 14 #1 in AIS for membership and youth. Keep working on getting new members and getting classrooms in the Region 14's Classroom Iris Project.

See below for the top ten results of the Region 14 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium. The voting for the top iris was not close but was very close for the remaining nine.

Tom Karwin, Kathleen Sonntag, Ann Pike and Lorraine Nicholson have retired from editing the Region 14 Bulletin. Tom is moving on to other botanical endeavors, Lorraine is going to concentrate on the Regional Youth Program, Ann and Kathleen simply needed to cut back on way too many activities. All of us in Region 14 are indebted to both Tom and his crew for bringing the Region 14 Bulletin into modern times by going digital. Welcome Shirley Trio-Probst, Gesine Lohr and Alleah Haley to the Bulletin Staff.

We are headed south in 2015 with the Spring Regional in Coarsegold, California hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society (the region's newest affiliate) on April 17, 18, & 19. The James M. Gibson Iris Society will host the Fall Regional on October 16 & 17 in Visalia, California.

John Pesek, RVP

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all rebloom enthusiasts!

This iris is ZEE D (Spoon 2004) TB-RE reblooming today, Thanksgiving, in Fleur De Lis Garden in Modesto, CA Zone 9. This is Zee's 43rd day of rebloom this season here.

~ Riley Probst, on the Facebook page of the Reblooming Iris society,
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144961258880171/>



Check out
the AIS Blog!

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

Editor's Notes ~ Shirley Trio-Probst



Winter.....the time for Nature to rest and sleep, time to slow down and take comfort in the short cold days, there is so little to do. YEAH RIGHT, not in Region 14.

Some noticed, some did not, that there was not a fall bulletin. Some know and some do not know the reasons.

Tom Karwin did a wonderful job on the Region 14 *Bulletin*, bringing it into the real world of today, the digital image and electronic age. Just as Tom had a hand on producing a fine bulletin, he received a dream offer: assistant administrator of the Santa Cruz Arboretum, in addition to his regular day job. A decision had to be made. Dream job or Region 14 *Bulletin*? Congratulations to Tom on accepting this dream job!

About the same time Kathleen Sonntag, the Region 14 *Bulletin* designer, had an offer she could not refuse, so she gave up her position as designer; she is now the editor and art director of the AIS Bulletin, *Irises*.

A few months passed and there was no line of volunteers beating down RVP Peseks' door. After beating the bushes John could find no one hiding out there. It came down to if someone didn't volunteer soon there would not be a winter Bulletin either. So, stick with us Houston we are blasting off.....!



p.s. from the Designer, Gesine Lohr ~ I'm happy to be doing the design here! Let's see what adventures we can get into! (credit for the original of this rocket ship image goes to hybridizer Lloyd Austin and his wonderful "Rainbow Offerings" catalog; we've scanned some of these, please ask me if you'd like a PDF copy!).

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Calendar

Regional Meetings

2015 Spring Regional

April 17-19, 2015, Bass Lake, California
Hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society.
See pages 39-41 in this issue.
Look for details at www.aisregion14.org.

2015 Fall Regional

The James M. Gibson Iris Society will host the Region 14 Fall Meeting in October 2015. The TENTATIVE date is October 23-25. The hotel, Holiday Inn of Visalia, is located in Visalia, CA., just off the freeway beside the airport on the south side of town. Region 14 has held functions there before so for all of you that go back a few years it will be familiar. We invite all Region 14 members to attend. In the future look at the Region 14 Bulletin and the regional website for more information.

AIS Conventions



2015 Iris in Wonderland

May 18 - 23 Portland, Oregon
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and

Another Day in the Garden

Siberian/Species Convention 2015
Portland, Oregon May 24-25, 2015
<http://www.ais2015portlandconvention.com/siberianconvention.html>

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Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society ~ Potluck with judges' training on reblooming iris

presented by noted hybridizer Riley Probst,
along with giveaways of potted reblooming iris.

January 17, 2015

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AIS Annual Symposium

Annually the American Iris Society has a symposium that was created in 1941 and is currently in the hands of Riley Probst. This AIS Symposium is tall bearded only and it is for all members of the AIS not for only judges. This symposium gives everyone a chance to place a vote for their favorite tall bearded irises. The following is how the irises are selected to be placed on the AIS Symposium.

The 100 top varieties from the previous symposium.

All tall bearded irises eligible for the next years' Dykes Medal

All tall bearded irises eligible for the next years' Wister Medal

The tall bearded irises eligible for the next years' Award of Merit

Any tall bearded iris that just won the Award of Merit

All tall bearded irises that just won the Honorable Mention Award

Any and all AIS members have 25 votes to cast. There is a number beside each iris on the ballot. If it is a hassle to snail mail it to the RVP just get on your computer and type in the number beside your selection and e-mail those numbers to the RVP.

Region 14 has the most of everything, AIS members, AIS Judges and 4 Emeritus Judges.

The rules are simple yet almost no one in Region 14 votes. There were less than 50 votes from a region of 510 members. We need to band together, place our votes and make voice of Region 14 heard.

The top 10 are:

That's All Folks (Maryott 2005) received 68% of the regional vote

Jesse's Song (Williamson 1983) tied with Mesmerizer for 47% of the votes

Mesmerizer (Byers 1991)

Queen's Circle (Kerr 2000)

Lady Friend (Ghio 1981)

Italian Ice (Cadd 2001)

Golden Panther (Tasco 2000)

Gypsy Lord (Keppel 2005)

Florentine Silk (Keppel 2004)

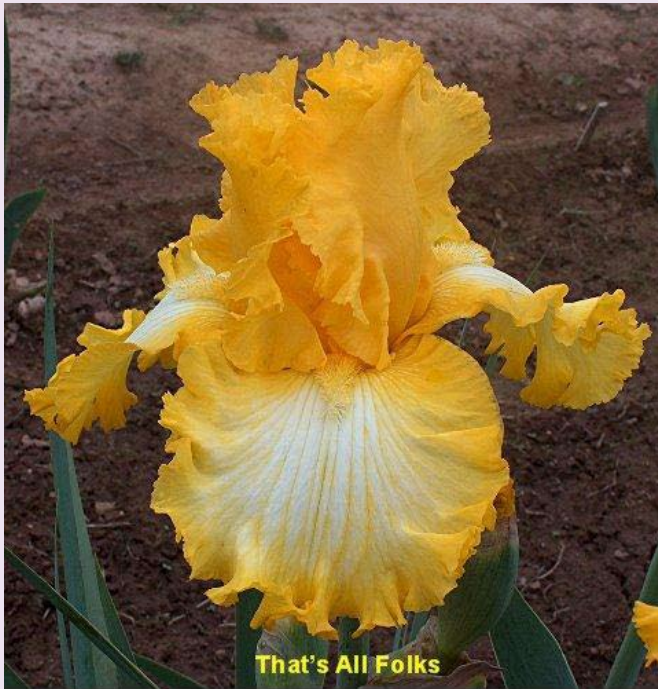
Dusky Challenger (Schreiner 1986)

Any suggestions for ideas on how to make the voting easier or faster contact Riley Probst rprobst02@earthlink.net

Riley Probst

The votes reported here are the votes from Region 14 -- votes from all Regions are gathered together for the national AIS Symposium results, which will be reported in the AIS Bulletin.





That's All Folks

above: That's All Folks (Maryott 2005)
below: Jesse's Song (Williamson 1983)



above: Queen's Circle (Kerr 2000)
below: Mesmerizer (Byers 1991)

[photo of That's All Folks by Shirley Trio-Probst; other photos by Riley Probst]



Riley Probst posted this on Reblooming Iris Society's Facebook page, November 20, 2014

This is DUO DANDY, B. Hager 1999 reblooming today at Fleur De Lis Garden in Modesto, California. It first rebloomed this year on September 6th and has rebloomed for 45 days since then.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144961258880171/?fref=nf>

Bob Annand Wins 2014 Clarence G. White Medal

text and photos by Leo T. Clark Iris Society



left: Bob and Irene Annand with 'Kalifa's Joy'
above: Rob with Bob

The Clarence White Medal is given for aril irises and aril bred irises with at least 50% aril content. Robert Annand's 'Kalifa's Joy' won first place this year. His 'Persian Queen' also won first runner up. Bob's 'Kalifa's Horn,' a cross between an "aril-bred" with an iris with horns was the first of its kind ever registered in the world, and won the coveted William Mohr Medal from the Aril Society International in 2001.

Robert Annand introduced twenty-six irises before his death in December of 2013, leaving an indelible mark on irises, particularly arils. His Tall Bearded introductions included 'Rosey Promise' (1975), 'Diamond Mountain' (1989), 'Glitter Rim' (1989), 'Arizona Byways' (1990), 'Desert Sketch' (1993), 'Tang Fizz' (1993), 'Fight On' (1996), 'Three Strikes' (1998), 'Hit and Miss' (1999), 'Vision of Spring' (1999), 'Grape Soda' (2000), 'Midnight Masterpiece' (2000), 'Kool Bre's' (2003), 'Kona Waves' (2005), and 'Capitol Debut' (2008).

His aril-bred introductions included 'Kalifa's Horn' (1995), 'Kalifa's Fortune' (2001), 'Persian Queen' (2006), 'Kalifa's Cape' (2003), 'Maleka'

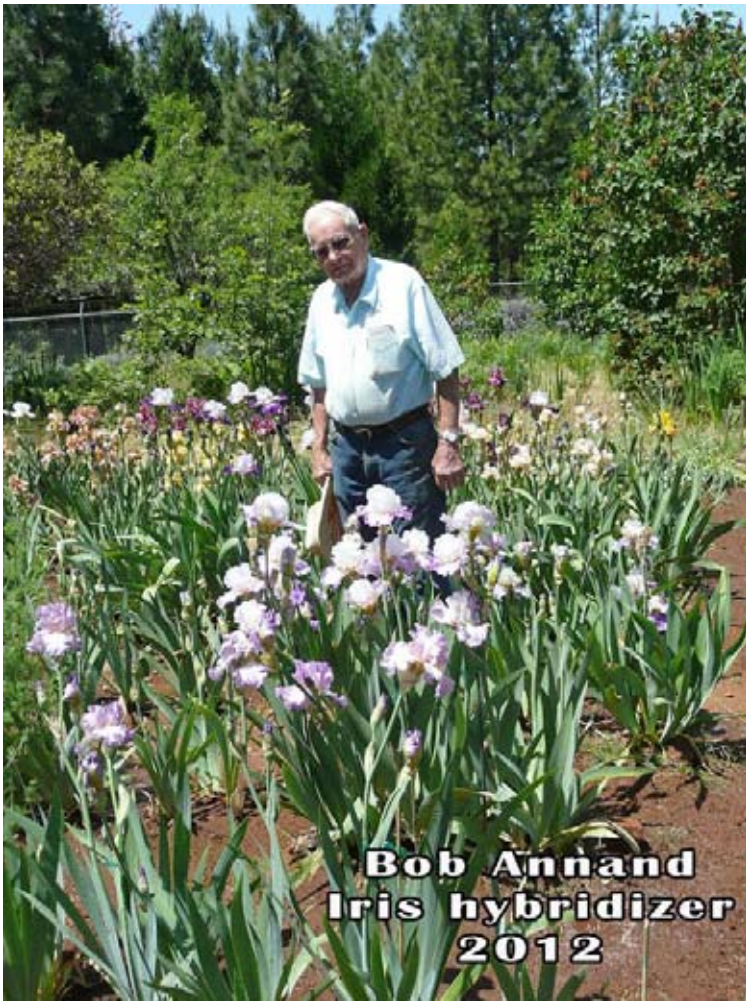
(2007), and 'Return to Aga' (2002).

Bob's SDB introductions were 'Charmed Again' (2006), 'Escape Hatch' (1997) and 'Little Swiss Miss' (2006). Bob's only Border Bearded introduction was 'Mini Big Horn' (1998).

Bob's beautiful irises will continue to be registered and introduced posthumously by his adopted son, Rob Marshall. Comanche Acres Iris Garden in Gower, Missouri will introduce 'Bob's Pride' and Nola's Iris Garden in San Jose will offer seventeen more Annand creations in the Spring of 2015.

Rob Marshall, with the assistance of friend Kathy Hutchinson, built the Annand Memorial Iris Garden at the Forest Ranch Community Center featuring a collection of all of Bob's introductions. Fellow Leo T. Clark Iris Society Member, Kristofer Kooi, built a unique cedar bench from lumber he felled and milled himself as a place to sit and rest for those who visit the garden.

Honors and awards were just a regular part of Bob's life which he humbly took in stride. The Leo T. Clark Iris Society honored him (along with club founder Claudia Owen) as its "Living Treasure" in 2013.

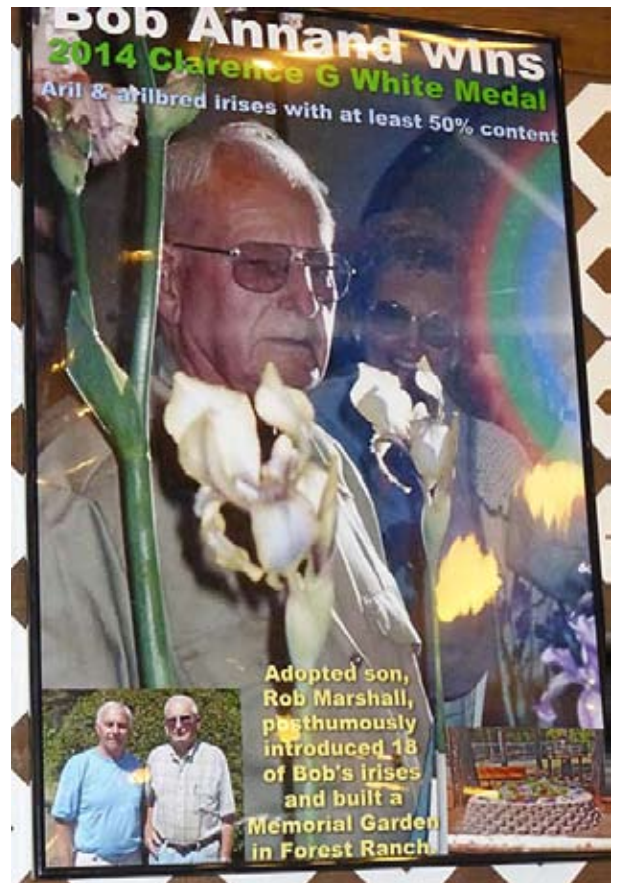


above: Irene Annand at Chico Home & Garden Show
 left: Bob in the garden in 2012

below, right: Poster, at Chico Home & Garden Show

below, left: Bob Annand Memorial Iris Garden

To know and be with Bob Annand was an honor and privilege. He was a worker! His life was an inspiration because whenever the opportunity arose, he was a Good Samaritan whose continuous acts of kindness made people love him. A patient, approachable man who enjoyed people and sharing, Bob Annand often reminded us that all things of beauty are a gift of the Creator. ☞





above: Capitol Debut (Annand 2008)
[photos: Riley Probst]
below: Kool Bre's (Annand 2003)

above: Kona Waves (Annand 2005)
below: Little Swiss Miss (Annand 2006)





*above: Desert Sketch (Annand 1993)
[photos: Riley Probst]
below: Grape Soda (Annand 2001)*



above: Maleka (Annand 2007) [photo: Riley Probst]

From the “Good Old Days”

Jean Richter, Chair,
Historian Committee, AIS Region 14

In my capacity as chair of the Historian Committee, I’ll be presenting some materials from the Region 14 archives in our bulletin, to give current members an idea of what things were like in past decades of the Region’s history. My corrections or editorial comments are in [brackets].

We’re starting off by looking back 50 years, to 1964.

James Gibson was a very important hybridizer in Region 14’s history. He hybridized and introduced iris over a very long period, receiving considerable acclaim. Kilt Lilt, introduced by him in 1970, received the AIS’s highest award, the Dykes Medal. As a testament to his accomplishments and importance to Region 14, one of the Region’s affiliates bears his name, as does one of the Region’s convention awards.

The talk transcript below originally appeared in the **Fall 1964 Region 14 Bulletin**. As one reads through it, it becomes quite noticeable that many things have changed in the ensuing 50 years, both regarding iris and otherwise.

CONFESSIONS OF A HYBRIDIZER

Jim Gibson

A talk given before the combined Sydney B. Mitchell, Clara B. Rees, and Mt. Diablo Iris Societies.

It is an honor and pleasure to have been asked to speak to such an important group of irisarians. I told my wife that I should have my head examined for accepting such an assignment. “Like carrying coals to Newcastle.”

Since I retired last June, after 37 years of teaching, I have been saying “I’m retired but not retarded.” I’m demonstrating two reason[s] why this statement is not true in its last part. First, as I said, I accepted this assignment, second, I’m using a set of notes to keep on the track of what I have to say. One other indication that I can relate will show that I have had this trouble a long time. In the second or third year of my teaching the father of one of my students returned [fro]m an institution in Stockton. He had 7 or 8 teenage boys. Like many teenagers they thought their father was crazy.



above: Jim Gibson, 1968 [photo: Keith Keppel]

They out-voted him so he was sent to the asylum. One of the first things he did upon returning was to visit me in my auto mechanics class at the high school. He said “Gibson, you are a smart cookie”. (That statement showed they had sent him to the right place.) “Draw a square in a 2 inch circle, bisect the square. How many square inches in the bisected area?” I said with some irritation that I didn’t know. He said “You are as crazy as I am because I couldn’t answer it either. It doesn’t make sense, it just doesn’t make sense!” I asked him, “What doesn’t make sense?” He replied, “They sent me to the insane asylum and they have you down here teaching school!”

Upon checking Jack’s letter again I found with much relief that he didn’t want a scientific discourse on iris, only my experiences with growing and hybridizing irises. I was glad for I’m afraid I’m not too scientific.



above: Autumn Echo (Gibson 1975)
 [photo: Riley Probst]

My first memory and experience with an iris happened about 50 years ago. One spring day, on the way home from school, I saw a purple flower in a meadow. It was a strange one to me and I thought it was the most beautiful flower I had ever seen. I took it home to my mother. She thought it beautiful too and said it was called a flag.

I can't remember too much until 1930 when we bought a lot and built a garage to live in until we got our house built. We set about planting a garden immediately. I saw an ad in a magazine offering 19 irises for \$1.00. I ordered them. Bill Schortman loaned me an iris catalog where I saw one advertised for 75 cents. (Seminole) I thought it certainly should be a beauty for that price and a person should be pixelated to pay it.

A short time later Bill Schortman made an iris purchase. I came home and told my wife, "Eddie, do you know what that darned fool Bill did? He paid \$4.50 for one iris, Indian Chief, and I think he got scalped." He stills shows the results to this day. I was soon scalped for the first time soon after.

I think the first named iris that captured my fancy and really sold me on this flower was Lord of

June, a tall floppy light blue. I note with interest that Gilbert Cole of South Australia, who also had a recent article in our Bulletin, had the same experience. There are few here who would remember it.

My first iris cross was made in 1936, Puris[s]ima x Claridad. I wanted to improve Claridad which was a small light blue with much fragrance. From this cross I got several beautiful specimens in white, near white, and blue. One of the whites was introduced several years later but by that time too many good whites had hit the market and it never made it.

In 1940 I decided to narrow my field of activity down and nibble on one small corner and endeavor to improve it rather than play the whole field. I felt that the plicatas had the most need for improvement. The petals were narrow and tucked under and there was little substance in most. Flaring and ruffling in the falls were missing. This would be my area of concentration.

Years later I was asked by a woman in a group visiting the garden why I selected the plicatas to specialize in? I related the above reasons. She turned to the group and said, "Isn't that just like a school teacher?"

Some time later I was visiting with Sydney Mitchell and told him my feelings about the plicatas.



above: Red Lightning (Gibson 1983)
 [photo: Riley Probst]



above: Smoke Rings (Gibson 1972)
[photo: Riley Probst]



above: Ruffled Copper Sunset (Gibson 1993)
[photo: Riley Probst]

He said, “I feel the same way. Let’s work together on this and between us I feel we can reach our objective sooner.” I was happy as he had much fame as a hybridizer and I had little. His experience would help me. It was never to be, because of the war, lack of transportation, and his passing all worked to keep us from meeting again.

While visiting him I noticed an old copper red self growing. I was much impressed by the color. He asked me if I would like a stamen, which of course I did. Mrs. Mitchell got it for me. When I got home only Sacramento, a plicata, was blooming. This cross was the basis of all my reddish brown and copper plicatas.

In 1943 I made the cross of Tiffany and [Madame Louis] A[u]reau. From this cross I got a high percentage of good ones, one of which was Gibson Girl. From Gibson Girl came the wide petals and ruffling which later through line breeding produced double ruffling or fluting. Wild Ginger, one of my finest to date shows the form of Gibson Girl and the color from the Mitchell stamen. Most of my plicatas today are from this line breeding with an occasional out cross. There have been many interesting variations. I’m in the process now of developing laced plicatas. I feel I will soon have one I am satisfied with.

I am also hybridizing in other classes too. White lace and colored lace, pink, black, blue, and just

fooling around. Since I have retired I feel I will be doing more of the latter.

I have had some interesting and amusing incidents working with the iris. As I said before, I’m not too scientific, I guess. At the National Convention in Portland a woman from Mississippi asked me if I used the chromosome count in my hybridizing program. I said, “No, I was usually crossing several generations beyond any count that I knew of.” When she got through I had received a complete lecture on my short-comings as a hybridizer. I felt like the man who started to tell the preacher why he hadn’t been going to church. When I got home and had time to read the A.I.S. quarterly someone had written a lengthy article on this subject of chromosomes. She had read it, I hadn’t.

A lady was visiting our garden. I noticed she was reading all labels carefully and comparing with my listings. She said, “I’m really disappointed.” I asked her why? She said, “The most beautiful iris I got last year was Gratis; you gave it to me. Now I can’t find it either on your listing or in the garden!”

Another interesting thing is the ideas the ladies have on how hybridizing is done. I have been asked if



all photos: Riley Probst

*above: Going My Way
(Gibson 1972)*

*Mirror Mirror
(Gibson 1979)*

*Kilt Lilt
(Gibson 1970)*

*Lightning Streak
(Gibson 1992)*

I planted the rhizomes side by side; if I tangled up the roots at planting time; or if I cut the rhizomes in two and planted the two halves together. One lady asked what part the beard played in hybridizing. I told her it was only incidental, that it was decorative to attract the bees. She said, "I'm so sorry, it is so beautiful and should be involved." She thought a minute and said, "No wonder I never got any seeds to set, I just smeared pollen all over the beard."

Our very hot Spring and Summer days bring the surface temperature of the soil very high sometimes. This sometimes scalds the new seedlings when first planted. I got an idea of putting a light sprinkling of straw around the plants to give some shade until established. Last Spring I had just about completed my transplanting of about 4,000 plants. I kept smelling smoke and was going to check its source when I finished the row I was planting. About that time my wife came up to the other side of the planting and said, "Why did you burn this straw?" I went over to investigate and found the neighbor had been burning paper in his incinerator; the wind was blowing and a piece had come over the fence and ignited the straw. The surface temperature got very hot in that row.

Two years ago, after my back operation, I hired a man to help me do some of the digging and transplanting. I instructed him to dig all this row and put on the discard pile and another row to dig and discard all but the last two varieties. When I came back he had gotten the rows mixed. The two varieties were mixed in the pile of discards. I thought of planting a quarter acre or so, more or less, to be sure and save these, but decided to gamble and let them go. These were

two that Mr. Cooley decided he wanted to introduce a couple of months later.

One of my iris customers complained that all her iris had reverted to blue and white after several years. I said, "They don't do that." She said, "It happened after transplanting." I asked her if she put them in a pile after digging and selected only the biggest rhizomes for transplanting. This she said she did. Of course blue and white are usually the most vigorous, so there may be another answer to the reverting problem.

As I have said, I'm not too scientific but try to be in selecting the few seedlings I keep out of the thousands grown. My wife makes a selection out of those not to be saved, for her iris bed. I was "quite shook up" when the four H.C.'s awarded the Gibson garden were among the discards she selected to save.

I think I must have felt something like an experience related by a neighbor that happened when he was a small boy in Arkansas. An older brother had two very shiny fishing hooks which he coveted very much. Alfred and his brother Henry were down on a creek bank where his brother was fishing with the two hooks, while he was sitting on the bank watching and wishing he could fish also. As his brother stepped over a log a water moccasin struck him on the foot. Henry grabbed his hooks and line and started running for home. Alfred being too small to keep up yelled after him, "If you die, can I have the fish hooks?" Henry shouted back to him, "To hell with you and the fish hooks too!" When Alfred finally got home his mother had Henry's foot soaking in a bucket of coal oil to kill the snake venom. After about a half hour

of soaking his mother said, “Let’s see your foot now, son.” He pulled it out of the bucket for her to see. She said, “I really think we did a good job on the bite this time for it looks about normal. Hold up your other foot so we can compare.” This he did and to their astonishment they found it twice the size of the one being treated. (Of course she was treating the wrong foot.) This incident was overheard by the editor of [a] local paper who was fishing on the other side of a bush and was published in the next edition.

Always somewhere in an iris talk, the question, “What does the immediate future hold in iris improvement?” come[s] up. A questionnaire was sent by the president of the British Iris Society, Mr. Percy King, to seven hybridizers of considerable experience. They are Brummit, Cook, Fay, Fothergill, Randall, Schreiner, and Wills. Briefly the questions and answers are as follows:

1. Has the possible or desirable limit of size been reached?

Most felt yes to this question.

2. Are further really significant variations in color possible?

All predict advances in variations or color improvements.



above: Huckleberry Fudge (Gibson 1997)

[photo: Riley Probst]

3. Will there be any trend toward altering the shape of the flower or poise of the falls and standards?

Most opposed any change. One thought the haft of the falls too broad for grace. Another said this also applied to the standards. Another felt that both could be broadened. [My, how times have changed!]

below: Living Legacy (Gibson 1993)

Blue Staccato (Gibson 1977)

Chickasaw Sue (Gibson 1983)

Chief Hematite (Gibson 1983) [photos: Riley Probst]





above: Burgundy Brown (Gibson 1979)
[photos: Riley Probst]



above: Flame Banner (Gibson 1985)
below: Radiant Apogee (Gibson 1964)

4. Is the development of features such as horns, spoons or doubling favored?

Unanimously, this was disfavored. [Say it ain't so!]

Since I made a list also I think I shall read it anyway. My standpoint was to make functional some of the features the iris already have. The following is my list of proposals and complaints:

1. Horns that don't blow.
2. Frills that don't thrill.
3. Lips that don't pucker.
4. Shimmers that don't shake.
5. Lace that is lousy.
6. Mohrs that are less.
7. Flounces that don't flip.
8. Peaches that are lemons -- although some lemons are peachy.
9. Dreams that are screams.
10. Prides that are prudes.
11. Standards that are substandard.



Coarsegold Elementary School ~ AIS Youth Iris Garden

~ Carolyn Hoover, President, Yosemite Iris Society



above: 4th grade CIP students planting a “Storybook Garden” in Oct. 2014 @Coarsegold School Youth Iris Garden. Photo: Guy Hoover

below: AIS Youth students @Coarsegold School receiving an iris sent from the AIS National Guest garden - Sept. 2014. Photo: Carolyn Hoover

below: AIS 4th grade Youth Students helping in the CIP Garden @Coarsegold Elem. School in Oct. 2014. Photo: Carolyn Hoover.

below right: 'Low Ho Silver', IB, reblooming with a preying mantis on it - in the Coarsegold youth iris garden. Photo: Carolyn Hoover.



Youth Views, Winter 2014

~ Lorraine Nicholson
Youth Director

Because of the generosity and hard work of the youth group coordinators we now have 4 CIP (Classroom Iris Project) groups and at least two more groups on the horizon. We also increased funds for 2015 so we can add as many children to our numbers as we can.

We are working with Cheryl Deaton, AIS Youth Chair, in hopes of rewording some of AIS rules governing youth that are out of date with the fast moving pace (not all of it good) of our world. Today's AIS rules are holding Region 14 back in getting and maintaining CIP groups. We are not asking that rules be dropped, just rewritten so we can add children already contacted and eager to be in a CIP group. The two groups that are in the wings, so to speak, are concerned about the information that AIS is asking in order for their children to be enrolled in AIS youth programs; information such as names, birthdates, and addresses.

At the Fall Regional in Reno (wish more people had been able to attend) packets with information on how to start a CIP in each society's area were handed out. For societies without representation at the meeting, the packets were mailed to the president of that society last week. I also sent the name of each child that lives within that society's area. I enclosed a copy of a presentation by Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence on their work with CIP groups.

In addition to our CIP groups we have about 75 kids that are working on their own caring for their iris that have been given to them by our region. This summer we also mailed a paperback booklet titled "Basic Iris Culture" to all youth. We purchased 134 copies from the AIS Storefront, and mailed them out; total cost per booklet was \$3.98. Each of 134 kids got their own copy with their name on it. It is our hope that sometime in the future (as adults) they will pick up their copy and remember the fun they had planting iris and will become members of AIS again. All 134 (now 145, just added eleven more) are members of AIS Youth at the cost of \$5 per year. They receive two or three copies of the AIS Youth bulletin per year.

We also have several older members who receive the AIS Bulletin since Region 14 pays \$9 per

year for their membership. Some of these youth were recipients of scholarships from our Region 14. For more information on scholarships contact Terry Hudson the co-coordinator for the regional scholarship program.

THANK YOU ~

Dear fellow present and past society presidents, I wanted to tell you that it has been a pleasure "bugging" you for articles for each issue of Region 14's bulletin these past few years. You have kept in touch and sent articles even though you are busy with your gardens, societies and your own personal lives. The new editor and editorial staff have started up, I know you will cooperate with them as you did with me.

I have decided that I do not have the time to "bug" any longer. The youth portion of AIS and Region 14 is taking more of my time since so many societies are doing a great job starting Classroom Iris Projects (CIPs) in their own areas.

The AIS and I are so grateful for the prospect of having more than the 4 CIP's we now have. There are at least two more waiting for AIS approval; 40 to 50 more kids will be included in AIS and receive all the good that comes with that. We should be at 200 youth before spring. We are firm believers that youth are the future of AIS and that includes Region 14. A CIP group gives these kids a good start in iris gardening and it is my hope that they will remember this when they are adults and become working members of AIS again.

Lorraine Nicholson

We Got Lucky! 2014 Fall Regional Meeting, Reno,

hosted by High Desert Iris Society

by Alleah Haley

The 2014 Region 14 Fall Meeting “Let’s Get Lucky” was held at the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa in Reno on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 & 5. One of the highlights of the meeting was the venue itself: the 27-story, 824-room Atlantis Hotel, with 11 restaurants, 61,000 square feet of casino, and 1400 slot and video poker machines. Not that the meeting schedule left any of us much time to help the economy!

Meeting Chairman and host High Desert Iris Society President Billie Shea welcomed arriving attendees on Friday evening at the valet parking entrance to the hotel, and later at the 2nd floor meeting registration table. There and throughout the meeting Billie was ably assisted by her hardworking committee: Jane Wertzberger, Carolyn and Ron Jensen, Mik and Wilma Johnson, Larry Lockhart, and Stephanie Jennings.

The meeting had 51 registered attendees and included a good mix of business and social events. The business meeting, presided over by RVP John Pesek, began just after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. After a Moment of Silence in honor of East Bay irisarian LaRue Boswell, who passed away in June 2014, the meeting began with recognition of folks attending from each of the Region 14 affiliate societies, minutes of the 2014 spring meeting and various committee reports. Trophies and Awards Chairman Bill Fink presented awards to hybridizers of winning irises at the Spring Regional. The Larry Gaulter Award for distinguished service to Region 14 was not awarded this year. Regional Treasurer Helen Franklin presented the proposed Region budget for 2015; \$500 was added to the youth budget. San Joaquin Iris Society presented a check for \$300 to supplement the previously budgeted \$1000 for a scholarship to help fund a college or junior college student in horticulture or a related field. Thus, the scholarship will be \$1300 for 2015.

Two particularly noteworthy issues were brought up during the business meeting. The Trophies and Awards Committee proposal to change the Region’s Standing Rules about the awards given at the Spring Regional was amended and passed to require a minimum of five votes for the winning iris for every category. And the group authorized the Region to tender an invitation to AIS that Region 14 host the 2019

AIS National Convention. Further work on hosting the National Convention awaits AIS’ acceptance of Region 14’s invitation at their 2014 Fall Board Meeting.

At first blush the registration fee for the meeting seemed pricey, but Saturday’s private buffet lunch in the hotel’s Atlantis Steakhouse restaurant, elegant from walls to ceiling, certainly helped justify the cost. Lunch included salads, a grilled vegetable medley, delectable shrimp, a chicken entrée, several meat entrées, and a wide assortment of yummy desserts – truly top notch! The food here, and at other hotel restaurants we ate at on our own during the weekend, was plentiful; and the wait staff especially attentive.

Saturday afternoon brought a program presented by AIS Master Judge Kathy Chilton of Region 15 (Southern California and Arizona; Kathy’s from Arizona). The program’s topic was a preview of the 2015 AIS National Convention in Portland. The audience got to see the gardens and some of the irises that will be on the national tour next year. Kathy generously donated a number of rhizomes of hybridizer Fred Kerr’s 2006 tall bearded iris introduction ‘Kathy Chilton’, which were raffled. Following Kathy’s talk, Region Finance Chairman Carolyn Craft ably presided over a silent auction of iris-related items and iris plants generously donated by the Region’s hybridizers, as well as a raffle of gift baskets donated by affiliate iris clubs and an iris-painted glass birdbath donated by Anna and David Cadd. The auction and raffle income helps fund the Region. The Saturday session ended about 5 p.m.

Sunday activities began with a continental breakfast (included in the meeting registration fee) of coffee, tea, bagels, and assorted pastries, followed by one hour of judges training on aril and arilbred irises by Kathy Chilton. A test followed the training. Kathy then gave a one hour judges training on tall bearded iris, again followed by a test. Fortunately, for those of us with retention issues, both tests were open-book!

The High Desert Iris Society deserves much appreciation for hosting this regional fall meeting. It was well organized and held in a great facility. High fives to High Desert!

Abstract of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and General Meetings ~ Fall Regional October 4-5, 2014 ~ Reno, Nevada

abstract: Mary Sindicic, Secretary (Jo Balch recorded the minutes)

Note: The following is an abstract of the official minutes by AIS Region 14 Secretary Mary Sindicic. The unedited minutes will be made available on the AIS Region 14 website: www.aisregion14.org.

RVP John Pesek called to order the combined meeting of the Executive Committee and General Membership Meeting at 9:00 a.m., and welcomed everyone and thanked the High Desert Iris Society for hosting the event.

RVP Pesek asked for a moment of silence to honor LaRue Boswell, a hybridizer and active member of AIS and Region 14, who passed away this year.

Approval of Minutes Spring Regional Meeting of May 3, 2014 as published, in the Bulletin

Board Reports (see also the official minutes on the AIS Region 14 website)

Secretary Mary Sindicic: In the absence of Mary Sindicic, Jo Balch recorded the minutes of the Fall Regional.

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 Shirley Trio (see Editor's Notes elsewhere in this Bulletin)

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

Directors Reports (see Society News elsewhere in this Bulletin)

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

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

Old Business

Changes in the Standing Rules for Awards at a Spring Regional. Bill Fink, member of the Ad Hoc Committee looking into this matter, handed out the proposed revisions on paper. John Pesek called for a motion to accept the Standing Rules as proposed by the Awards Committee. Phyllis Wilburn made the motion. Phillipa Alvis seconded the motion. Much discussion followed. Kitty Loberg called to strike the

sentence in the proposed Standing Rules that reads: "There must be a minimum of two guest iris and two different hybridizers eligible in order for the award to be made." Discussion followed. Kitty Loberg made a motion to amend the motion to read: "For the cup to be awarded there must be a minimum of five members voting in the category to be awarded a trophy". Phyllis Wilburn accepted the motion. Riley Probst seconded the motion. RVP Pesek asked for a show of hands for the vote. Yes votes - 31, Opposed - 7. Amended motion carried. Bill Fink will provide a cleaned-up version of the revisions to the secretary.

Kitty Loberg made a motion to retire the **Jim Gibson Cup** as an award given at the Spring Regional because of the newer forms and color variations (bi-colors, blends, luminatas, and space age). Jean Plank seconded the motion. Riley Probst suggested rather than eliminate the Jim Gibson Cup, add an award for the newer varieties. Because of time constraints John Pesek asked that the motion be tabled and a committee made up of Bill Fink Chair, David Cadd, Riley Probst, Kitty Loberg, and Larry Lockhart to bring recommendation to the Spring Regional.

2016 Spring Regional Update - April 29, 30, May 1, 2016 RVP Pesek gave an update on the various club's involvement for the 2016 Spring Regional. (see also the official minutes on the AIS Region 14 website)

Kitty Loberg chaired the exploratory committee looking into the **feasibility of a 2019 AIS Convention** by e-mail. (see also the official minutes on the AIS Region 14 website) Shirley Trio will chair the committee including Riley Probst, Carolyn Hoover, Eric Hansen, Phillipa Alvis and Carolyn Craft to explore the gardens and report at the 2015 Spring Regional. (see also the official minutes on the AIS Region 14 website)

Kitty Loberg will submit a letter to AIS for Region 14 to Host the 2019 AIS Convention. (see also the official minutes on the AIS Region 14 website)

New Business

Helen Franklin, Treasurer, stated the **2015 Budget** would remain the same as last year's funding,

with the exception of the Scholarship Fund (see also the official minutes on the AIS Region 14 website)

Announcements

Region 14's 2015 Spring Regional Meeting (Spring Fling in the Pines) will be held April 17, 18, 19, 2015. (see also the official minutes on the AIS Region 14 website)

Region 14 2014 Symposium Results [see page 2 of this bulletin].

The **AIS 2015 Convention** will be held in Portland, Oregon, May 18-23.

New Iris Registrations

In 2013, there were 1,218 new iris registrations. 26 % were tall bearded 13% beardless. They originated from 15 different countries.

Meeting adjourned.



above: Mesmerizer (Byers 1991) photo by Gesine Lohr, at Schreiner's in 2014

Judges' Training

By Phyllis Wilburn, ARVP /Judges Training Chair

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

Have you ever taken your most beautiful iris stalk to the show, and the judges give the prize to some ugly thing that hardly compares with your lovely entry? What are they thinking? Is this rigged so someone else will win? Maybe there is something that I don't know about this Iris Judging business? The last is probably the case, whether it seems apparent to you or not.

In the Sacramento Iris Society we have a People's Choice award where each attendee can vote for his/her favorite iris. At the last show, the people voted overwhelmingly for an iris that received a blue ribbon from the judges with the caveat that it 'go no further', while the Iris voted Best In Show received no votes at all from the public. It represents to me the importance of color in influencing the votes of people who do not know what the 'AIS standards' are, or don't care what the standards are.

If you have watched the Westminster Dog show on TV you have seen dog show judges decide between a Miniature Poodle and a Great Dane for Best in Show, and you might wonder how they can do this with any confidence. The answer is 'Set Standards'. In any contest, whether it be dogs or iris, there are predetermined set standards that the judges use to determine the best specimen. The winner is supposed to be the one that comes closest to meeting the set standard for that breed (in the case of dogs) or type (in the case of irises). That little Miniature Tall Bearded iris may not be as showy as that huge Tall Bearded with three open blossoms, but it may be a better representative of its class. That is a hard pill to swallow sometimes when you are the one entering that Tall Bearded beauty. Anyway, it all adds up to knowledge of the set AIS standards, and what better way to know those standards than to become an AIS Judge yourself.

The training is almost painless, as long as you are willing to travel to Regional meetings, and other planned trainings. The trainings are given by Garden/Exhibition Judges, Master Judges and Emeritus Judges. There is always something new to learn from the different slants that are given by each trainer. The Handbook for Judges and Show Officials is a requirement for

continued: Judges' Training

taking judges' training, is readable, albeit somewhat out of date in a few areas. It deserves a reread every year before Spring bloom season.

To become a judge you must sign up with the JT Chair by filling out an application, so that you can start accruing credits for the trainings that you attend. Each training has a test at the end which is at least 10 questions for each hour of training. You have three years in which to complete your student training so you can move on to becoming an apprentice. Then you have three years to complete your training as an apprentice, to move to Garden and Exhibition Judge. To become a master judge, you must be a judge for fifteen years, beginning in the year that you become an Apprentice. This is a long time to pursue such a commitment, so when you meet a Master Judge or receive training from them, you should appreciate the years of experience that they represent. It won't be long before you start understanding what those judges were thinking when they judged your beautiful iris stalk at that show.

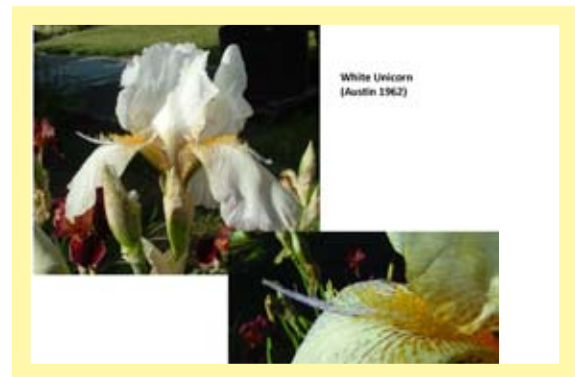
In addition to judging shows, which is always fun, the most important thing required of a AIS Judge is voting the ballot for AIS awards. Annually, a ballot is published and sent in the mail to every eligible judge. Voting the ballot is based solely on seeing the iris blooming in the garden. It is not easy to familiarize yourself with all the newer varieties, and see them blooming for at least two years. This is where Spring Regional Meetings, with their garden visits, and AIS conventions come into play for the judges. These meetings provide an opportunity to see iris blooming in gardens, that you would not see otherwise. By keeping records of what you see in gardens and how you judge them, you can have the information you need to vote the AIS Ballot. Garden judging, therefore, is the most important thing that a judge can do. It is also the area in which Students and Apprentices require the most help and training. Garden/Exhibition and Master judges are encouraged to give garden training, and help Students and Apprentices receive the hours of Garden Training that they need to advance.

I hope this little essay on standards and the importance of Judges' Training has clarified some

mysteries and not bored you to tears. It is always good to reiterate the importance of Judges and Judges' Training in Region 14. In fact it is probably one of our most important functions of the Region. In order to have AIS approved shows, and to be represented in the AIS voting for awards, we must have judges. With the cost of travel being what it is, it is incumbent on us to strive to have judges spread out over the region, so that no judge has to travel great distances to judge a show. Most clubs try to reimburse their judges for travel expenses, but this too can put a burden on a club when judges live far away.

All the forms and Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges are available on the AIS Region 14 Web site at www.aisregion14.org. Or you can contact the JT Chair, Phyllis Wilburn at abirder@aol.com or call at 530-642-9942.

Phyllis Wilburn, ARVP/JT Chair Region 14



above and below: Some slides from judges' training presentations given by Jean Richter



Hosting an AIS Convention!

By Kitty Loberg ~ Region 14 Exploratory Committee

At the May 3rd Region 14 Spring Regional in Santa Rosa, an Exploratory Committee was formed to explore the feasibility of extending an invitation to host a National Convention of the American Iris Society. The possible convention would be in 2018 or a following year.


I was appointed the Chairperson of the committee. We collected names of commercial and private gardens having irises. I sent an invitation to nineteen gardens to find out who would be willing to participate, and recapped all of their answers for the committee to review. We received nine positive responses, with the others declining to participate or a couple not answering. If we group the gardens in terms of a central area, 5 of the gardens are nearest to Sacramento, and 3 of the gardens are nearer to San Jose.

I, and perhaps some others, think there may be a way to schedule a convention in Sacramento, with a longer bus run to Santa Cruz. Region 14 would also consider contacting other gardens such as botanical or community gardens for possible inclusion. No final decisions have been made. Late in August, Paul Gossett, the AIS Liaison on conventions, informed me 2018 was already taken, so our committee then knew the earliest we could be considering was 2019.

Our committee had some initial discussions pertaining to providing a limited monetary allowance (prorated by size and number of guest irises), such that the garden can use this allowance for things like fertilizers, labor for bed preparation, and/or labor for weeding and maintenance of garden. Thus hasn't been yet voted on by the region, nor the amount determined, but there does appear to be a consensus to help gardens which would be willing to become a host of guest irises for a National convention.

I gave a report of our findings to the Fall Regional meeting in Reno. With a good amount of support from our membership, we voted to send an invitation to AIS to host a National convention in 2019. Two weeks after our meeting, I was informed by Paul Gossett, that AIS was going to discuss the possibility of not doing a convention in 2019. A main

reason was because the 2020 Convention is going to be held in New York, and is going to be the 100th Anniversary of AIS (see AIS link about its history http://www.irises.org/About_AIS/History.html#Founding). AIS wants attendance in New York 2020 to be large.

Our invitation was reviewed at the AIS Fall Board Meeting on Nov. 7th. They did not make any decision. Instead, they've tabled the discussion and will have it discussed again at the spring convention in Portland (May 18-23, 2015). Perhaps many of you who plan to attend Portland can speak up at their Board meeting! If they don't accept our invitation, our invitation "dies", and our region would need to decide at another time whether we'd want to extend an invitation for 2021 or later (7 years from now). Currently, there is no way to know if the same gardens would be interested 7 years from now, or how many of the membership will be available to help that far into the future. 

below: Riley Probst receiving the Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup



The AIS Region 14 Spring Garden Awards

~ Bill Fink ~

The Bulletin Editor has suggested that a series of articles on the origin, history and people memorialized in the named Garden Awards for the Spring Regional Meetings would be of interest to region membership. This is the first of such articles which I hope will provide an overview of the Awards and their categories. The standing rules of Region 14 presently state that there will be seven garden awards to be awarded if there are blooms eligible for the award and the award will be presented to that bloom and hybridizer who receives the greater number of votes from the attendees at the spring regional meeting. These seven awards are:

- a) the Knopf Cup,
- b) the Out-of-Region Award,
- c) the Cotillion Cup,
- d) the Clara B. Rees Cup,
- e) the Melrose Award,
- f) the Jim Gibson Cup,
- g) the Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup.

All the awards except the Out-of-Region Award have a perpetual trophy identified with the award, and the name and hybridizer of each year's winning bloom is inscribed on the trophy.

The Knopf cup was first awarded in 1982. It is awarded to the best seedling exhibited at the regional meeting. A seedling is a not as yet introduced variety. It may have already had a name assigned and be registered, but it may not have yet been offered for sale.

The Out-of-Region award is given to the best variety seen blooming at the spring regional which was hybridized by a hybridizer outside of Region 14. There is no perpetual trophy identified with the award, but a keeper award is mailed to the hybridizer whose variety wins the award.

The Cotillion Cup, first awarded in 1977, is awarded to the best current introduction, that is, to a variety

which has just been introduced for the year of the meeting. The winning variety must have been hybridized by a hybridizer from Region 14.

The Clara B. Rees Cup, first awarded in 1964, is awarded to the best introduction from years prior to the current year and there must be three stalks blooming in the clump.

The Melrose Award, first awarded in 1985, recognizes the best beardless iris blooming at the spring regional. The Melrose award is often not awarded because the bloom seasons of the bearded varieties and the beardless varieties differ so much.

The Jim Gibson Cup, first awarded in 1992, is awarded to the best plicata among the blooms seen at the regional meeting. There is growing sentiment within the region that the recognition of an award specifically for a plicata pattern, while valuable in the past, may now be out of date, however, for the present the Gibson Cup continues to recognize the best plicata at the regional.

The Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup, first awarded in 2009, is the most recent addition to the Region 14 Garden Awards. It is awarded to the best bearded other than tall, that is, to a miniature dwarf-bearded (MDB), a standard dwarf-bearded (SDB), an intermediate bearded (IB), a miniature tall bearded (MTB), a border bearded (BB), or an aril-bred median (AB-MED). The Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup is awarded without restriction to the region of origin of the hybridizer of the bloom.

At the next Regional meeting you attend, please take some time to look over the trophies, see which blooms have won for which years, and perhaps congratulate past winners for their efforts at creating beautiful iris for us all to enjoy.

Region 14 of the American Iris Society Treasurer's Report 01-01-14 Through 9-30-14

Funds At 9/30/2014

CHECKING ENDING BALANCE	11,900.69
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE	24,045.35
TOTAL ASSETS	35,946.04

EXPENSES BY ITEM:

	Budgeted 2014	Funds At 9/30/2014
Bulletin- Publishing	200	22.00
" Color Pages	0	
" Editor Expense	50	
RVP Allowance	2500	931.50
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	0	126.00
" Beardless Purchases	425	
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100	292.00
" Sales Taxes	240	180.00
Judges' Training 2014	1000	230.00
Awards and Trophies	650	
Honorary Awards	300	
Office/Legal	300	88.00
Historian	100	
Scholarship	575	1000.00
additional	250	
Science	500	
Youth Committee	1000	822.00
Membership	50	
Internet Services	110	17.00
S.F. Flower Show-	600	350.00
Donation-	200	
Start-up Funds	500	
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,650	4,058.50

REVENUES BY ITEM:

	BUDGETED	Funds At 9/30/2014
Bulletin Advertising	300	
Bulletin Subscriptions		
Donations from Societies	2400	279.00
Donations/Raffles		
Interest	200	223.00
Judges' Training	500	
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400	303.00
FINANCE - FUNDRAISERS:		
Spring Fundraiser	1000	1,634.00
Summer Fundraiser		
-Rhizomes	1000	311.00
Fall Beardless Fundraiser	900	
Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	400	
Use of Reserve Funds	2550	
TOTAL REVENUES	9,650	2,750.00
Total Expenses	-9650	(4,805.00)
Less total Revenues	7100	2,750.00
Excess exps/revenues	-2550	(2,055.00)

Region 14 of the American Iris Society Approved Budget for 2015 - October 4, 2014

EXPENSES BY ITEM:			REVENUES BY ITEM:		
	Budgeted	Approved		Budgeted	Approved
	2014	2015		2014	2015
Bulletin- Publishing	200	200	Bulletin Advertising	300	300
" Color Pages	0		Bulletin Subscriptions		
" Editor Expense	50	50	Donations from Societies *	2400	2400
RVP Allowance	2500	2500	Donations/Raffles		
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	0		Interest	200	200
" Beardless Purchases	425	425	Judges' Training	500	500
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100	100	Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400	400
" Sales Taxes	240	240	FINANCE - FUNDRAISERS:		
Judges' Training 2014	1000	1000	Spring Fundraiser	1000	1000
Awards and Trophies	650	650	Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1000	1000
Honorary Awards	300	300	Fall Beardless Fundraiser	900	900
Office/Legal	300	300	Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	400	700
Historian	100	100	Use of Reserve Funds	2550	3225
Scholarship *2014=1000/*2015= 1300	575	1000	TOTAL REVENUES	9650	10625
Additional Funds Donated			Total Expenses	-9650	-10625
-- Sacramento I S 250 + Hudsons 275	250	0	Less total Revenues	7100	7400
Additional Funds Donated			Excess exps/revenues:		
-- by San Joaquin IS 300		300	funds needed from reserve	-2550	-3225
Science	500	500			
Youth Committee	1000	1500			
Membership	50	50			
Internet Services	110	110			
S.F. Flower Show-	600	600			
Donation-	200	200			
Start-up Funds	500	500			
TOTAL EXPENSES	9650	10625			



Kathy Chilton and Phyllis Wilburn



Fall Regional 2014

photos by Phyllis Wilburn



Rudy Ciuca



Carolyn Hoover



Lorraine Nicholson



Bill Fink



Jo Balch, Jean Richter, John Pesek



Kathy Chilton



Kitty Loberg



Some of the baskets
in the
basket raffle



Martey Bratton (JMGIS) won 3 baskets!

Affiliate Presidents

Wanted!

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

This is YOUR bulletin!

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 in the "News" section.



above: Horned Flamingo (Austin 1963) photo by Jean Richter

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Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Clara B. Rees Iris Society is so happy to share that we have gained five new members in the past several months. Some of these folks found us! We think that schmoozing at a flower show or rhizome sale makes a difference when promoting irises, our society, and AIS. I was talking to a new member of the San Joaquin Iris Society who found it from a lead at the AIS booth at San Francisco Flower and Garden Show.

Our summer picnic and rhizome sale is one of our favorite events. We pick up our door prize irises, auction new irises, and eat wonderful barbecued tri-tip, chicken and pork, expertly prepared by Carl Boro. Our friends the Laffins shared their beautiful gardens and yard for a relaxing summer outing.

The CBRIS year runs from September through August. All of our officers are serving their second year and we have three new directors who join three others who have served for a year. We were all installed with a clever skit that was written by our vice-president.

We members wish a happy and healthy holiday season to all.

~ Barbara Pesek, President

Fresno Iris Society

Busy, busy, busy.....Spring - - a l-o-n-g hot Summer - - and now glad that it finally looks like Fall has arrived!

We had a great rhizome fundraiser in August at the CSU Fresno Horticultural Center. At that time, we also had seminars on Care, Culture, and Dividing irises that were well attended by the public.

The John Weiler Memorial Garden at Fresno State is coming along very well. He was a Biology Professor there and was the founder of the Fresno Iris Society in 1967. We're still collecting varieties he hybridized, for that garden. We have set up a website for fresnoirissociety.org and if anyone would like to visit any of our members' gardens or the John Weiler Garden (in progress), feel free to contact us through the email listed there.

Most recently, we had a table at the Big Fresno Fair to promote iris culture and participated in the school field trips. The teachers and children came into the Fair at 8:30 a.m. - before the Fair opened at

11:00 a.m. - and we distributed some of the children's materials to the teachers for use in their classrooms. Also a very successful week - fulfilling our mission of educating the public about our favorite flower!

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except for the months of January, July, August, and December. The September meeting shall be on the 2nd Monday of the month due to the Labor Day Holiday. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. Meetings are at The Hampton Inn Hotel, 327 E. Fir Street (Northwest Corner of Herndon off Fresno Street), Fresno, California.

~ Rose Pipkin, President

Beginning January 1 the new officers will be:

Janet Smith	President
Rose Pipkin	Past President
Laverne Cottet	Vice President
Pat Caffrey	Treasurer
Chris Andresen	Secretary
Rick Tasco	Director at Large
Jennifer Smith	Director at Large

High Desert Iris Society

Below is a photo of the newly elected board for High Desert Iris Society. They are Patricia Eisenberg, pres, Trisha Grief, 1st VP, Darcy Anderson 2nd VP and Stephanie Jennings, secretary treasurer.

Terms begin January 1. With such a great new board, I am pleased to say our club will continue to grow and thrive.

~ Billie Shea



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James M. Gibson Iris Society

The James M. Gibson Iris Society meets at St. John's Episcopal Church Recreation Room, 1701 Prosperity Ave. in Tulare, CA. Our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with a pot luck dinner at each meeting, at 6:30 pm. Meeting and program start at 7:00 pm. The society does not meet during November, December and January due to holidays and adverse weather.

Our name comes from the father of the modern day plicata, James M. Gibson. 'Kilt Lilt', hybridized by Jim Gibson, received a Dykes Medal in 1976. Jim Gibson through many years of hybridizing with plicatas made them the beautiful flower we see today. Jim lived and worked in nearby Porterville.

Our club potted irises for the club's second annual sale at the Porterville Iris Festival. In April the Porterville Iris Festival will celebrate its seventeenth year. George Sutton initially began the Iris Festival by showing the Porterville Town Council what fun there is to have by celebrating the iris. The iris has been Porterville's official city flower since 1963 so holding an Iris Festival seemed the right thing to do.

The date of the Festival is Saturday, April 25th, 2015. Last spring the members of JMGIS took 250 pots to sell at the festival; long before the day was over the pots were gone. Next time we plan to take about 400 pots to sell. JMGIS began to sell pots in a booth at the Festival after the Sutton Family moved to Idaho. The City of Porterville welcomed us with open arms. Our goal is "Irises in every yard".

The JMGIS will sponsor an official American Iris Society Show on Friday night April 17th, 2015 in conjunction with the Region 14 Spring Meeting. It will be held at the Pines Resort (Bass Lake) just north of Oakhurst, CA and hosted by the newest Region 14 affiliate, the Yosemite Iris Society. We invite irisarians from all over the region to bring irises on Friday April 17, to be exhibited in this judged show. It will be a full cultivar iris show, both named varieties and seedlings are welcome. Judging will take place Friday night. Entries may begin at 4:00 pm. Judging begins after 8:00 pm.

The JMGIS has also agreed to host the Region 14 Fall Meeting in October 2015. The TENTATIVE date is October 23-25. The hotel, Holiday Inn of

Visalia, is located in Visalia, CA., just off the freeway beside the airport on the south side of town. Region 14 has held functions there before so for all of you that go back a few years it will be familiar. We invite all Region 14 members to attend. In the future look at the Region 14 Bulletin and the regional website for more information.

~ Riley Probst, President

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Please see elsewhere in this bulletin, an article about Bob Annand winning the 2014 Clarence G. White Medal. It was an honor to have Bob in our society.

Successful Efforts to Fatten LTCIS' Nearly Empty Coffers

Carol Cullen suggested that we hold a potted iris sale this summer. Joanne Gerson volunteered her driveway which is near the Community Area Recreation Department and California State University as a site to hold the sale. Some members grumbled that it would be too hot and we would be doing all the work without much reward. What a happy surprise when the treasurer announced that the potted iris sale yielded over \$300 and was sold out before noon on the day it opened at 8 a.m. It will be an annual event for our Leo T. Clark Iris Society from now on.

Deb Rojas is best known for her "fatties" rhizomes because they are typically at least the breadth of one's fist. Cloudia Owen said her return customers at the Fort Bragg Community Labor Day Sale were ecstatic to purchase Deb's rhizomes, and were most eager to buy black, orange and yellow irises, regardless of their names. They sold out of irises the first day and other vendors were eager to swap rhizomes for their pottery and other merchandise. Cloudia brought home \$500 from the sale!

The Durham Harvest Festival yielded \$396, thanks to the humongous rhizomes donated by sole contributor Kathy Hutchinson. Rosemary Poshard, Shirley Clark, Carol Cullen, Mary Old-Kooi, and Bob and Cloudia Owen helped with the sales.

The second annual LTCIS Garage Sale hosted by Carol Cullen at her home was a tremendous success, netting \$516! Everyone enjoyed purchasing

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each other's "trash" as their new "treasures." Kathy Hutchinson set up a little side offering of potted irises left over from the earlier Durham sale and again sold out. Everything from vases, tables, pictures, clothing, and all sorts of miscellaneous items were sold. Everything left over was given to charity. The garage sale will be an annual event for our society from now on.

Thanks to the hard work of Cloudia Owen, the Leo T. Clark Iris Society won first place at the Silver Dollar Fair and second place at the Orland Fair this year. Both exhibits featured irises and chickens with humor that the judges appreciated and won several hundred dollars for us.

Come As An Iris Party

Our October "Come as an Iris" party was fun! Clever costumes were made by:

Irene Annand - Halloween Pumpkin

Kathy Hutchinson - Las Vegas

Bill Owen - Go Niners

Cloudia Owen - Christmas Present

Deb Rojas - Thornbird

Alice deFriese - Black Magic Woman

Christian Maskell - Swordsman

Mary Old-Kooi - Witches' Wand

Prizes were won by Deb Rojas for Most Identifiable Iris; Mary Old-Kooi for Best Representation, and Christian Maskell for People's Choice.

Benefactors Carolyn Melf and Delores Bates

Delores Bates, a long time member of LTCIS and many other garden clubs, hybridizer and revered designer had a serious fall that caused her to feel the need to move to Southern California to be nearer her family. Rob Marshall, Kathy Hutchinson and Mary Old-Kooi were allowed to dig her extraordinary garden for the LTCIS and Cloudia Owen took care of the plant-back.

Delores has won hundreds of gardening and design competitions throughout the years. She generously gave most of her treasures to the LTCIS to use as door prizes and Keeper prizes for future shows. Then she had a yard sale in which she sold garden articles for pennies on the dollar. She sat out in her driveway purring like a kitten when people would pick up items that she had and exclaim with joy! One very

special item that Delores left us was a life-size black plastic top hat from which door prize numbers will be drawn at future LTCIS meetings.

Master Gardener Carolyn Melf and her late husband owned the lovely Iris Spring Gardens featuring over 1000 various irises, roses, and peonies basking in sunshine or shaded by huge oak trees which were fed by a meandering stream in Paradise. This summer Carolyn received a fantastic offer which she could not refuse and sold her home and gorgeous garden! For two years in a row Carolyn has brought more than thirty-five irises to enter into the Leo T. Clark Spring Iris Show, literally saving the show at times when the weather pretty much terminated the "lowlanders" from entering their flowers.

When she moved, she gave many of her precious iris statues, vases, yard ornaments and miscellaneous iris treasures to the Leo T. Clark Iris Society. Among the special gifts she gave were four gigantic framed iris prints from Cooley's Iris Gardens, crystal vases, iris flags, and special frames. It was her intention to provide door prizes and Keeper Prizes for future shows of the Leo T. Clark Iris Society.

The members of the Leo T. Clark Iris Society are grateful to both Delores Bates and Carolyn Melf for their truly tremendous generosity. We will miss both of you and wish you well.

Home and Garden Show

Twinkle, the Chico Horticulture Society's 2014 Home and Garden Show's director this year, had just moved to Forest Ranch when Bob Annand passed away. She requested that the Leo T Clark Iris Society feature something about Bob and his influence on the community. Shirley Clark and Mary Old-Kooi took the information shared by Rob Marshall and tried to fulfill Twinkle's request.

Monterey Bay Iris Society had successful rhizome sales this summer, raising over \$4000 to help our valued members, the Cummins family, support their daughter's recovery from a double lung transplant.

We are also pleased to welcome a half dozen new members. Having a **sign-in book** at the show and sales has helped, as we are able to email interested folks invitations to upcoming iris events. We are all

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looking forward to our holiday party at a new venue- and our usually hilarious white elephant exchange. Joe Ghio moderates the exchange and brings his own brand of humor.

The new year brings a chili bean feed, a St. Patrick's Day corned beef feed, a pizza Party, and....truly we do more than eat marvelous fare.... come join us and see. We also have Show and Tell with Reblooming Irises. Bring a rebloomer get a chance at two door prize irises from Sept-March.

We meet monthly except July and August, but then we picnic in July and meet at Joe's ranch in August. Our meeting place is in the building of The Native Sons Hall, 239 High Street in the beautiful City of Santa Cruz.

Our newly elected board will take office January 1.

President is to be Barbara Hansen returned for a third term

Vice President of Programs Riley Probst

Secretary now and always Brenda Woods

New Treasurer Larissa Daniels

~ Barbara Hansen, President

Mount Diablo Iris Society

The highlight of autumn for MDIS was the Peddler's Fair, our annual street fair in Benicia by the sea. Two new efforts were made this year. The first was to increase revenue by increasing the number of booths we have for selling bare root irises. The expansion to three booths was deemed successful, enabling us to generate the same revenue as last year in spite of generally lighter foot traffic.

Our other effort of increasing exposure of the MDIS, to the general public, is through our newsletter. Twenty two street fair customers asked to be put on our non-member mailing list and one expressed an intent to join us.

At this time our annual Holiday Party is coming up and we are all excited and looking forward to the fun.

Elections were held in October: with officer terms converting from one year to two years. Officers for 2015-2016 are:

President	Stanley Morgan
Vice Presidents	Marilyn Kaplan, Carl Meier
Treasurer	Kent Lincoln
Secretary	Shirley Trio-Probst
Newsletter Editor	Jeanne King
Member@Large (Director)	Bob Canning
Member@Large (Director)	Chuck Gabrysiak
Member@Large (Director)	Kathy Oldham

We are proud to announce our Show Award for the Best Tall Bearded Iris is now known as the Virginia Messick Trophy, and our Show Award for the Best Seedling is now known as the Glen Corlew Award.

We would love for members of other clubs to join us for a meeting and see how some of the rest of us do things. We meet at the recreation room of the First Baptist Church located at 2336 Buena Vista Ave., in beautiful Walnut Creek. We meet on the second Friday of the months, doors open at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:00 and refreshments at 8:00 PM. We have a great program at all meetings.

~ Stan Morgan, Marilyn Kaplan

Sacramento Iris Society

The Sacramento Iris Society August potting party was lots of fun. Ruth Ostroff had all the supplies ready bright and early in the morning and we got right into it. The major time consuming part of potting is simply writing out the labels on the Venetian blind slats that Stan Logan had cut up for that purpose. The team did a great job of getting the rhizomes potted, labeled, and placed on pallets in Ruth's pole barn. It was a morning filled with conversations, iris tips, lusty after this coming year's door prize iris, and good fun.

September was all about door prizes. The door prize dig was Sept. 11 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Ruth Ostroff's garden. Attending the dig were Russ Shields, Fran Shields, Cindy Eastman, Sam McKenna, Joyce Ragle, Valerie Wheeler, Ruth Ostroff, Bill Fink, Peggy Ruud, Betty Schmidt, Gerry Thomas, Stan Logan, LaVille Logan, Cindy Eversole, Mary Ann Horton, and Nancy Bitner. We were finished easily by noon and then broke for a potluck lunch featuring many delicacies and favorite recipes. Those attending

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had the excitement of immediately taking their door prize winnings home to plant. It was a beautiful morning and everyone enjoyed the fun.

September 15 was our first meeting of the fall season. We transacted a little business but the highlight of the evening was the auction of the excess door prize increases. Riley Probst had rushed back from St. Louis to be our auctioneer. Riley is a *master* of the effective use of modern digital technology so that with the aid of Ruth Ostroff and Cindy Eversole, we had beautiful photos projected to the front of the room for all but a very few of the rhizomes being auctioned. Having the gorgeous photo in front of you is a great incentive to encourage the bidding. Our treasurer reports that the club netted \$715 from the auction. This year's budget allocation for the door prize purchases was about \$800, showing that the door prize program is nearly self-supporting without needing much help at all from the club's general income.

Stan Logan chaired the fall sale at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, which because it is beyond our control, was the same weekend as the Fall Regional Meeting in Reno.

Our meetings are the third Monday of the month 7:00 p.m. at the Shepard Garden & Art Center located at 3330 McKinley Blvd. in Sacramento. All are invited and are welcome. We are all looking forward to our holiday party Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Shepard Center.

San Joaquin Iris Society

Most of our society attended the Fall Regional in Reno. We had the biggest percentage of society members there. The Reno society (which is very new) did a great job by making everything nice for all of us.

A check for \$300 was presented to Region 14 to be added to the scholarship fund in 2015. Our plan and hope is to be able to present a check each year.

Generous members and willing workers held flea market iris sales, with proceeds given to the Region. A SJIS member donated clean and named newer iris for the sale. SJIS members manned the booth each time. We also acquired two new members during the sales.

I am happy to announce that we have Co-Presidents for 2015. They are

Co-Presidents -- Bernie Hendrix and Ted Hawkins.
Secretary--Barbara Hawkins
Treasurer--Lorraine Nicholson
~ Gordon Nicholson, outgoing president

Santa Rosa Iris Society

Santa Rosa Iris Society members were extra busy this past summer and fall. In mid-June we spent the better part of a week digging, trimming, labeling, and sorting the 2014 Spring Regional irises for distribution back to their hybridizers and to Region 14 affiliate clubs for fundraising. Guest iris co-chairmen Anna and David Cadd spearheaded this project and ensured that guest seedlings were either returned or destroyed, depending on the hybridizer's wishes. Then on July 29 we dug the society's door prize and auction irises at our public display garden in Santa Rosa in preparation for our August 3 potluck picnic/auction, held this year at C&L Vineyard in Sonoma, home of club members Joe Lawrence and Rudy Ciuca. Members Jim Begley and display garden coordinator Jean Sharp rototilled and fertilized our display garden and members planted next year's door prize and display irises starting August 18.

On Saturday, September 6 the society held its annual rhizome sale to the public at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center in Santa Rosa, earning over \$2400. The following Monday we set up a "double wide" booth near the entrance to the 4th Annual Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, where for three days, September 9-11, volunteers sold iris rhizomes donated by members. This brought in over \$3000. The rhizome sales also earned us five new members.

Ten members of our society enjoyed attending the 2014 Region 14 Fall Meeting in Reno, the largest contingent of any affiliate. At the society's October meeting officers for 2015 were elected. They are:

President	Alleah Haley
Immediate Past President	Anna Marie Hermansen
Vice President	Rudy Ciuca
Secretary	Jeff Davis
Treasurer	Joe Lawrence
Board members	Jim Begley, Marlene Freetly, Kathy McCallum, Marlene Horn, and Jeanne Plank.

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Jeff Davis volunteered to be our Show Chairman for 2015. The society wishes to thank outgoing President Anna Marie Hermansen who for two years blessed us with leadership and tireless labor. Hers will be a “hard act to follow”.

On Saturday, November 8 we will hold our annual potluck holiday and “Come Dressed as an Iris Name” costume party where folks dress up as their favorite irises and guess the iris names portrayed by their fellow attendees. Member Betty Ford will head the contest for the 15th (at least) consecutive year. Our Board meetings in November and December will be spent planning programs and developing a budget for 2015.

~ Alleah Haley

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society recently hosted a very successful beardless iris auction and sale.

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society invites all Region 14 members to come to our annual winter potluck lunch on January 17, 2015. In addition to lunch and socializing, we will have a judges' training on reblooming iris presented by noted hybridizer Riley Probst, along with giveaways of potted reblooming iris.

The potluck will be held at the Oakland Garden Center - doors (and kitchen) open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch begins at noon, with judges' training at 1:30 p.m. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Jean Richter at (510) 864-7962 or jeanrichter@berkeley.edu

SBMIS meets on the fourth Friday of the month at the Oakland Garden Center. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. The address of the Garden Center is 666 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland.

We do not meet in the months of November and December, and do not hold a regular meeting in the month of our show (usually April). We hold a winter potluck in January at the Garden Center that is open to all Region 14 members, and a club potluck at a member's home in September in lieu of meetings.

~Jean Richter, President

Westbay Iris Society

The WBIS calls itself the fun society. We are small in number of members, but love rewarding the growers of iris with the purchase of the latest introductions. We know it takes many years to get one true to form.

The next meeting is at the County Gourmet in Sunnyvale, January 16th 6:30 pm -- come check us out. Dues are \$15 each year collected at our January dinner meeting.

~ Carol Skarda trekkerers@yahoo.com

Yosemite Iris Society

See article about our Coarsegold Elementary School ~ AIS Youth Iris Garden project, elsewhere in this issue. ~ Carolyn Hoover, President

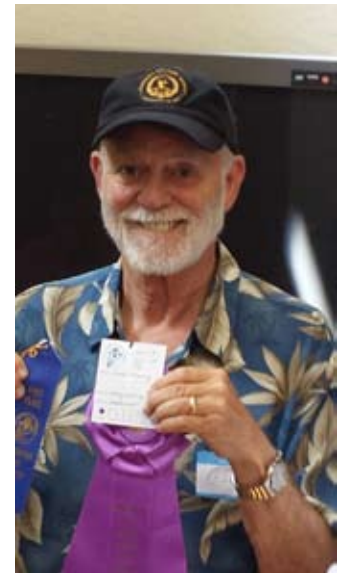


above: YIS Members @ 2014 Farmer's Market Iris Fundraiser: Riley Probst (left) and Guy Hoover (Right). Photo: Betty Bridger

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left: Yosemite Iris Society members at Oct. 2014 YIS Meeting.
Front Row (L to R): President, Carolyn Hoover, Shirley Trio-Probst, Secretary, Riley Probst, V. President, members Gail Collings, AIS youth member, & Betty Bridger.
Back Row (L to R): Dan Cereghino, Director, Bill Tyson, Treasurer, member Gary Collings Photo: Carolyn Hoover



below left: Potting party @ Hoover's Iris garden -- Coarsegold YIS members Summer 2014 - Potting up 1 gallon irises for 2015 YIS fundraiser. Photo: Guy Hoover

above right: Gary Collings, member of Yosemite Iris Society - Section Winner-Historical Division @ YIS 2014 Spring Iris Show with 'Snow Flurry' (Rees 1939). Photo:C. Hoover



below: Bill Tyson (left) and Riley Probst @ YIS Potting party planting irises for fundraisers, August 2014. Photo: C. Hoover



Bryce Williamson wins Hybridizer's Medal

Congratulations are in order for Bryce Williamson, Master Judge, Retired ~



During the American Iris Society Fall business meeting, Bryce Williamson was selected by the AIS Board to receive the prestigious **Hybridizer's Medal** for his many years of work in irises. Bryce is the hybridizer of the Dykes Medal (1990) winner 'Jesse's Song'. It seems as though 'Jesse's

Song' has found a home on the annual AIS Tall Bearded Symposium; it has been in the top 10 of almost every symposium since winning the Dykes Medal. Bryce lives in Campbell, California.

A true Californian, Bryce was born here, reared here, educated here, and became an educator himself here in California. Bryce introduced his first iris in 1970, and has been hybridizing and introducing ever since. His beautiful creations are currently introduced through Rocky Top Garden, proprietor Phil Williams, in the great state of Tennessee.

Bryce has served as President of the Clara B. Rees Iris Society; was the editor of the Region 14 Bulletin for three and one half years; also was the publicity chairman for the region. Region 14 bestowed the Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award on Bryce for his years of service. Bryce served as RVP from 1990 to 1993.

His irises have competed and won at the top international competition in Florence Italy.

Some of his introductions are: 'Aficionado' (1988), 'American Heritage' (1978), 'Latin Music' (2005), 'Last Call' (1982), 'Chamber Music' (1973), 'Prince Charming' (1988)*, Gold Speculator (1993) and the very fragrant and very very early blooming 'Olymparico' (1990).

Bryce continues to write articles for many plant publications including the Tall Bearded Iris Society magazine *Tall Talk*.

Shirley Trio-Probst

*Iris Register notes: "name released in error as Sturtevant registration of 1924 PRINCE CHARMING is still grown".

~ Notes from the AIS ~

During the first week of November we attended the annual Fall Business meeting of the AIS. The meeting began on Friday evening at 7PM. Friday and Saturday contained approximately 17 hours of work. Many things were accomplished. Several things that will have impact on Region 14 are noted below:

During the Region 14 Fall Meeting Lorraine Nicholson, Youth Director spoke to the Region 14 Board and general membership about some problems she was having. The problem was discussed at length by AIS, then they decided to take some time and gather information from the other regions and continue the discussion at the Oregon meeting in May of 2015.

The definition of Garden Judges Training was given by Judges' Chair Judy Keisling in reference to some inquiries from Region 14.

Another change dealt with retired judges. First they can and then they can't and now they can again -- judge shows, that is. A retired judge now can only judge with other fully accredited judges.

The Iris Wiki has grown beyond the imagination of creator Bob Pries.

The AIS needs financial help from the affiliates. AIS pays thousands in insurance for the affiliates. When the policy was first purchased it was thought that the affiliates would donate money back to AIS, which has not happened. AIS is \$3,000 over budget. Mother needs help.

The AIS is having problems with the Medals. The expense is very high. The clubs get one free set per year. AIS is asking anyone with un-engraved Medals to consider sending them back to AIS, so they can be used again.

Remember the AIS 100th in 2020. And don't forget the Sydney B. potluck, and the Spring Regional in Coarsegold, California, at Bass Lake.

Shirley Trio-Probst



“A Walk in the Pines” 2015 Spring Regional



Schedule of Activities



Friday, April 17, 2015

- 4:00 -9:00 PM Check-In in Lobby of - The Pines Resort, Bass Lake
- 4:00- 5:45 PM Iris Show Registration - Cedar Room A- Pines Resort
- 6:00 -7:00 PM Iris Show Judged - Cedar Room. A
- 4:00-10:00PM Silent Auction Viewing-Lakeview Room-Pines Resort
- 7:00- 9:30 PM General Welcome General Meeting- Lakeview Room. Coffee, tea

Saturday, April 18, 2015

- 6:30- 7:45 AM Breakfast available on your own at Ducey's Restaurant, Pines Resort
- 7:00- 8:00 AM Registration Lobby
- 7:45- 8:00 AM Load tour bus in front of Pines Resort lobby- Bus leaves 8 AM!!
- 8:45-11:10 AM Dan & Karen Cereghino's Madera Knolls - Load bus @11:00 AM. Depart at 11:10
- 11:40- 1:20 PM Guy & Carolyn Hoover's Creek Ranch -- arrive 11:40 Lunch. Load bus 1:20 PM. Depart 1:35PM.
- 1:50- 3:45 PM Bill Tyson's Hillside Iris - - Arrive 1:50 PM. Load bus @ 3:45 PM. Depart for hotel at 4 PM. Arrive at Bass Lake Pines Resort at 4:30 PM.
- 5:00- 6:30 PM No Host Bar - Lakeview Room
- 6:30- 7:30 PM Banquet Dinner Served - Lakeview Room
- 7:30- 9:00 PM Award Winners Announced and Guest Speaker-Lakeview Rm.
- 9:00- 9:30 PM Silent Auction Final Bid Opportunities and Raffle closed
- 9:30- 10:00 PM Silent Auction Closed, payments received, items obtained

Sunday, April 19, 2015

- 6:30- 9:00AM Check out / Breakfast on your own- Ducey's will be open
- 10AM-12:00PM Judges' Training-Hoover Garden -45812 Old Corral Rd- Coarsegold



**The American Iris Society-Region 14
2015 Spring Regional
April 17th, 18th, 19th**

“A Walk in the Pines”

Hosted by Yosemite Iris Society

The Pines Resort & Conference Center- 54432 N. Shore Rd, Bass Lake, CA



Guest Speaker



3 Guest Gardens



Judges Training

Italian Dinner Buffet

Caesar Salad

Meatballs and Italian Sausage w/ Marinara

Penne Pasta Alfredo

OR

Chicken Parmesan

Mixed Vegetables

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Back in the Day Art – part 4 of 6

by Stan Morgan

Kings, decrees and heroic deeds, all chipped onto stone for posterity ... heady stuff for boundless egos. But for the court historian and scribes in the king's advertising department, it must have been tough. Limited to a text-only medium, how could they possibly portray the great man's true majesty and wisdom ?

The evolution of tapestry must have been liberating for those rulers. Freed from the heavy gray stone, decrees and records could now circulate among the villages. And with more space and color to enhance their heroic tales, tapestry storyboards became the graphic novels of their day.

While no actual fragment has been found of Penelope's never-ending tapestry, a remnant of trousers from the same 2nd BCE Homeric period has been recovered from a mass grave at the Sampul oasis in the Tarim Basin. While there is no iris among the flowers on this greek storyboard, improving weaving technique shows the capacity for such detail.

http://archaeology.about.com/od/textiles/a/tapestry_trousers.htm



Florentina (photo 1927 by Louis Buhle, Brooklyn Botanical Garden)

Two hundred years later, at the end of the 1st century AD, a virgin martyr named Aureliae Petronilla lived and died in Rome. She was later declared a Saint by the Roman Catholic church. Fourteen centuries later, Guillaume de Hellande (Bishop of Beauvais 1444-62) commissioned a tapestry in her honor and named it 'The Healing of Saint Petronilla'. Symbolizing purity, a white iris was included in the design.

So now we find our iris in art has moved to the tapestry medium. Considering time and place, this is probably the local *I. florentina*, now reclassified as **Florentina**.

Ref: www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Petronilla



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The AIS Region 14 Bulletin is published four times each year: spring (March 1st), summer (June 1st), fall (September 1st), and winter (December 1st). We distribute the Bulletin online through the Region's website, <http://www.aisregion14.org/>, where it is available for downloading by all interested persons without charge.

We will publish advertisements for irises and other garden-related goods and services. At our discretion, we will place ads throughout each Bulletin, or group them together.

Submit text advertisement copy or display advertisement artwork to the editor, Shirley Trio shirleytrio@clearwire.net. We cannot accept MS Publisher or Word Perfect files.

Deadlines for advertisement submissions are as follows: February 1st (spring issue), May 1st (summer issue), August 1st (fall issue) and November 1st (winter issue).

Payment is due at the same time. Send your check, payable to AIS Region 14, to:

AIS-14 Treasurer Helen Franklin
5621 Oakhill Court
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Category & Dimensions	One Issue	Four Issues
Text-only Advertisements (black & white)		
2" text advertisement (2.25"w x 2.00"h)	\$30	\$ 96
3" text advertisement (2.25"w x 3.00"h)	\$40	\$128
Display Advertisement (color)		
1/4 page (3.65"w x 2.50"h)	\$35	\$112
1/8 page (3.65"w x 4.875"h)	\$50	\$160
1/2 page, horizontal (7.50"w x 4.875"h)	\$100	\$320
1/2 page vertical (3.65"w x 9.875"h)	\$100	\$320
Full page (7.50"w x 9.875"h)	\$200	\$640

For technical questions, including full-page ad copy specifications, contact bulletin designer Gesine Lohr at gesine.lohr@gmail.com

AIS Emembership is separate from the normal AIS membership. Emembers do not receive printed copies of the AIS Bulletins. Instead, they have access to online AIS Bulletins using an easy to use viewer.

Emembers also have access to online viewing of The Basic Iris Culture Booklet and access to **irisregister.com**, the online database of iris registrations and introductions.

Additional services may be made available in the future.

A summary of the current AIS service links found within the AIS Emember service area includes:

Iris Register Database, the online database of iris registrations and introductions, maintained by the American Iris Society. The AIS is recognized and acknowledged as the official world registry of iris cultivars (except for bulbous iris).

AIS Bulletin Library At present the library contains AIS Bulletin issues from the years 1920 to 2009 inclusive.

The **AIS Basic Culture** booklet is published by the American Iris Society, Third Edition 2011, 48 pages total.

Recent AIS Bulletins Emembers view some of the more recent quarterly AIS Bulletins online; from January 2010 to the current issue.

You may purchase an AIS Emembership through the AIS Membership information area of the website for \$15 per year.