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The RVP's Garden



photo: Mikey Lango

First of all, I want to thank Region 14 members for having confidence in me by electing me as your new Regional Vice President (RVP) for the next three years. I have worked my way up during the past six years, serving as Secretary under RVP Jeanne Plank, and Judges' Training (JT) Chair under RVP John Pesek. I have learned a lot from both of these

fine people and appreciate their

leadership, guidance, and support.

I have met many folks in the region by serving as JT Chair, but I hope to meet more of you as I visit your meetings, shows and gardens. I hope that all the affiliate clubs will feel included in our decisions and activities, and participate in our Fall and Spring Regional meetings, as well as any email votes that come along.

In case you don't know me, I have been a member of AIS since 1995 and have loved irises since I followed my grandmother around her garden, where she called them "Flag Lilies". I am a member of Sacramento Iris Society and Sierra Foothills Iris Society. I live in the boondocks near Placerville, CA, with my husband, Jack, and have over 800 varieties of iris in my garden. Some types of iris are harder to grow in this dry climate, but I am trying. I am experimenting with Siberians to find the best varieties for our climate, and the best culture for them here. I also grow PCIs, Louisianas, Spurias, and have one Japanese iris. This is in addition, of course, to many bearded varieties. I am always saying that every spot in my garden is "not created equal". With a mixture of soil types, but mostly clay, it is a challenge to get the kind of bloom and reproduction that I see in other folk's gardens.

I am also a bird watcher, and have traveled the world on tours to see the birds of the world. With over 10,000 species existing in the world, I can assure you that I have many more to see. I started traveling in 1989 while I was still working as a Systems Analyst for the CA Dept of Education. As my husband does not like to fly, I sign up for a tour by myself and meet the group in some places that I had never heard of before. Bird watching takes me to many places that the average tourist would not visit, so it has rewards other than

the birds. My most recent trip in August was to the Indonesian Islands of Sumatra and Java. The next time you are stuck in a urban traffic jam, picture the addition of 200 motorcycles, and you will know what it is like to be traveling in Indonesia. I have not traveled to a place that I would not like to return to. I am fond of saying that "traveling is like an itch that just never gets relieved by scratching". I have given "Birds in your Garden" programs to several iris clubs. Since we are usually gardening with our heads down, weeding or whatever, I stress learning the songs and calls of the common birds in order to identify the birds by ear.

As I recently helped plant rhizomes into the guest iris beds for the 2017 Spring Regional Meeting which is being co-sponsored by Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies, I realized that in summer 2016 it will be time to plant for the 2018 Spring Regional. So far, we have not had a club or consortium of clubs come forward to volunteer to sponsor the 2018 Spring Regional. I hope you will put your thinking caps on, talk to your members and see if it should be your turn to do this. It is fun, and provides an opportunity for you to showcase your gardens and your area. Good budgeting and planning are the keys to a successful Spring Regional. If you are interested in volunteering your club, or group of clubs, do let me know. If you are interested, but don't feel that you can swing the financial setup costs, perhaps we can work something out with the Region sharing the burden. These Spring Regional Meetings with garden visits have become a tradition in Region 14 since the late 1950's, and it provides an opportunity for all of us to see some of the newer varieties of iris in the garden. It has become an important vehicle for hybridizers to showcase their irises in anticipation of AIS Judges voting the ballot for Honorable Mention, Award of Merit, Medals in their class, and the Dykes Medal. It would be a shame to miss this opportunity.

I am looking forward to the next three years as your RVP, and encourage you to contact me with your issues and concerns, and I will try to help. I hope to keep the communication channels open and encourage all the Presidents of the local affiliates to keep me posted as to their email addresses and other contact information, so you will not miss any important announcements.

~ Phyllis Wilburn



Check out
the AIS Blog!

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

Editor's Notes ~ Shirley Trio-Probst



If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts about our Bulletin, please contact me, the editor, directly ~ thanks!
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209-551-6323.

The spirit that was known as David Cadd was set free in September, to spread his wings and fly with joy into the unknown. We will miss seeing

and hearing David but he left his mark on the many judges he helped, the many friends that he made and his hybridizing contribution to the genus iris. The editors' first introduction **Opposites** won an AIS HM and came in second in the amount of votes and vied for the Walther Cup the first time eligible, all because David insisted that it not be thrown out but be registered and introduced. I shall be forever grateful to my friend. David will be missed for a long time by his many friends

Winter is again upon us. Here in the valley we have had over two inches of rain so far, which is ahead of our average. The irises are green and growing. The large trees everywhere are looking a little greener and healthier. Just one last good drink before leaf fall. We have a scant two months to get the winter work done before we begin to see the trees bloom and early tulip and daffodils. The new catalogs will be here soon so sharpen your pencil or get out your pen to start your wish lists.

In reflection upon the past year we find the region is in good shape, the torch of leadership has been successfully passed, and we begin another three years of change and growth. Let us all support the new RVP and when she calls us to duty answer with a smile and say "what can I do"? Welcome Jane Jordan to the Board as Secretary. Welcome Terry Toney as the new Southern Director.

This Editor attended the annual Fall Business Meeting of the American Iris Society held this year in Omaha Nebraska. The new RVP Phyllis Wilburn was front and center soaking up all of the information to bring back to all of the membership. It is so important for the RVP to



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

attend both the spring and fall AIS meetings. There is so much information that comes from one of those meetings. For example, the decision was made to include the AIS Symposium in the AIS magazine *Irides*. It will be so much easier next year for us to fill out our symposium. Region 14 came in second with the votes turned in. Region 18 who has fewer members than our region came in first.

One thing that remains the same is Region 14 is tops in membership and tops in the number of active judges. Region 14 still holds with four Emeritus Judges, those Judges being Jeanne Clay-Plank, Kitty Loberg, Joe Ghio and Riley Probst. The best part is all of those judges are active. Congratulations to the new judges. They will surely be put to work this April and May.

We had quite a lively discussion at the fall regional. One of the discussions was regarding the Region 14 quarterly bulletin. Several suggestions were given on how to get the bulletin out to everyone. So far there is no change, the presidents are to copy and send the bulletin out to those affiliate members of their own club who do not have computers. The region will pay for your postage cost when you submit the bill to Helen Franklin the Regional Treasurer. Some thought that copying the bulletin took too much ink and discussed sending copies in black and white. Making a copy is part of the job of the club president. Perhaps the clubs might consider picking up the cost of ink so that all members can receive the same bulletin. Members should not be slighted because they either do not have a computer or do not have e-mail.

Remember to keep your iris beds weeded. Water is such a premium here in our region and weeds take a lot of moisture.

Those of you that can grow Pacific Coast Irises are fortunate indeed. This is the time of year for planting them. We have been trying to locate someone with an expertise in PCN's so we can get an article but so far no luck -- any volunteers?

And hello from your designer!

It was fun to meet many of you at the Fall Regional meeting (the first regional I've attended).

It was neat to see how many reblooming iris were brought for the show

Grey Grey, right, one of our kitties, wishes you a fine winter season.

~ Gesine



Calendar



2016 AIS Convention

East We Go in 2016

~ May 23-28, Newark, New Jersey ~

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<http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/2016aisConvention.pdf>
has info on 2016 AIS Convention

Full Registration Includes:

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Welcome Reception and Awards Dinner

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1 Hotel Road
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2017 AIS Convention ~ May 22-26 Des Moines, Iowa

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above: Elizabethan Age (Baumunk 2005)
photo: Riley Probst

Region 14 winners in 2015 AIS Symposium
~ Shirley Trio-Probst



left: Mesmerizer (photo: Riley Probst)

(see That's All Folks on the cover page)



left: Dusky Challenger (photos: Riley Probst)

right: Gypsy Lord



REGION 14 2015 SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

1. THAT'S ALL FOLKS	19	Maryott 2005
2. MESMERIZER	16	Byers 1991
3. DUSKY CHALLENGER	15	Schreiner 1986
3. GYPSY LORD	15	Keppel 2006
5. JESSE'S SONG	13	Williamson 1983
6. DECADENCE	12	Blyth 2004
6. FLORENTINE SILK	12	Keppel 2005
8. LADY FRIEND	11	Ghio 1981
8. JEANNE CLAY PLANK	11	Kerr 2012
8. GOLDEN PANTHER	11	Tasco 2000
8. ENGAGEMENT RING	11	Ghio 2011
8. PAUL BLACK	11	Johnson 2003
8. ELIZABETHAN AGE	11	Baumunk 2005

*below: Jesse's Song
(photo: Riley Probst)*

The American Iris Society Symposium results are in. The votes are sent to the Regional Vice President and counted and sent to the AIS Symposium Chair. This is an excellent opportunity for non AIS judges and AIS judges alike to vote. Region 14 has more AIS members and non AIS members than any other region, yet Region 18 turned in substantially more votes. Region 14 had 38 members that voted. What a shame.

For those who did vote the symposium, there was strong support for Region 14 hybridizers. Bill Maryott, the late Monty Byers, Bryce Williamson, Joe Ghio, and Rick Tasco were the regional hybridizers receiving the most votes.

If anyone has any suggestions as to what can be done to make the voting and receiving of those votes, easier, let the AIS Symposium Chair Riley Probst know, and every effort will be made to make it so. There were several suggestions to Riley to return the symposium ballot to the AIS magazine *Iris*. AIS has agreed, so the next symposium ballot will be placed inside the AIS spring issue.





above:
Decadence

below:
Florentine Silk
(photos: Riley Probst)





*above left: Lady Friend
below: Golden Panther*



*above right: Jeanne Clay Plank
(photos: Riley Probst)*



Fall Regional 2015
- Mikey Lango



Guest speaker Chuck Bunnell with Riley Probst



John Pesek presiding at his final Regional as RVP



John Pesek turning his RVP over to Phyllis Wilburn



Kathy Braaten to master judge

Jean Richter of SBMIS
receiving All-Star Judge Award
(photo: Gesine Lohr)



Jane Jordan winner at the reblooming show



left: Carolyn Kraft selling raffle tickets
right: Jo Balch with pomegranate



Bob Canning of MDIS won the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement award
(award accepted for Bob by Joe Balch) photo: Gesine Lohr

AIS Youth in Coarsegold –Winter 2015 News

~ Carolyn Hoover



The students in the AIS Youth CIP (Classroom Iris Project) under leadership of Carolyn Hoover at Coarsegold Elementary School have been busy fundraising over 100 potted irises donated by Carolyn Hoover, Gary Collings and Victoria Glines. The students were taught by Mrs. Hoover how to clean, trim, label and they made \$350 at the Country Faire in October. These funds are used for their field trips. Thank you to Lorraine Nicolson, Region 14 Youth Director for sending 41 irises from Region 14, 2015 guest garden irises and also over 50 irises from Portland AIS National iris gardens sent by Chad Harris of Mt. Pleasant Gardens in Oregon.

Over 40 AIS students in this program also entered the AIS Coloring Contest and we are waiting to hear who the winners are!! \$100 prize will be awarded from AIS for the best one!! These programs really keep students interested in learning and growing irises. Contact Carolyn Hoover, President of YIS if you would like to get ideas of how to get students involved in irises in your area. This is the future of AIS!



top: CIP AIS Youths planting new irises received from Region 14

middle: CIP Youth and Mrs. Hoover with their iris artwork to send to the AIS Coloring Contest,

photos by C. Hoover

Bluebird Haven ~ A modest beginning

~ Mary Hess

Shortly after I was married in 1972, I took my husband to Oregon to introduce him to my relatives. One of our stops near Corvallis was to visit my aunt, the greatest gardener I have ever known in my circle of friends and relatives. When we left to come home, I had 10 randomly dug, unnamed iris rhizomes and an old Schreiner's catalog.

I came home to the Placerville, California area and planted the rhizomes. The next spring I was so pleased with the resulting display that I dug out that old catalog, wrote for a current one, and ordered a modest \$30 worth of iris. I guess I didn't know it yet, but I was hooked on iris. The next year it was a \$60 order, then a \$120 order. Also, having during that same time, limited funds and excess energy, my neighbor and I scoured the countryside each spring looking for people who would be willing to trade work in their gardens thinning iris clumps for the excess rhizomes. And I am happy to say we found plenty of takers. One of those people was a wonderful woman named Gladys Austin. She sent us home with hundreds of starts of all the remaining iris she had from the original Rainbow Iris Garden. This time they were all carefully named.

The next spring my 1/3-acre garden was so full of beautiful blooms that I actually felt guilty keeping all that beauty to myself. The following year the El Dorado County Gem and Mineral Society held

their annual May meeting at our house. One of the ladies walking through my garden asked if I had ever thought about selling any of my iris. The next year Bluebird Haven Iris Garden was up and running. It was a win-win situation. I could use money from my sales to buy more iris, thereby relieving the household funds of that expense.

We picked the name Bluebird Haven because at that time we were very active in developing a backyard wildlife sanctuary for birds, bluebirds in particular as they were considered a dwindling species in our area due to lack of nesting sites. We lived in that house for a total of 17 years. On the day we had 15 cars in a three-car driveway, I told my husband we needed to find a bigger place; and thus the search for our current 10-acre property began. I'd learned quite a bit about growing iris during those beginning years and I knew good drainage was a must for the new place. It took three years, but one day by chance we saw a for sale sign in an area where the soils map said we'd be happy. A deal was struck and thus began the transfer of some 10,000 iris rhizomes to their new home along with some 4,000 bulbs of the 65 varieties of daffodils I'd managed to acquire. It took two years to get everything moved. Thus ended the saga of that first location and our beginning. Today I have 4,000 iris varieties planted on about three acres. Never dreamed in the beginning that this would be the result.



2019 AIS Convention ~ Guest gardens

~ Shirley Trio-Probst

Ladies and Gentleman of Region 14, we proudly introduce to you the gardens that will be visited by people from all over the world during the 2019 American Iris Society National Convention. There will be much more information on these gardens and other delightful things, such as optional tour gardens and optional side trips, in later issues of this bulletin.



The **Jim and Irene Cummins garden** (*photo above*) is located in Scotts Valley at just a little higher elevation than the other gardens. The Cummins property is approximately six acres. Much of the acreage is in planned gardens, raised iris beds and a family orchard of various fruit trees. There are beautiful mature shade trees, a large expanse of dark green lawn with lots of comfortable seating and bright sunny flower beds. Jim and Irene have been growing irises for years. Jim has been hybridizing for several years and has won several seedling awards at shows. If the convention attendees are lucky they may be treated to viewing a flock of wild turkeys that frequent the Cummins property almost daily and a small herd of deer that keep the ground cleared of fallen fruit in the Cummins orchard. Be sure not to miss the garden antiques and the unique birdhouses that dot the property. Jim builds the birdhouses himself. Irene and Jim are members of the Monterey Iris Society



The **Dry Creek Garden** (*photo below left*) is fashioned after an English Cottage Garden. The property is one hundred acres but not all of it is in gardens. The garden was privately owned at one time but is now under the stewardship of a Regional Director. The original farmhouse is maintained and in place as it was many years ago. There is a coop of colorful and different breeds of chickens just like in the old days. There is a large vegetable garden, a water feature or two and a mostly “dry” creek running through the property that seasonally does channel water. Therefore the name “Dry Creek”. There are thousands of different plantings on the property. In the midst of all this there is a large picnic and rest area for those that need to relax after walking this property. The guest irises will be in one of the sunny areas. One of the garden stewards is Jeff Bennett, a member of the Mount Diablo Iris Society.



Frannie’s Garden (*photo above*) is the dream come true of Fran and Russ Shield in Elk Grove. This commercial garden is set in a quiet green community of lovely ranchettes in the middle of our hot San Joaquin Valley. This garden is just a few years old but countless hours and planning have gone into the end result. The beds are very wide but yet the plants are set for easy picture taking. There is a plant of almost



Growing in partnership with a working wine vineyard and with the famous wine country only a stone's throw away, the commercial iris garden of Joe Lawrence and Rudy Ciuca is known as the **C&I Iris Garden** (*photo below*). It is certain to be a hit with convention attendees. Joe and Rudy are not novices when it comes to growing irises. They have several hundred rhizomes of their own planted in raised beds around the house and vineyards and have planted guest irises for Region 14 spring tours in the past. The grapes will not be ripe at the time of the national visit but will provide a glimpse of a real vineyard producing grapes for the famous wine of the Sonoma Valley and will provide a

every iris introduced in the last 10 years. What a sight to see in full bloom. There is a huge gazebo on the edge of a manicured lawn to allow you to rest your weary bones and have a cool drink. This garden is a photographer's dream. As if that were not enough, whimsical garden art has been placed around the entire garden. There is a lot to see in this iris retreat. Fran and Russ are very active members of the Sacramento Iris Society.

Set in gently rolling hills is the several acres iris garden of **Mary Ann Horton** (*photo above*). Mary Ann maintains acres of green lawn to emphasize and surround the riot of iris color. There are many mature trees surrounding the iris garden, that seem to act as a picture frame. There are several areas of the garden that lend well to the weddings that are a regular event year round. This is a full time family affair for Mary Ann, her son and husband. In this garden one can relish and photograph the many historic irises that Mary Ann tends lovingly. Even the country lane leading to the house and grounds is filled with beauty. The waterfall and small pond beckon each visitor with promises of what lies ahead. A bench, at every turn, behind every tree, in back of every well-placed rock there is a potential snapshot. There are a couple of vintage automobiles that actually are occasionally driven around town. How long has it been since any of us iris enthusiasts have had a photo taken in or with a car like our grandparents drove? Mary Ann is a very active member of the Sierra Foothills Iris Society and Sacramento Iris Society.

background for the explosion of colorful irises. In the middle of it all is a clear and serene swimming pool if one wants to sit and relax. There are numerous mature and old trees to provide wonderful deep shade to have a cold drink or a snack. After walking this several acre large garden one needs a boost of energy. But how can one sit when there is so much to see in this garden. All of the beds have been built and planted to provide ease in viewing each and every iris plant and take perfect photos. The labels of each plant are tall and easy to read. The guest irises will be extremely happy in the fertile soil of the Sonoma Valley. Joe and Rudy are working members of the Santa Rosa Iris Society with Joe acting as treasurer and Rudy holding the office of president.



Judges' Training Report

~ Alleah Haley

As the new Judges Training Chair for Region 14 (R14), I want to congratulate the four R14 Garden/Exhibition Judges who have been advanced to Master Judge this year in recognition of 15 years of service as an AIS accredited judge. They are Kathy Braaten, Sandy Mann, Joanne Prass-Jones, and Lynn Williams. We thank them for their continued service to AIS and R14. And congratulations to Philippa Alvis, Rudy Ciuca, Carolyn Craft, Marilyn Kaplan, and Terry Toney for advancing from Apprentice to fully accredited Garden/Exhibition Judge and to Cindy Eastman and Jane Jordan for advancing from Student to Apprentice. These graduates were approved by the AIS Board at their fall meeting in November in Omaha. It was reported in Omaha that the number of judges nationwide has decreased, while that in R14 has increased. We need to keep up the good work!

All the forms mentioned in this report are on the R14 website (www.aisregion14.org). Go to Events tab and select Judges' Training at the bottom of the drop down menu. A page entitled "Region 14 American Iris Society --Judges' Training" will come up. About halfway down is a list of Forms.

Societies and Show Chairs

Now's the time to start planning for your shows next spring. Regarding judges, once you've picked a date, location, and time for your show, you need to do two things:

- Arrange for judges.
- Notify the Region Judges' Training Chair.

A Region 14 Judges Roster 2015-2016, which is a list of accredited AIS judges, can be found on the R14 website as described above. Note that Region 14 Standing Rules (Section F.3.) limits a show to scheduling only three judges for that show before January 1 of the show year. It's considerate to pick judges who live nearby but are unlikely to enter your show.

In the meantime, notify me, the Judges' Training Chairman, Alleah Haley (alleah.haley@gmail.com or 707-799-1422) of the date, time, and location of your

show so I can arrange to place this information on the R14 website. As soon as you have three judges committed, notify the Judges' Training Chair of their names so I can help to coordinate judges between other shows. If you have apprentices in your club, remember that each panel of judges may have only one apprentice.

Try to schedule your local apprentices to be tutored at your local show (cuts down on his/her travel costs). If you have two apprentices who want/need to be tutored at your show, you must have two panels of judges. A panel of judges can be either two or three judges; so if you use two-judge panels and they conflict in their decision, you can have another judge who is present at the show step in to break the stalemate. An alternative is to have a Retired Judge serve on a panel with two other accredited judges in order to make up a panel of three. Notify the Judges' Training Chair of the names of the apprentices who have agreed to be tutored at your show, and remind the Apprentice to contact me for approval of the training. The senior judge on the panel is usually chosen to be the tutor and signs the apprentice's paperwork. Students who request one-on-one training at a show are usually trained after the official judging takes place, so this does not conflict with the Apprentice training.

Getting Started on Becoming a Judge

Since you're reading this, I can assume you're already a member of the American Iris Society. Continuous membership in AIS for at least three years is a requirement to be appointed an Apprentice – and continuous membership in AIS is a requirement to keep your G/E judge status. Be sure that your dues are current. You can check this easily by going to the AIS website www.irises.org, then on the upper left click on About AIS, then on Membership Information, then on AIS Membership. Scroll down the text almost to the bottom until you see www.aislookup.org and click on that. A search box will appear. Choose Region 14, type in your last name, and click on Search. The expiration date for your AIS membership will appear. AIS notifies members when their dues are due. Membership rates and the address of the membership secretary to whom you should

send your check is elsewhere on the AIS website and on the first few pages of each issue of *Irises*, the Bulletin of the American Iris Society.

Persons wishing to become an AIS judge must apply in writing by filling out and returning to me the Application for Judge Candidate, available on the JT Page of the R14 website. Complete the form and submit it to me: Alleah Haley, Judges' Training Chairman, 208 Eucalyptus Ave., Cotati, CA 94931. You will also wish to print out the Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges.

Students and Apprentices

Students and Apprentices should keep a copy of the Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges, which is available on the R14 website, on hand in their training materials. You are required to have a copy of the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, which is available from the AIS Storefront. The R14 requirements are more stringent than the AIS requirements; but if a subject is not mentioned in the Guidelines, the Handbook is the rule. Carefully review the requirements of your classification to advance to the next classification.

You need to start thinking about how you're going to meet your JT requirements in the least amount of time and travel. Go to the R14 website and print the Region 14 Judges' Roster 2015-2016. Look over the list and pick at least one G/E or Master Judge to ask for one-on-one training during the 2016 bloom season. Call them early. Once the judge has agreed to tutor you, notify the JT Chair for approval. Attend as many JT classes as you reasonably can. The Region provides a lot of help in scheduling JT classes and lists them on the R14 website. Apprentices will receive an annual Activity Report that they must return to the R14 RVP and JT Chair no later than June 1 of each year or they will be disqualified. See the Judges' Activity Report under Forms as outlined above.

Garden/Exhibition and Active Master Judges

Remember that your #1 responsibility is to vote and submit a timely AIS Judges' Ballot. Failure to do so two years in a row will cause your judgeship to be revoked by AIS. The ballot is mailed to you and

the date for mailing it back is rigid. You may return the ballot via mail, or vote on-line. Details for voting on-line are in the ballot.

Another important thing that you can do is to help Apprentices and Students fulfill their requirements by giving training classes or one-on-one trainings. Remember those who gave you help in reaching your goal, and pay it forward. One way to expand the availability of garden training is to volunteer to be an instructor for a class in the garden or a one-on-one tutor.

If you have any questions or confusion about any of this, need copies of forms, etc., do contact me: 707-799-1422 or alleah.haley@gmail.com. I am here to serve.

Jeesh – the above discussion makes becoming and remaining an AIS judge sound like a lot of WORK. Well it is! But the rewards are great. Through iris activities and meetings including required JT sessions you meet new people and make new friends, meet and get to know hybridizers, learn about irises in depth, and help recommend outstanding irises to the gardening public for growing in their own gardens. Judges are a vital part of publicizing our favorite flower. I hope you will seriously consider taking part in this important AIS program.

www.aisregion14.org/jt.php

has a lot of JT information, including Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges and Region 14 Judges Roster 2015–2016.



above: Devil David (Anna and David Cadd 2001)

photo: Riley Probst

Judges' Training Report ~ Fall 2015

~ Phyllis Wilburn

Errata -- We missed putting this in our September issue (however, it was put up on the website in September).

We have completed another judges' training season, which is counted from August 1 to July 31 each year. Starting on August 1 all new training will be counted in the 2015-16 year. It also marks the transition of some students (AKA candidates) to Apprentice Judge and some Apprentice Judges to Garden/Exhibition Judge. I am proud to say that Cindy Eastman and Jane Jordan will be advancing to Apprentice Judge, and Philippa Alves, Rudy Ciuca, Carolyn Craft, Marilyn Kaplan and Terry Toney will be advancing to Garden/Exhibition Judge. Of course, as bureaucracy will have it, these changes must be recommended to the AIS Board by our RVP, and approved by the AIS Board of Directors in the Fall. We are confident, however, that they will all be approved and it is not too early to congratulate them for their accomplishments. It will be a welcome change to have a few more judges when Spring rolls around and all the shows will be taking place and judges will be needed for them.

Ted Hawkins, President of San Joaquin Iris Society is proposing to act as a center for training during the coming season. They will be working with the Judges' Training Chair to make plans and let everyone know about upcoming events. There will also be training given at the Fall Regional Meeting in Visalia on October 17 by Chuck Bunnell, winner of the 2014 Dykes Medal for the MTB Dividing Line.

You don't have to be a AIS Judge in order to vote the Symposium on Tall Bearded Iris. September 1, 2015 is the deadline to send your votes to the RVP, John Pesek. The ballot and instructions are on the AIS web site www.irises.org ; Look under About Irises/Awards and Surveys.

By now the August 1 deadline for the AIS Official Ballot is past, and I assume that all Judges have voted their Ballot. Now the waiting begins to see who wins the 2015 Dykes Medal!

At the Fall Regional Meeting I will be handing out individual reports of the training record for the year to all Students, Apprentices and Judges. This will reflect all the training recorded in my system, and show how many hours are needed in the coming

year to maintain eligibility. It also is an opportunity for you to compare your records with mine and let me know of any discrepancies.

Thanks for another great year of Judges' Training. I am especially pleased at the folks mentioned above who have devoted their time and effort to working toward being AIS Judges. But, even more, want to thank those many judges who take the time and effort to tutor students and Apprentices, and share their knowledge with them. It is this sharing of knowledge that makes for better judges. I hope that you will all continue to judge shows, visit gardens, visit shows, give trainings, grow iris and attend our Regional Meetings. And, I hope that you will have as much fun doing it, as I do!

Phyllis Wilburn, ARVP/Judges' Training Chair

top: Italian Ice (Cadd 2001)

below: Lady in Purple (Cadd 2011)

photos: Riley Probst



From the 1996 AIS Convention

Region 14 hybridizers, many no longer with us

~ Jean Richter

These photos are from the 1996 AIS convention, which was held in Sacramento. They feature a variety of Region 14 hybridizers, many of whom, sadly, are no longer with us.

Many thanks to Jeanne Clay Plank for providing these photos!



above: Lewis Lawyer receives an award from AIS Awards Co-Chairperson Jerry Wilhoit



above, from left: Jay Hudson, Sergey Loktev, Anna Cadd, David Cadd



above: Ben Hager



above, from left: Carl Boswell, Jennifer Johnson, LaRue Boswell
below, from left: From left: Bob Annand, Vernon Wood, Irene Annand



In Memoriam – David Cadd

~ Alleah Haley

On September 4, 2015 David Cadd passed away peacefully from multiple organ failure after a long illness with wife Anna and sister Pam by his side. Anna, other family members, and hospice volunteers had cared for him at his home, which his maternal grandparents built, in Healdsburg, California. David was 70 years old.

One of six children, David Arthur Cadd was born in Santa Rosa on May 6, 1945 to Peggy (Nellie Myrtle) Beeman Cadd and David Emmett Cadd. The family moved to Healdsburg in 1958, and David graduated from Healdsburg High School in 1964. He immediately joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed on various ships during the Vietnam conflict. He was head printer aboard the helicopter landing pad USS Princeton, where he ran the print shop and edited the famous naval Bullhorn Bulletin. After discharge, David returned to Healdsburg and worked as a printer in a number of area print shops. A member of American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 for 47 years, he held various positions including one term as Post Commander.

David Cadd was a 3rd generation iris fancier, having acquired his passion for irises from his grandmother Helen Beeman and his uncle Lafayette, or Faye as he was called. Helen and Faye started Beehive Iris Garden (later Beeman's Iris Garden) at the family property on North Street in Healdsburg in 1945. David joined the Santa Rosa Iris Society, founded by his mother Peggy Cadd and uncle Faye, in 1986 and was a member until his passing (29 years).

In 1990 David married Aniela (Anna) Ludwiczak, a Polish botanist; and together they gardened and began hybridizing irises. They established Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden at their home property, with a production field about a mile away; and their collection of irises grew to about 3,000 varieties. Between 2000 and 2011 they introduced 97 new iris hybrids in five classes of bearded irises from standard dwarf 'Fairy Berry' to tall bearded (49), one of the latest being 'Lady in Purple'. In recent years they specialized in spuria iris breeding, introducing 28 varieties and winning the top award for spurias, the Eric Nies Medal for 'Speeding Star' in 2011 and 'Golden Ducat' in 2014.

David was a member of the American Iris

Society (AIS) and several of its sections, and of the Russian, Middle European, and British Iris Societies. He was an AIS Master Garden judge and judged innumerable iris shows and taught many judges training sessions. With Anna he was International News editor of *Irises*, the national magazine of AIS, for several years.

Together David and Anna received many awards for exhibiting irises and the hybrids they developed – the Silver Medal for most blue ribbons at the Santa Rosa Iris Society Show 14 years in a row, 33 Honorable Mention Awards from AIS, 9 Awards of Merit from AIS, the William Mohr Medal for best arilbred for 'Hakuna Matata' in 2007, the J. Arthur Nelson Award for most best of show awards in 2012 for 'Italian Ice', the John C. Wister Medal for top three vote getters among tall bearded irises by AIS judges in 2009 for 'Italian Ice', the Dean Linscott Achievement Award for contributions to the Santa Rosa Iris Society and the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award from AIS Region 14. All together David and Anna's irises won 15 trophies and awards in international iris competitions in Italy; Germany, France, Russia; Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, including the coveted Premio Firenze in Florence, Italy in 2004 for 'Frosted Fantasy'.

David loved to travel and was one of a kind, a roving ambassador for irises. He was known as the "Iris Man" around the world, telling anyone who would listen about how to plant and grow irises, how to hybridize and exhibit them, about different kinds of irises and their cultural needs, and about his irises and the awards they had received. David was a good man and an excellent friend who will be sorely missed. He was preceded in death by one brother, one sister, and a son Steven Cadd. He is survived by his wife of 25 years Anna, two sisters, one brother, son Willow Cadd of Ventura, California, six grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for David was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Healdsburg on September 12, 2015. American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 presented flags and performed a 21 gun salute.

In Memoriam ~ Judith Mon

Long Time Member of the Mount Diablo Iris Society

~ Pat Morgan, MDIS

I am so glad Stan and I decided to attend the Celebration of Life Service for long time Mount Diablo Iris Society member Judy Mon. If we had not attended we would never have known what a fun loving and party loving lady she was. Judy's family and friends greeted us with smiles, open arms and hugs, and made us feel like we were part of their family.

Now a bit about Judy. She was born in Portland, Oregon on December 21, 1927 and the youngest of many children. Judy was married to Frank Mon for 27 years. Frank and Judy lived in Lafayette for 53 years. Much of Judy's adult life was spent employed at a Safeway store for 25 years. Judy's son Jay and daughter Joanne especially thanked us (and all of the MDIS) for "being so good to their mom and taking such good care of her at our meetings." This came not just from her children, but from other members of the family and friends that we had never met before. It seems she talked about our Iris family far and wide.

Judith loved parties, and especially enjoyed acting as the hostess. She was part of an extended family and I got the impression that they got together for parties often.

Judith loved the MDIS club and missed few meetings. When I asked how long she had been a member and how long she had been coming to the MDIS meetings it had been so many years that no one seemed to remember. I was told that she learned about the Iris Club from a friend and that was a "very, very long time ago."

One story about Judy was how she would come home from a meeting after winning a door prize and would exclaim with excitement: "I got a new one tonight". Son Jay would always plant her rises for her and follow explicit instructions. She knew irises well and remembered where each and every one was planted in her garden.

As Stan and I were leaving the celebration we were given little gifts. One was a red envelope with a quarter in it (for luck and prosperity); another was a little white envelope with a peppermint candy in it, to remind us of a "sweet lady" and lastly a packet of Forget Me Not seeds to be planted in her memory.

After the service, the celebration continued at Fenton's

Ice Cream Parlor where Judy went frequently. I don't remember the name of her favorite ice cream but it involved chocolate, caramel and pecans.

Judith made her transition on July 13, 2015. She had attended the June meeting of the MDIS only three weeks earlier. Judy will be greatly missed.

The MDIS has made a donation in Judy's memory to the Donaldina Cameron House. Judy's ancestral family has deep connections to this agency located here in the Bay Area. In its early beginnings (1874) Cameron House was known as a safe haven for indentured young Asian women coming to San Francisco. Judy's mother was one of the women rescued from the slave trade by Donaldina herself. Over time, the Cameron House mission has evolved to become a comprehensive family service organization that helps youth and adults. The youth ministry takes field trips, camping trips and is involved in service projects designed to keep kids healthy and actively engaged. The adult services provide family counseling, computer job readiness classes and English as a Second Language, and a Chinese Cancer support group. It is comforting to know that this donation in Judy's name will help make a difference in the lives of so many.



photo: Paul Black (Johnson 2003)

(photo: Riley Probst)

Nola's Iris Garden

~ Nola Prevost



130 guest iris, one, very large garden (5 acres), Steve Schreiner guest speaker, and two judges' training sessions (in garden and classroom).

Sound interesting? Come to the 2016 Spring Regional being held at Nola's Iris Garden in San Jose, California on April 29-May 1, 2016. Our host hotel is the Beverly Heritage Hotel, 1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035. Reservations (408)943-9080. Conveniently located just off of Highway 880 and Montegue Expressway. A short 15-minute drive to the Guest Garden.

Friday night consists of an iris show and judging, dinner will be on your own. Saturday morning will kick off with the Region 14 general meeting then board the buses to enjoy the scenic drive to Nola's Iris Garden, situated at 1300 feet above the Santa Clara Valley floor with spectacular views of the entire San Francisco Bay (including the Bay Bridge on a clear day). Enjoy a relaxing lunch served under the tent and meander the gardens and view and judge the Guest Irises. Meanwhile, if interested, you may partake of in-garden judges' training provided by Kitty Loberg. Or, meander the Ranch and see the horses, chickens, goats and other livestock.

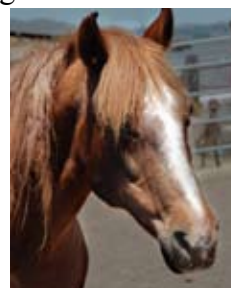
The afternoon will wind up on the bus ride back to the hotel where we will relax before your cocktails and dinner at Brandon's Restaurant, followed by dessert, awards, and a presentation by Steve Schriener of Schreiner's Iris Garden.

Kick off your Sunday morning with breakfast on your own and the second judges' training, classroom style, by Eric Hansen on Spurias. A preliminary schedule will be published on the Region website, www.aisregion14.org.

We look forward to your joining us at Nola's Iris Garden, the Beverly Heritage Hotel and AIS

Region 14.

Nola and Gary Prevost



*photos left:
M. Lango*



American Iris Society Region 14

Iris on the Hill

2016 Spring Regional ~ April 29, 30 & May 1

Guest Speaker – Steve Schreiner

~ from the world famous Schreiner's Iris Gardens ~

Conference Hotel -- Beverly Heritage Hotel, 1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035

****Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at (408) 943-9080****

To receive the group rate, use the name **AIS Region 14** when making your reservation. The room rate is available until April 8, 2016.

Room rate is \$115.00 (single or double occupancy), \$135 (triple occupancy), or \$155 (quad occupancy), plus all applicable taxes, per night.

The Hotel is 100% non-smoking. However, smoking is allowed outside and on the patios.

There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$75.00 per pet, per stay (not per day).

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Circle your choices (Saturday): Lunch:

Dinner:

Person 1: BBQ (meat) or vegetarian beef, chicken, or vegetarian

Person 2: BBQ (meat) or vegetarian beef, chicken, or vegetarian

If special dietary restrictions, please advise.

Register by March 1st to be entered in a drawing for a 2016 introduction!

Registration fee if paid by April 1, 2016 \$120.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

If paid after April 1, 2016 \$130.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to SBMIS or Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Please send registration to: **Jean Richter**, Registrar, 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

e-mail jeanrichter@berkeley.edu or phone (510) 864-7962

Refunds before April 18, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee.

No refunds after April 18, 2016, or may be decided at the discretion of the registrar.

*****We will be having a full **Iris Show** and will need to set up enough tables.

Will you be bringing bloom stalks? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Clara B. Rees Iris Society will bring containers & entry tags; please bring your own grooming material.

Will you (*write 2 if 2 people*) be attending **Judges' Training**? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

If yes, which session? _____ Saturday 1:30 p.m. in Nola's Garden

_____ Sunday 9:00 a.m. in the hotel, Oak Creek Room

Region 14 Fall Reblooming Iris Show

~ Riley Probst



Tiffany Rush of the James M. Gibson Iris Society.

The iris show was held on Friday evening and stayed in place for the duration of the meeting on Saturday and other events which included Judges' Training on Medians by Chuck Bunnell from Lafayette, Indiana. The 57 attendees enjoyed the show all weekend.

The James M. Gibson Iris Society hosted the 2015 Region 14 Fall Meeting at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, California on October 16 & 17. The club held a reblooming iris show in conjunction with the meeting.

The last time a reblooming show was held with a Region 14 Fall Meeting, there were not enough entries (8) to meet the minimum requirements (10); thus, no judged show, only a display. With the drought this year, I, as show chairman, really got the word out for everyone to please bring any stalks that they had that were open. The attendees responded. We had 14 entries from eight different exhibitors: Sue Bezinque, Betty Bridger, Linda Hood, Jane Jordan, Kurt Kilburn, Riley Probst and Shirley Trio-Probst, Tiffany Rush and Craig and Karin Tarr.

The entries consisted of the following irises: Autumn Circus, Bountiful Harvest, Broken Link, Harvest Of Memories, Jurassic Park, Lichen, Mariposa Autumn (3), Mountain Sunrise, Raspberry Frost, Red Revival, Sign Of Virgo and Victoria Falls.

The judges (Alleah Haley, Joyce Ragle and Jean Richter) chose Raspberry Frost (George Sutton 2001 TB), entered by Jane Jordan of San Jose and the Clara B. Rees Iris Society as Best In Show. The Runners-up were Lichen, exhibited by Karin Tarr from Monterey Bay Iris Society and Mariposa Autumn, exhibited by



Raspberry Frost (George Sutton 2001) ~ Best In Show entered by Jane Jordan

~ photos by Riley Probst

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~ Advertising Manager ~

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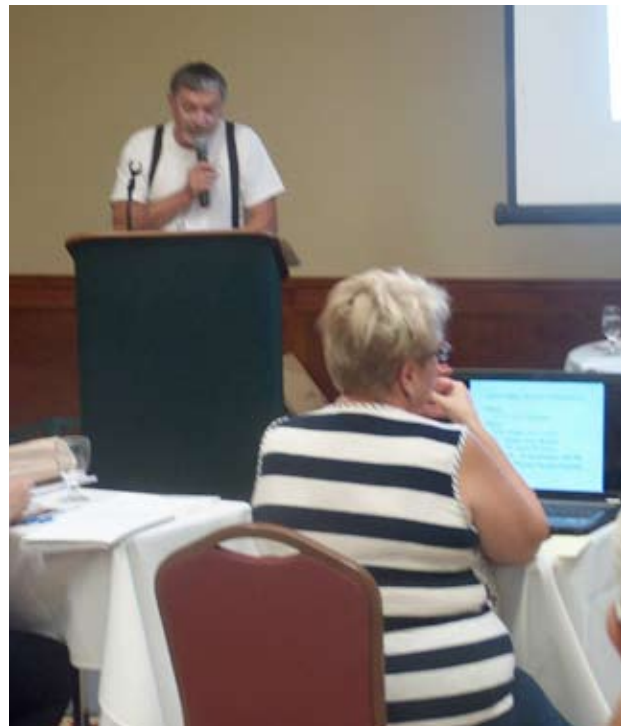
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This is YOUR bulletin!



Chuck Bunnell presenting Median Judges' Training, Barb Bunnell operating computer

~ photos by Riley Probst

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Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Not much going on with the CBRIS in mid-winter. The irises are asleep, the days are darker and more dreary so we all slow down a bit. On December 4 we are all excited as that is the date of our annual Christmas party. The festivities start at 6 pm with decorating and set up.

We are not having a meeting in January because we are pre-empted by New Year's Day.

Our next meeting is Feb. 5 at 7:30 pm at the First Baptist Community Church Recreation Center of Los Gatos, located at 17765 Daves Avenue in Los Gatos. We are one of the larger iris clubs. We have some wonderful members and always have space for one more.

Mary Collins is the new President

Fresno Iris Society

Our November meeting was a great due to our guest speaker Steve Schreiner. What a nice program he gave, it was a lot of fun. We welcomed some visitors.

The Fresno Iris Society has a new Board of Directors and a new President. We welcome Don Fennel as President, Terry Toney as Vice President, Pat Caffrey remains as treasurer, Katie Hendrickson is our new secretary, Rose Pipkin, Catherine Krajicek are Directors, and of course Janet Smith is Past President

The new board will hold its first meeting of the year in February. Our programs for 2016 will be posted on our website at www.fresnoirissociety.org after finalization in January.

All visitors are welcome.

Janet Smith, Fresno Iris Society Past President

High Desert Iris Society

ERRATA -- we inadvertently left this writeup out of a previous issue

High Desert Iris Society meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. in Northern Nevada at various members' homes or at offices of hosting businesses, churches or the Reno Fire Station #11. The "high desert" is at or above 4,500 feet altitude--a challenge offering many microclimates and soil variations. Members enjoy bearded iris, spurias and louisianas for those with water features. With 34 members, as you might expect, interests cross over into other garden

efforts. Orchids, roses, veggies, bees, birds, koi, dogs, chickens--and great potlucks are shared by members span from Fremont and Grass Valley, CA, to Sparks, Winnemucca and Virginia City Highlands, NV--even out to Susanville, CA, and up to Milton-Freewater, OR.

Members are supportive on a much deeper level than blooms and soil. HDIS members know those reading this will join in extending our condolences to HDIS vice chair Trish Greif in her mourning following the horrific April car accident loss of her soon-to-graduate, engaged daughter Erica, on her way from UNR to compete in a bicycle race in Southern California. Trish, may your garden be an oasis of healing from tragedy, and the wind a sign of Erica's presence.

HDIS staged its 2015 Show May 16-17, initiated by show chair Trish Greif, then compassionately assisted by past show chair Carolyn Jensen and past-president Billie Shea, hosted by Moana Nursery on Lakeside Drive and Moana Lane in Reno. With hot weather followed by snow, members worried about judges making it over Donner Pass. Judges Barb and John Pesek and Yarda and Eric Hansen made it to Reno. During the judging of the Show, themed "America, the Beautiful," HDIS held a public seminar at the nursery on history and aspects of growing iris. Replacing turf, layering iris into landscaping, and iris culture were some topics, mostly given by several newer members called upon for the event, followed by a questions fielded by Patricia to other members present according to their strengths and interests with iris. Thank you, Christie Gescheider of Moana Nursery for graciously hosting our Show, which ended up with 42 entries--less than half of 2014's count, but a relief for the weather-challenged worriers!

High Desert Iris Society's Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie Jennings prepared a "Birds in the Garden" Raffle Basket for the Region 14's wonderful Spring Regional at Bass Lake. "A Walk in the Pines" was an apt theme. HDIS president Patricia Eisenberg was able to attend from Northern Nevada and presented the basket with RVP John Pesek to winner Mary Sindic of Mt. Diablo Iris Society. Those who battle a short growing year can understand amazement at the lusciously blooming Cereghino, Hoover and Tyson gardens of the Yosemite area. Some of us visited

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the Kanarskis' Mariposa Iris in a meadow paradise following a most educational Judges Training with Missouri hybridizer and grower Jim Hedgecock on judging iris in the garden, organized by Judges Training Chair Phyllis Wilburn. Phyllis and Kathy Braaten, who both have been very supportive of HDIS--a newer AIS affiliate--introduced Patricia to many Region 14 members and explained how a Spring Regional works. Although drought was a widely heard theme in conversation, massive amounts of bloom in a more southerly climate nearly a month ahead of the Northern Sierras and Great Basin area was worth every bit of travel. Thank you, Yosemite Iris Society!

Road Trips! Stephanie Jennings and Patricia Eisenberg visited the wonderful San Francisco Flower & Garden Show's AIS Booth, greeted by Carolyn Craft. They also visited the gorgeous Horton Iris farm in Loomis, CA off the Penryn exit of I-80--in prime bloom, warmly welcomed by Mary Ann Horton. Both were first time events for Stephanie, seeing such a large scale garden event and growing ground, respectively. Newer club members have many opportunities for discovery from other members.

HDIS Member Rena Solis led a painting workshop July 11th for iris lovers and friends at the Reno Fire Station #11 meeting room (which City of Reno offers for free). Food, paint and creativity were plentiful amidst new and old friends and members. HDIS especially appreciates Rena's confidence in our talent. The Peseks attended from Fremont and the Hansens from Grass Valley/Auburn area. 5 new members have joined in June and July!

The HDIS Rhizome Sale fundraiser, coordinated by sale chair Darcy Anderson, was held July 25-26, also at Moana, and will be followed by a smaller sale in the North Valleys. The members-only August Auction is slated for August 15, 9 to noon at Darcy Anderson's home north of Reno on Pyramid Highway, benefitting from the Hansens' generosity, Region 14 Guest Garden iris and the kindness of Sierra Foothills Iris Society's bounty from its sale in Auburn, CA.

Patricia Eisenberg, HDIS President

James M. Gibson Iris Society

The James M. Gibson Iris Society hosted the AIS Region 14 Fall Regional Meeting and everything went wonderfully. Hosting this annual meeting was made possible by the members of the JMGIS.

I want to personally thank Sue Bezinque, Bob and Marty Bratton, Helen & Ron Franklin, Linda and Ed Hood, Kurt Kilburn, Martha Munroe, Tiffany Rush and Shirley Trio-Probst. I would also like to thank Robert Sutton for the beautiful picture he painted of Jim Gibson's famous Going My Way and donated it for a raffle prize. Those that didn't see it really missed out. Bill Fink, the raffle winner, stated it is probably the nicest piece of art that he has. Bill is a Region 14 judge and has an eye for perfection. We especially want to thank Carolyn Craft. Some times she has a lot to work with in large room and sometimes she has a lot to work with in a shoebox. This was one of the shoebox occasions but as always Carolyn was flexible and cool and she made it work. Carolyn's efforts were rewarded with a large financial gain to Region 14. I want to thank Helen and Ron for the work they did in obtaining the Gibson Private Label wine. Most of us enjoyed a glass or bought a bottle to take home. Not many wine cellars can boast irises on their bottles of wine. The White Zinfandel was the first to be sold out.

I would suggest for the future however, that those bringing irises for the auction or sale let someone know that are bringing irises, either Carolyn Craft or the person in charge of the event. The schedule changed somewhat because of all of the extra irises to be auctioned and some of the members had to leave before the event was over because they had not planned on the extra time.

We set our budget for 40 people and we had 57 people in attendance. Visalia is a long way south. Region 14 is lucky to have so many members who care about the wellbeing of the region and want to be part of its future. A lot was discussed and accomplished. Region 14 will soon have a new RVP, Phyllis Wilburn and a new ARVP/Judges' Trainer, Alleah Haley. As president of the affiliate and as the lead person of the event several people came to me and told me that they were having a lot of fun. That is the

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magic word FUN.

The Reblooming Iris Show was a success! We needed 3 exhibitors and 10 entries for a valid Reblooming Show. We had 8 exhibitors and 14 entries! Five of the eight exhibitors (Sue Bezinque, Linda Hood, Kurt Kilburn, Riley and Shirley Probst and Tiffany Rush) were from the James M. Gibson Iris Society.

Jane Jordan from San Jose, CA took Best In Show with Raspberry Frost. Raspberry Frost winning best in show was so very appropriate because it was hybridized by George Sutton, the founder and former president of the JMGIS.

The esteemed AIS Judges were Alleah Haley, Joyce Ragle and Jean Richter: we all thank them for a job well done.

Hybridizer of Dividing Line winner of the 2014 Dykes Medal, Chuck Bunnell, with his wife Bar Norrick Bunnell assisting gave an interesting program on Friday evening covering his hybridizing and his irises. On Saturday afternoon, he gave two hours of Judges' Training on Median Irises. Chuck and Barb said they appreciated the warm weather and enjoyed visiting California and Region 14. At home in Lafayette, IN, they have already had freeze warnings. We of Region 14 and the JMGIS appreciate them coming from so far.

John Pesek received his appreciation gifts and his RVP Pin for the three years he served as RVP. As an RVP John was always available to talk if one had a problem. As club President I appreciate the effort John put forth to visit the JMGIS meetings as many times as he did. Those visits implied that as RVP he cared for the affiliate's welfare.

Again, thanks to everyone for pitching in and doing what was needed at the right time to make everything happen correctly and successfully.

The club will be holding its Holiday Party on December 5 at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Visalia. At the party, we will be voting for new officers. The Nominating Committee nominated Linda Hood for President, Sue Bezinque for Vice-President and Shirley Trio-Probst for Director.

Riley Probst, JMGIS President

Las Vegas Iris Society ~ no report

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

It would be so interesting if some of the clubs would write about what they do to increase sales, or even how they go about getting ready for a sale. It would be interesting to hear what some clubs do to liven up their meetings or create more interest in those that are already club members.

Carol Cullen President

Monterey Bay Iris Society

The annual Christmas Party is coming soon and will be held at Michael's on Main Street, the same place we had it last year. We are already working on our show for April. We have managed to get our judges, book the Art Center on Center St. and we are planning on having a pot sale. Anyone interested in seeing the Jim Cummins and Joe Ghio seedlings come on out to our show in April. More news on the show in the next edition of the bulletin.

Our membership has grown by five more members. Our meeting room is very pleasantly filled.

A late, sad note: Jim and Irene Cummins lost their daughter Teresa to complications of her lung transplant. Teresa was a member of the Monterey Bay Iris Society. Teresa leaves behind her 4 children and her parents Jim and Irene Cummins, members of the Monterey Bay Iris Society.

Mount Diablo Iris Society

With winter approaching soon, our club members are taking a well-deserved break from iris activities. It's been a fun and successful year with our show, sales and promotions. But we are always on the go to welcome new members throughout the year.

After a decade plus years of our club meetings being held at The First Baptist Church in Walnut Creek, California., we are on the move. The club has secured a new home for our meetings at The Lindsay Wildlife Museum at 1931 First Street Walnut Creek, California, about one mile from our previous location. This facility is a renowned wildlife museum

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along with care and rehabilitation of various wildlife species. This is a beautiful location and we look forward to our future meetings there. A big thank you to our Vice President Marilyn Kaplan for all her efforts in making this happen.

With the new location comes a new day for our meetings. We will now be meeting on the 2nd Thursday night of each month at 7 pm. Our first meeting at the new location is April 2016. January, February and March meeting location is to be determined at this time. Please contact one of our officers for future updates on the location.

The 2015 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to our own Bob Canning at our November Dinner meeting. This award is given to an individual with significant and long term contributions along with exceptional dedication to Region 14. Please see the photo of Bob and his award (*above*). Congratulations Bob!

Looking forward, our Mt. Diablo 2 day iris show will be held the weekend of April 23 & 24, 2016 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, California. Mark your calendar to swing by and visit and maybe enter an iris or two in the show. We look forward to seeing you!

Eileen Roark

Sacramento Iris Society

Sacramento Iris Society (SIS) is busy cooperating with Sierra Foothills Iris Society to plan the

2017 Spring Regional in our area. Kathy Braaten is Chair of the event and Phyllis Wilburn is Guest Iris Chair. So the first step was to plant the 150 or so guest irises. We had a group of ten members show up at Horton's Iris Garden in Loomis to plant the rhizomes. Mary Ann Horton had the drip lines ready and a measuring stick for spacing. We were done in record time. Fran and Russ Shields are the other host for guest irises, and they claim to not need any help in planting, but we are ready to help if called.

Kathy Braaten has filled almost all the committee chairs for the 2017 Spring Regional and is in the process of investigating hotels for the event. She is calling for help in developing a logo for the theme "Iris Express", a takeoff from the Pony Express theme.

On Oct 3 and 4 we participated in a Fall Art and Plant Sale at the Shepard Garden Center where we have our regular meetings, show and rhizome sale. All the clubs that meet at the center are expected to participate in a Spring and Fall Sales to raise money for the Garden Center. We sold potted iris from the 400 that we potted last summer. The pots are being cared for by Ruth Ostroff and Cindy Eversole. We put a photo of the iris attached to a tongue depressor into each pot, and that has really helped with sales.

We have a slate of officers for 2016 and will vote at the November meeting. The nominations are Ruth Ostroff, President, Alison Willy, 1st VP/Co-show chair; Bill Fink, Treasurer; Laville Logan, Secretary; and directors: Peggy Ruud, Russ Shields, and Cindy Eastman.

Phyllis Wilburn, President

San Joaquin Iris Society ~ no report

Santa Rosa Iris Society

SRIS meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month, February through October, at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa. In early November we have a holiday potluck and "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" costume party, generally on a weekend afternoon. In winter (December – February) we have board meet-

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ings on the 2nd Monday starting at 6:00 p.m. to plan for the coming year. In December we begin finalizing our budget, and in January we finalize programs. Our first program for 2016 will be February 9. Anna Cadd will do a PowerPoint presentation and speak on new styles of irises being hybridized.

Alleah Haley

Shasta Iris Society ~ no report

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

We are co-hosting with Sacramento Iris Society the 2017 Spring Regional meeting and Iris Tour. The guest irises are growing well at the Horton Garden and Shields Garden.

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society is gearing up for their annual January potluck, which will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016. All Regional members are invited to attend. We will be holding the 2016 potluck in a different location than usual - it will be at the Lake Merritt Sail Boat House, which is just down the street from the Garden Center where we usually hold our activities. We're working on getting a speaker for judges' training, and will send around an invitation to affiliate presidents when that is finalized.

Looking further ahead, our annual show will also be at the Sail Boat House in 2016, and will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2016. Here's hoping for some rain this winter, and many iris blooms in the spring!

Westbay Iris Society

We only meet twice a year and do not have regular meetings.

Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society November Meeting 2015 was a Thanksgiving Potluck and Election of the new YIS board members for the next 3 years. We had 2 new members joining us for this fun, iris give away and auction, turkey and fixin's at the Hoover's home in Coarsegold. Our society takes a Winter Break and we do not have a meeting in December or January.

We are hoping to have Phyllis Wilburn, RVP attend a YIS meeting in winter months next year! Riley Probst, Vice-President, had also been looking for guest speakers for next year. It will be 2016 before you know it. Our Spring Show will be Sat. April 16, 2016 at 10 AM. We had over 100 entries last year at the Spring Regional in Bass Lake, CA. Come on back and enter to win!!

Carolyn Hoover



above: Two YIS youth members potting up irises for YIS Fundraisers 2016. Photo: C.Hoover

below: Bill Tyson and Carolyn Honett (right) members of YIS at Fall Potting Party 2015. Photo: C.Hoover



left: Going My Way (Gibson 1972)
 This is a painting by JMGIS member Robert Sutton that was raffled at the Fall Regional and won by Sacramento Iris Society member Bill Fink.
(photo: Riley Probst)

below: Speeding Star (Cadd 2002) spuria
(photo: Riley Probst)



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Joe Ghio's iris featured in French blog

Ann Pike had this in the MBIS newsletter, thanks Ann! will translate. Or you can try the URL:

Do you follow Sylvain Ruaud (France) in his weekly blog?

irisenligne.blogspot.com

If not...to alert you that Joe is to be the “featured” hybridizer for eight installments. (He has been doing one installment per decade of output, basically.) In case you want to check it out, the first week was just sort of a notice of intent, with pictures of Ghio whites.

The site is: irisenligne.blogspot.com

It is in French, of course, but if you get it by going to Google Translate and then typing in the site URL, it

https://translate.google.com/translate?sl=auto&tl=en&js=y&prev=_t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&u=irisenligne.blogspot.com&edit-text=&act=url

~ ~ Gesine notes:

Wow! the translation worked! and they're now on the 4th week of the 8-week series on Joe Ghio (you can just scroll down to see the previous weeks on Ghio). Lots of wonderful photos!

Region 14 Commercial Gardens

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Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden, Anna and David Cadd, 329 North St., Healdsburg, CA 95448; 707-433-8633; email caddsisiris@comcast.net.

Crazy Cat Lady Iris Garden, Linda Hood and Tiffany Rush, 20924 Ave. 152, Porterville, CA 93257; 559-789-7446; email: linda-hood@sbcglobal.net

Fleur de Lis Garden, Riley and Shirley Trio Probst, 2701 Fine Ave., Modesto, CA 95355; 209-551-6323 (call first – we might be out visiting gardens ourselves); email: rprobst02@earthlink.net, shirleytrio@gmail.com

Frannie's Iris Garden, Fran and Russ Shields, 8884 Saddlehorn Ct., Elk Grove, CA 95624; 916-688-5262; email: franniesirisgarden@frontier.com .

Hillside Iris Gardens, William Tyson, 43315 Ranger Circle, Coarsegold, CA 93614; 559-658-7987; email billtyson@sti.net .

Horton Iris Garden, Mary Ann Horton, 7440 King Rd. (mailing PO Box 1054), Loomis, CA 95650; 916-652-4351; www.hortonirisgarden.com; email: maryann@hortonirisgarden.com.

Mariposa Iris, Douglas Kanarowski, 6147 Smither Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338; 209-966-3496 www.mariposairis.com .

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

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

Pleasants Valley Iris Farm, Kendall Richard, 7317 Pleasants Valley Rd., Vacaville, CA 95688, 707-451-3367; www.irisfarmer.com; email irisfarmer2006@yahoo.com .

Rainbow Acres, Fred Kerr, Box 2191, North Highlands, CA 95660; 916-331-3732. <http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/iris1.html> email: rainacre@aol.com

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Note from your bulletin designer:

These 5 pages are included here at the request of RVP Phyllis Wilburn; this material can also be found at

<http://www.aisregion14.org/jt.php>

This material had also previously been sent to Region 14 board members and affiliate presidents, by Judges' Training chair.

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REGION 14 of the AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION OF JUDGES

APPLICATION FOR JUDGESHIP CANDIDACY

American Iris Society members residing in Region 14 who wish to participate in the Judges Training Program as a Candidate for Judgeship should notify the Judges Training Chair or the Regional Vice President (RVP). Prospective Candidates will be furnished with an Application which, when completed, should be returned to the Judges Training Chair.

The Judges Training Chair, or at the discretion of the Judges Training Chair the Judges Training Committee, will evaluate the application relative to future duties and responsibilities as a Judge. Any committee recommendations will then be forwarded to the Candidate by the Judges Training Chair, who will also advise the Candidate of the requirements to be fulfilled.

All training will be counted from August 1 to July 31. That is, 2006-07 credit will begin August 1, 2006 and be completed by July 31, 2007. If a candidate is inactive for three years, a new application will be required to begin the program again. Please note that Region 14 adheres to the Judges Training Requirements as found in the *A.I.S. HANDBOOK FOR JUDGES AND SHOW OFFICIALS* as a minimum, but has additional requirements that have been established by Region 14. Therefore, this document is necessary to knowing the exact requirements for Region 14.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CANDIDATE TO ADVANCE FROM STUDENT TO APPRENTICE JUDGE

A Candidate's possession of a copy of the most recent *A.I.S. HANDBOOK FOR JUDGES AND SHOW OFFICIALS* is mandatory. A minimum of 12 hours instruction will be required of a Candidate. The 12 hours must be completed within any 3 year contiguous period following receipt of a Candidate's application by the Judges Training Chair. The 12 hours are as follows:

1. A minimum of 6 sessions totaling 10 hours in judging various types of irises or instruction in related phases of important iris knowledge such as AIS Show Rules and the AIS Awards System. Each session must be a minimum of 1 hour and may be in a classroom, in a garden, at an exhibition or in a study group. Training must be certified by the AIS Judge/Instructor with the subject matter indicated. A written test containing a minimum of 20 questions for a two hour or longer session must be completed at the conclusion of the session. Sessions under two hours may have fewer questions with a minimum of 10 questions for a one hour session. (10 hours credit)
2. Two (2) hours of one-to-one practice judging with 1 hour devoted to garden judging and the other hour to exhibition judging. Prior approval for each session or a yearly candidate training plan **MUST** be obtained for all 1-on-1 training. A completed Instructor's Report of Individual Training **MUST** be sent to the Judges Training Chair within a week following training in order for credit to be given. (2 hours credit)
3. Credit may be allowed a Candidate for attending a session in another region, provided the training is approved by the Judges Training Chair/Committee.
4. The Judges Training Chair will keep a record of each Candidate's training. The Candidate will, upon the completion of training, secure the necessary recommendations from at least 5 AIS Judges in the Region
5. A Candidate must have been an AIS member for a minimum of 3 consecutive years before he can advance to Apprentice.

When all the above requirements are complied with, the Judges Training Chair, on behalf of the Judges Training Committee, will turn over to the RVP his/her recommendations and certifications. Candidates are eligible for AIS Apprentice Judgeships, and may be appointed as vacancies in judgeships occur in the Region. The RVP will recommend Candidates for Apprentice Judgeships. Persons so recommended by the RVP will be considered by the AIS Board of Directors at its Fall Board Meeting, and will be approved unless specific facts are presented which, in the opinion of the Board, nullify a recommendation for appointment.

REQUIREMENTS TO ADVANCE FROM APPRENTICE TO FULLY ACCREDITED GARDEN/EXHIBITION JUDGE

A minimum of 10 hours instruction will be required of an Apprentice. All one-on-one training (Numbers 1 and 2 below) requires coordination with the Judges Training (JT) chair. Prior approval must be obtained as follows: 1.) individual sessions must be submitted in advance to the JT chair for prior approval, **OR** 2.) a yearly apprentice training plan detailing plans for calendar year must be submitted in advance to the JT chair for prior approval. A completed Instructor's Report of Individual Training MUST be sent to the Judges' Training Chair within a week following the training for credit to be given.

The 10 hours must be completed within 3 years from the date of becoming an Apprentice. The 10 hours are as follows:

1. Observe judging Two AIS accredited Iris Shows at Two different locations under the instruction of an AIS Judge or panel of Judges. The same AIS Judge(s) will not tutor the Apprentice Judge on both occasions. . A completed Instructor's Report of Individual Training MUST be sent to the Judges Training Chair within a week following the training for credit to be given. (4 hours credit)
2. Judge seedlings and new varieties in a garden, during bloom, under the instruction of an AIS Judge for a minimum of 2 periods of 2 hours each. The same AIS Judge will not tutor the Apprentice Judge in both sessions. A completed Instructor's Report of Individual Training MUST be sent to the Judges' Training Chair within a week following the training for credit to be given. (4 hours credit)
3. Successfully complete a 2-hour session on AIS Awards and Balloting, passing a written exam. (2 hours credit)
4. Activity Reports will be required from each Apprentice Judge and must be forwarded to the RVP and the Judges Training Chair by the first day of June of each year. Forms for this purpose will be mailed to each Judge by May 15th of each year.

After the Apprentice Judge has satisfactorily completed all apprentice training, the RVP will certify his name to the AIS Board on the list of Accredited Judges. Action on this certification will be the same as stated previously.

REQUIREMENTS TO RETAIN STATUS AS AN ACCREDITED GARDEN/EXHIBITION JUDGE

1. An AIS Judge must maintain CONTINUOUS AIS membership.
2. An AIS Judge must vote a timely ballot each year. Failure to do so for 2 consecutive years results in automatic disqualification. Casting a late ballot is the same as not voting.
3. Attend training or instruct sessions, or instruct Candidates or Apprentices for a minimum of 6 hours every 3 years. The 6 hours every 3 years must include 3 hours of garden training. Attending at least 1 training session during this period is required by AIS. Only dire emergency would call for an accredited Judge to receive tutoring and then only with prior approval of both the RVP and Judges Training Chair. A completed Instructor's Report of Individual Training MUST be sent to the Judges Training Chair within a week following this special training for credit to be given.
4. Activity reports will be required from each Judge and must be forwarded to the JT Chair & RVP by the first day of June each year. Forms for this purpose will be mailed to each Judge by May 15th each year by the RVP or the Judges' Training Chair.
5. The Judge must fill out and return the Awards Ballot.

Failure by the Judge to meet any of the above obligations will be deemed unsatisfactory performance and the Judge will be dropped from the accredited list on recommendation of the RVP to the AIS Board of Directors.

REQUIREMENTS TO RETAIN STATUS AS A MASTER JUDGE

A person who has served the Society as a judge for fifteen years is elevated to the status of Master Judge. These 15 years are counted from the time the judge is first approved by the AIS Board of Directors as an Apprentice.

1. A Master Judge must maintain continuous AIS membership.
2. Activity reports will be required from each Master Judge and must be forwarded to the JT Chair and RVP by the first day of June each year. Forms for this purpose will be mailed to each Judge by May 15th each year by the RVP or the Judges' Training Chair.
3. He/she must attend 3 hours of Judges Training every 3 years. The 3 hours of training every 3 years must include 2 hours of garden training. Instructing an AIS accredited school can be counted toward credit hours needed. One hour of credit may be allowed, during a three year period, for giving a 2 hour one-on-one training in the garden to an Apprentice. (AIS 2013)
4. The Master Judge must fill out and return the Awards Ballot.

Failure to vote the Awards Ballot 2 years in a row, not getting 3 hours of training every 3 years, including 2 hours of garden training, or failure to send in an Activity Report each year will result in the Master Judge becoming a Retired Judge.

REQUIREMENTS TO RETAIN STATUS AS A RETIRED JUDGE*

1. A Retired Judge must maintain continuous AIS membership.
2. The Awards Ballot and Activity Report will not be sent to the Retired Judge.

* A Retired Judge may serve as a show judge for an AIS accredited show on a panel with two other AIS accredited judges but may not present a for-credit judges training session.

Note: If a retired judge wishes to become active, he/she may ask to rejoin the list of active judges by meeting the requirements of 3 hours of training and filling out an Activity Report. Requests for changes from retired to active judge are to be made through the Regional RVP or Regional Judges Training Chair.

EMERITUS JUDGES

Emeritus Judges are appointed by the AIS Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the AIS Chairman of Judges. Emeritus Judges maintain their status as Judges by maintaining continuous membership in the American Iris Society. The Emeritus Judge is a fully accredited AIS Judge but is not required to visit gardens, attend training sessions, vote the ballot or complete an Activity Report. It is hoped they will participate in the program so that the newer members may benefit from their knowledge and experience.

List of Region 14 A.I.S. Judges 2015-2016

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*** Retired Judges may judge an accredited AIS show if they are on a team with two other accredited judges, but may not present a for-credit judges training course.

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
 TREASURERS REPORT 01-01-15 THROUGH 12-31-15

	BUDGETED	Funds At	Funds At
	2015	12/31/14	10/01/12015
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		\$ 12,757.34	11,371.67
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		\$ 24,156.72	22,640.26
SAVINGS for NEW CLUBS ENDING BALANCE			1,860.89
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 36,914.06	\$ 35,872.82

EXPENSES BY ITEM:

Bulletin- Publishing	200		166.52
" Editor Expense	50		
RVP Allowance	2500		
RVP Gift		135.00	
Finance, Summer Fundraiser			
" Beardless Purchases	425		170.99
"			
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100		
" Sales Taxes	240		93.00
Judges' Training	1000		98.60
Science Committee	0		
Awards and Trophies	650		
Honoray Awards	300		
Office/Legal	300		123.62

Historian	100		
Scholarship	1000		1,500.00
Scholarship-additional	300		
Science	500		
Youth Committee	1500		1,500.00
Membership	50		
Internet Services	110		98.49
S.F. Flower Show-	600		288.76
Donation- National Basket	200		39.00
Start-up Funds	500		
Regional-Fall			50.00
Regional-Spring 2016 - Deposit on Hotel			800.00
Regional-Spring 2016 - Airfare			284.20
Youth prepaid for 2016			439.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10625		\$ 5,787.18

REVENUES BY ITEM:

Bulletin Advertising	300		25.00
Donations from Societies *	2400		1,509.34
Donation for Scholarship	200		
Interest	500		344.40
Judges' Training	400		
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	1000		1,965.70
Finance, Spring Regional	1000		
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-			
Rhizomes	900		851.50
Finance, Fall Regional	700		50.00
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations			
Subtotal	7400		
Use of Reserve Funds	3225		
TOTAL REVENUES	10,625.00		\$ 4,745.94

Total Expenses	10,625.00		5,787.18
Less total Revenues		-7,400.00	- 4,745.94
Excess exps /revenues	3225		\$ 1,041.24

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*included donation from Red Wood IS

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 Treasurer's Report
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Approved Budget for 2016

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2016

EXPENSES BY ITEM:	
Bulletin- Publishing	300
" Color Pages	
" Editor Expense	50
RVP Allowance	2500
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	
" Beardless Purchases	425
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100
" Sales Taxes	240
Judges' Training 2014	1000
Awards and Trophies	650
Honorary Awards	300
Office/Legal	300
Historian	100
Scholarship	1000
Additional Funds Donated by Redwood I S remaining 82.34	83
Science	500
Youth Committee	2000
Membership	50
Internet Services	110
S.F. Flower Show-	600
Donation-	200
Start-up Funds	500
Spring 2016 Regional	<u>8040</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	19048
REVENUES BY ITEM:	
Bulletin Advertising	300
Bulletin Subscriptions	
Donations from Societies *	2400
Donations/Raffles	
Interest	200
Judges' Training	500
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-	1000
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1000
" Fall Beardless Fundraiser	900
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	700
Region 14 Spring 2016 Regional	8400
Use of Reserve Funds	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	15800
Total Expenses	-19048
Less total Revenues	15800
Excess expense /revenues: funds needed from reserve	-3248



Going East in 2016

The American Iris Society Convention Registration
May 23-28, 2016

Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
Newark Liberty International Airport
1 Hotel Road, Newark, NJ, 07114
Phone: 973-623-0006



Contact the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
1-800-MARRIOTT (1.800.627.7468) and ask for the "American Iris Society
event" rate of \$114. Reservations must be made by Monday, May 2, 2016.

Hotel room reservations are separate from Convention Registrations!

Please complete and mail this form so that it arrives **no later than May 15, 2016**. Registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and event tickets at check-in.

PLEASE PRINT – Fill out one form per person attending.

Name to appear on name badge: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ AIS Region _____

IF POSTMARKED	BEFORE Feb 1, 2016	Feb 1-Apr 30, 2016	AFTER Apr 30, 2016	TOTAL
Full Adult Registration	_____ \$299	_____ \$310	_____ \$325	= _____
Includes Welcome Reception, Awards Banquet, Garden Tours, Judges Training and Convention Book				

Garden Tours ONLY (May 26, 27, and 28)	_____ \$195	_____ \$205	_____ \$215	= _____
Full Youth Registration (18 and under)	_____ \$150			= _____

Dinners ONLY (No garden tour, judges training or convention book)

Welcome Reception (May 25) _____ \$40 = _____

Awards Banquet (May 28) _____ \$73 = _____

Please select from the following choices:

_____ **Sliced Tenderloin of Beef** _____ **Roasted Tuscan Chicken**

Optional Tour to The U. S. Independence National Historic Park &

Morris Arboretum _____ \$60 (includes bus, admission and lunch) = _____

TOTAL Enclosed = _____

Payment Method: CHECK - Make Payable to AIS Convention 2016

CREDIT CARD (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)

CC# _____ MM/YY _____ CVV _____

Send Registration & Payment to:

Ken Fuchs, 710 N 11th Street, Temple, TX 76501-3016, 254-721-6217, kenfuchs42@hotmail.com

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER MAY 10, 2016 unless there has been a death in the family.
Cancellations after May 1, 2016 but before May 10, 2016 are at the discretion of the Registrar.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

_____ Gluten Free _____ Lactose Intolerant _____ Diabetic

Other: _____

GEEK DINNER: Registration for the Geek Dinner should be made to Joanne Prass-Jones, 35572 Linda Drive, Fremont, CA 94536 joanne@usjoneses.com.

Visit the AIS Convention website for more information: www.ais2016convention.com.

Abstract of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and General Meetings

Fall Regional

October 17, 2015, Visalia, CA

Note: The following is an abstract of the official minutes by AIS-14 Secretary Mary Sindicic. The unedited minutes are available on the AIS-14 website [<http://www.aisregion14.org/minutes.php>]

RVP John Pesek called to order the combined meeting of the Executive Committee and General Membership Meeting at 8:30 a.m., and welcomed everyone and thanked the James M. Gibson Iris Society for hosting the event.

Approval of Minutes Spring Regional Meeting of April 17, 2015 as published, in the Fall 2015 Bulletin

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

Secretary Mary Sindicic: Mary Sindicic 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 full minutes on website)

Directors Reports

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

Rudy Ciuca (see official minutes on the AIS-14 website)

Business -- Old Business -

AIS has agreed to host the 2019 AIS Convention and the chair is Shirley Trio. Shirley said since we are still 3 ½ to 4 years out there is not a whole lot she can do but what she has done so far she has six gardens in place five are definite and she is still waiting on one. She began by telling us the criteria they used to choose the gardens and where they are. Jim and Irene Cummins is in Scotts Valley, Rudy and Joe the C&L Gardens is up in the Sonoma area, Mary Ann Horton is in the Loomis area most of you have been to these gardens, new and beautiful garden Fran and Russ Shields in Elk Grove, and lastly Filoli Garden in Woodside which most of you are familiar with that garden which she is still working on and time will tell. In the six gardens Shirley said that each garden has agreed to accept up to 1000 iris but they may only get 800. There will only be probably two master plantings that will have everything and she doesn't know what those gardens will be yet. Riley Probst is the Guest Iris Chair and the committee has decided not to accept Louisiana's, MDB's, and SDB's and Riley gave a slide presentation of the six gardens.

Kitty made a motion to have a policy for the upcoming 2019 AIS Convention that hybridizers be restricted to sending no more than 25 varieties. Lorraine Nicholson seconded it. 6 Yes and 32 No Motion did not pass.

Bill Fink proposed a change to the Standing Rules regarding the Jim Gibson Cup to change f. 1. and f. 5. to read:

1. To be awarded to plicata, fancy plicata, luminata, broken color iris or visual plicata seen blooming at the Spring Regional.

5. Should there be questions as to whether the seedling

or variety is eligible for the award, the chief executive officer of the Region present at the Regional shall poll the members of the Executive Committee at the meeting and their decision will be final.

Riley Probst made a motion and Helen Franklin seconded it. Motion was carried.

New Business -

Helen Franklin, Treasurer, stated the 2016 Budget would remain pretty much the same as last year's funding, there will be additions to the budget because of the 2016 regional which she doesn't have included in it. After much discussion Youth Committee was increased from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00 and Bulletin-Publishing from \$200.00 to \$300.00.

Gordon Nicholson called for a motion to amend the Standing Rules to read:

1. D. (5) The RVP will respectfully request of each affiliate, on an annual basis, a minimum of \$4.00 per member based upon the Affiliate's current membership roster for the purpose of supporting the operation of Region 14. The date of July 1, was accepted as the date to transfer money from the affiliate to the Region.

After much discussion Gordon Nicholson made a motion. Bill Fink seconded it. 18 Yes and 17 No Motion passed.

Nola Prevost updated info on the 2016 Spring Regional budget they will be charging \$120.00 per person for registration and are expecting 70 attendees so expenses would be \$8024.00 there would be a net income of \$376.00. Helen Franklin will add to the proposed budget.

John Pesek asked for a motion and Shirley Trio made a motion to adopt the Budget 2016 with the adjustments as presented and was seconded by Riley Probst. Motion carried.

John Pesek reported that Betty Ford for the Honorary Awards Committee is in her last year of service and it is his pleasure to appoint Marilyn Kaplan as the newest member of the Honorary Awards Committee which means that Sandy Mann is now senior and moves up to chair and the other two members are Kathy Braaten and Jean Richter.

John Pesek said we need a new Southern Director and thanked Carolyn Hoover for her service. The Southern area consists of Yosemite, San Joaquin, Fresno, and Las Vegas. Kathy Braaten nominated Terry Toney from Fresno and Lorraine Nicholson seconded it. Tiffany Rush nominated Riley Probst and was seconded by Brenda Wood. After much discussion a vote was taken and the majority of votes were for Terry Toney. Terry Toney will be the new Southern Director.

John reported the nominating committee has recommended Phyllis Wilburn for RVP and Alleah Haley for assistant RVP.

Gordon Nicholson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee and was seconded by Jeanne Clay Plank. Motion carried.

Announcements -

2017 Region 14 Spring Regional will be hosted by the

Sacramento Iris Society and the Sierra Foothills Iris Society. Kathy Braaten reported their committee is in place and have received the guest irises and are planted she believes there were 140. There are two gardens the Horton Garden in Loomis and the Shields Garden in Elk Grove.

2016 Spring Regional will be held at Nola's Iris Garden. Nola Prevost invites everyone to Spring Regional in San Jose. It will be held at the Beverly Heritage Hotel in Milpitas. Registration is set at \$120.00 per person, Room rate is \$115.00 (single or double occupancy), \$135.00 (triple occupancy), or \$155.00 (quad occupancy), plus all applicable taxes, per night. Judges' training will be in the garden with Kitty Loberg and also on Sunday on Spurias by Eric Hansen.

Phyllis Wilburn awarded John Pesek with his outgoing RVP pin from AIS and two gift certificates for \$100.00 one from Schreiner's and the other \$100.00 gift certificate from the House of Prime Rib. Phyllis thanked John for being such a calm and collected RVP for three years and doing such a great job. John thanked all the Officers, Committee Chairs, Presidents of each Affiliate, and a big thank you to Barbara his wife and said he couldn't have done it without all of their help.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m. Mary Sindicic

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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-Probst** shirleyjtrio@gmail.com. We cannot accept MS Publisher or Word Perfect files.

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AIS-14 Treasurer Helen Franklin
5621 Oakhill Court
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Category & Dimensions	One Issue	Four Issues
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3" text advertisement (2.25"w x 3.00"h)	\$5.00	\$18.00
Display Advertisement (color photos with text)		
1/4 page (3.65"w x 4.875"h)	\$20.00	\$72.00
1/2 page, horizontal (7.50"w x 4.875"h)	\$40.00	\$144.00
1/2 page vertical (3.65"w x 9.875"h)	\$40.00	\$144.00
Full page (7.50"w x 9.875"h)	\$80.00	\$288.00
Full page, inside cover	\$125.00	

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