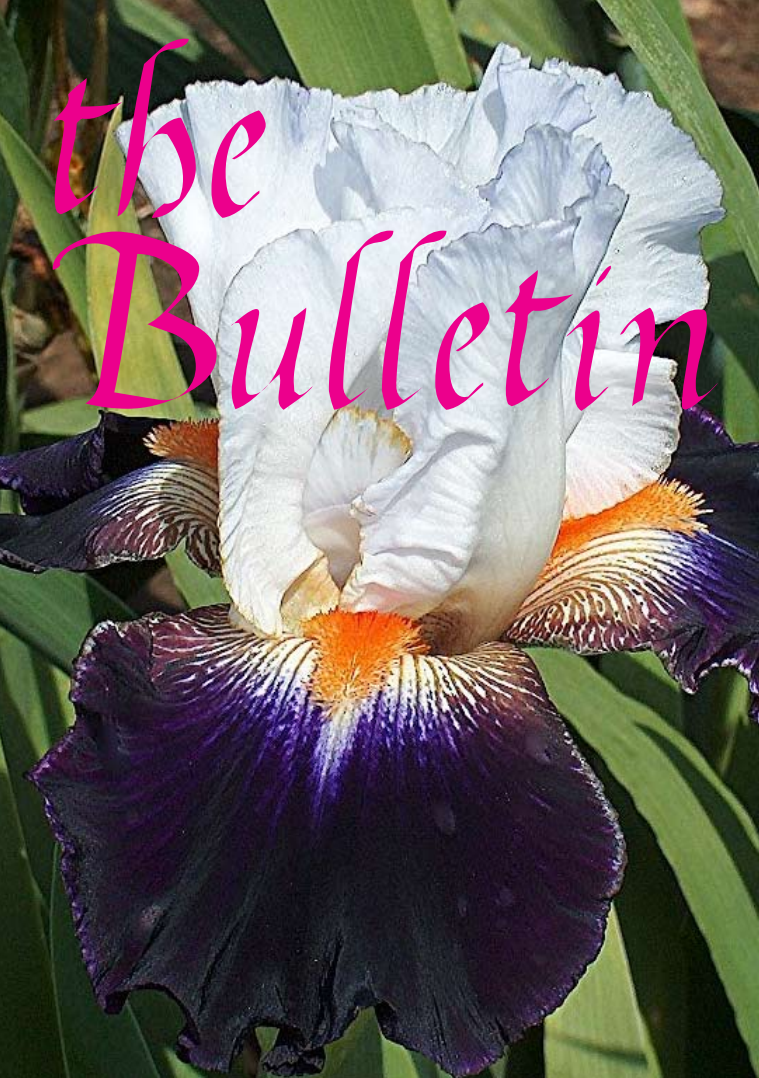


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photos: Riley Probst (Kool Bre's, Maleka), and Rob Marshall (Three Strikes, Kalifa's Horn)



My winter message began with my relief that digging iris was over for the year and with relief that planting is also done. I have just completed a replanting project of two large beds that I had solarized for two months. But, now I am having a war with gophers. I received

coaching from several Region 14 members, including Betty Ford and Brenda Wood, but I still don't have the technique down for trapping them successfully. Is it a wonder that the gophers prefer the most expensive rhizomes? Oh well, more about that later.

We had a great gathering of Region 14 folks at the Fall Regional meeting in Livermore, sponsored by the Mt. Diablo Iris Society. Many thanks to Jan Blaedel, Stan Morgan, Mary Sindicic for spearheading the event, and Carol Wilson giving such a fascinating talk about chasing down species iris in the Middle East. Stan Morgan also gave a fascinating talk on species iris, which focused on sources for our garden iris. Anna Cadd gave an excellent training on judging arrangements/design, which was very informative. As she carefully analyzed her arrangements for judging, it proved beyond a doubt that one of Anna's 'bad' arrangements is much better than most of us can create. My apologies to Anna for the need to rush through the training. In the future, perhaps we should have the training before the auction, or limit the number of auction items. Thanks to Riley Probst for being our auctioneer, which featured Siberian Iris that were purchased to resell by our Fund Raising Chair, Carolyn Craft. Many Thanks to Carolyn Craft and her husband Wayne, who coordinated and sold potted beardless iris during the event. Again, there were wonderful baskets that were donated by clubs for the basket raffle. I regret that I did not get a list of the donors, but I would like to extend my thanks to those clubs in the name of the Region.

I was happy to announce that Lorraine Nicholson,

who is the Youth Chair, volunteered to take on the responsibility for our Scholarship Chair. Her committee members are former youth, now adult, members Alexiss Franklin and Alliyah Franklin, who are going to spearhead the computer part of the process. The challenge is to find ways to contact all the High Schools and colleges in Region 14. I hope that with their familiarity with computers and popular programs, they will be able to reach out to more students who may want to apply for the scholarship. See the letter and application later in this Bulletin and on the home page of the Region 14 web site (AISRegion14.org).

Donations from San Joaquin Iris Society were presented by President Ted Hawkins, and has brought the \$1,000 scholarship amount up to \$1,340 which will surely help a student who is majoring in Horticulture, Floriculture, or a closely related subject. San Joaquin Iris Society, which is one of our smallest clubs, also donated \$500 to defray costs of the 2018 Spring Regional which is being sponsored by Region 14 with help from SJIS. Thanks to San Joaquin Iris Society for their generosity

I would also like to add some clarification to the announcement that I made about the Honorary Awards Committee at the Fall Regional. The Honorary Awards Committee which presents the Larry Gaulter Award to folks who have served Region 14 in an extraordinary way, is comprised of 3 members. After each Fall Meeting, the Chair retires from the committee and is replaced by the most senior member. Because the past meeting minutes were not clear on the appointments of these members and the sequence, I mistakenly announced that Kathy Braaten was the next chair. After some investigation, however, I determined that Jean Richter is now the chair. The other members in order of sequence are Kathy Braaten, Marilyn Kaplan, and Patricia Eisenberg. Thanks to all of them for being part of this important committee, and thanks also to Sandy Mann who is the outgoing Chair. Sandy Mann presented this year's Larry Gaulter Award to Terri and Jay Hudson who have chaired the Scholarship Committee for 15 years, and also supported Region 14 in many other ways. It was a well deserved award.

As I watch the winter weeds responding to the recent rains, I see work in the garden coming on, but where else can you hear the White Crowned



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and Golden Crowned Sparrows singing, and the 'chuck' sounds of the Hermit Thrush in the bushes. Hopefully these recent rains are a precursor to a winter with enough rain to forestall our drought. The iris in the beds for upcoming the Spring Regional in Sacramento are looking good, and I hope you will put the dates on your calendar now, so you won't miss out on this event. The dates are April 21-23, 2017. See more information further in this bulletin.

See you at the Sydney B. Mitchell potluck and Judges training.

Phyllis Wilburn

Finding Speakers for our Meetings

~ Marilyn Kaplan

At the Fall Regional meeting this year in Livermore, there was a brainstorming discussion about how to find suitable speakers for our monthly affiliate meetings. Several people contributed by naming organizations willing to come and speak to clubs on a number of topics, from beneficial insects in the garden to how to keep water costs low, to planting irises, to soil make-up, tool use, irrigation and pest control.

Who knew that Master Garden speakers are required to donate their time to speak to groups? The Master Gardeners will not ask to be reimbursed for their time, unless coming from a long distance, but they will accept a small donation for their organization as thank-you for their speaking efforts.

In general, everyone agreed that finding speakers to please everyone is quite impossible, and we agreed on a few contact clubs/organizations that generally can help us locate a speaker. Those include: University of California extension, UC Davis extension, bay area garden clubs, local nurseries, pest control businesses, horticulture groups, bee keepers, local water districts, environmental groups, and more.

I am a member of two affiliates, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society and Mount Diablo Iris Society. The following list of potential speakers available from just these two clubs is a start to your clubs list. If there are this many in just two clubs, you may have as many or more in your own club.

Jan Bladel: Introducing spices from around the world. Contact janbladel@gmail.com

Upcoming Regional Events

~ Kathy Braaten, Regional Events Coordinator

Our 2017 Spring Regional event, "Iris Express", is also in the planning stages. This event will be co-hosted by Sierra Foothills Iris Society and Sacramento Iris Society. The dates for the event will be April 21 - 23, 2017. The convention hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. We will be visiting two large gardens that are hosting the guest irises, Horton Iris Garden in Loomis and Frannie's Iris Garden of Fran and Russ Shields in Elk Grove. Dell Perry from Texas will be our guest speaker. We will have more to follow on the planning of this event as well.

Stan Morgan: Beards and Beauty Spots, and Irises in Antiquity contact Stanmorgan@toast.net

Riley Probst: AIS Emeritus Judge, instructs for Judges' Training hours, has 30 years AIS Convention slides and digital images, ten years of Regional 14 Spring slides and digital images, several hundred slides and digital images of reblooming irises and all types of other irises. Contact: rprobst02@earthlink.net

Ken Walker: Beardless irises of all varieties slides and digital images. Ken has one of the most substantial digital collections of anyone anywhere.

Jean Richter, AIS Judge has an extensive collection of both slides and digital images of historic irises. Jean has photos of hard to locate historic. There may not be such a complete collection on the west coast. Contact: jeanrichter@berkeley.edu.

Gesine Lohr has an extensive collection of historic slides and digital images and loves to give programs on historic irises. Contact gesine.lohr@gmail.com

Both Jean and Gesine have a passion for Historic Irises, especially Lloyd Austin's irises. Ask them about their Lloyd Austin program.

This is just a start. The affiliates are full of people that have a program or two up their sleeve.

Marilyn Kaplan, Region 14 Judge,
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What about that fall regional? Fun or what? The RVP did an excellent job of keeping things moving. Congratulations Linda Wood for bringing the Best Rebloomer in Show: and omigosh those designs by Anna, beautiful. To all of those searching for the Guinea Hens that Brenda Wood had in the MBIS basket last year, we found more at the Alden Lane Nursery although Kathy Oldham from MBIS may have bought them all, maybe there will be more ordered; ask the folks at Alden Lane Nursery. Carolyn Craft is amazing with the amount of work she can do for the region, that man that hangs around with her doesn't do half bad either.

Winter is dreary but some good things happen. The AIS appointed new judges for our region and our RVP was reappointed for another year. Let's get those new judges to work. Most of the affiliates are already planning shows.

This is the time of year to greet many newly elected club presidents, welcome aboard. Many club presidents do not know that the presidential position makes them a governing part of the Region 14 board, so share your thoughts.

One of the most enjoyed features of this bulletin has

turned out to be the Affiliate News. An increasing number of people have told the editor that they enjoy reading about the different things each club is doing and that in turn gives rise to other clubs trying something new. FIS had a very successful stint selling irises at the County Faire. YIS has a Tarantula Faire in their area. More and more affiliates are working with cities and towns in beautification programs. We have articles or photos in this bulletin on two such groups. Both LVIS and JMGIS have ongoing iris planting projects in or around their cities.

The new season begins with the traditional and long time established Sydney B. Mitchell Pot Luck and Judges' Training at the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland. The food is better than a \$100.00 meal in a restaurant and the event is free. There will be potted irises for sale and a silent auction. This year the Region is sponsoring the Judges' training being given by Master Judge John Jones. John has been around the block before so he knows what he is doing big time and he has a lot of knowledge to share, come have a feast and soak up some more knowledge. Even if you are not a judge come have a fantastic feast and socialize -- that is something there never seems to be enough time to do. The spring Regional meeting will be here before we know it. Come visit 2 of the gardens that will be on the National Tour in 2019. More information further in this bulletin.

ALL questions, comments, complaints and even praise now and then please phone or e-mail the editor. No one else can help you except the editor. All tattle tales and pot stirrers please call or e-mail the RVP.
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A note from your designer --

I've included this photo in several of my old-iris slideshow presentations -- I am sad to say that my beloved Taboo, Sweelinck Boy (he particularly loved the harpsichord music of Sweelinck), died near the end of October, after a valiant fight against large-cell lymphoma. In the photo we're singing the descending hexachord of Fantasia Chromatica. Go in peace, fine puss. ~ Gesine



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

The Fall Regional!



above: Reblooming show photo: Riley Probst



above: Nola Prevost prepping



My Generation, best TB rebloomer photo: Mikey Lango



above: Carol Cullen, President of LTCIS accepting the 2016 Knopf Cup keeper trophy for Bob Annand/Rob Marshall's 'Skybeat' and the Cotillion Cup keeper trophy for Best 2016 Introduction 'Heaven's Door'. photo: Mark Greene



above: Bob and Jeanne Plank accepting the Larry Gaulter Award for Distinguished Lifetime Service, presented to Jay and Terry Hudson, who were unable to attend the Fall Regional. Jay and Terry successfully administered the Region 14 Scholarships Awards for 15 years. Photo: Mark Greene

The Fall Regional!



above: Riley Probst accepting the keeper trophy for the Hager Cup for Best Bearded Other Than Tall Bearded, 'Holiday in Mexico', an MTB. *Photo: Mark Greene*



above: Allison Willy, Cindy Eastman, Lucy Fink, and Bill Fink
All are members of SIS and/or SFIS.
photo: Mark Greene



above: Rudy Ciuca, Region 14 Director of Northern Area, reporting to board and membership. *photo: Mark Greene*



above: Region 14 Secretary Jane Jordan admiring iris blanket. If interested in buying, contact Jan Blaedel of MDIS. *photo: Mikey Lango*

The Fall Regional!



above: Anna Cadd answering questions about artistic design photo: Linda Woods
below: Anna finishing her design, before judges' training. photo: Mikey Lango



above: Anna Cadd answering questions from Russ Shields photo: Mark Greene



above: 'Holidaze' (G. Sutton 2002) Best in Rebloom Show by Linda Woods photo: Mikey Lango



above: Bonnie Petheram and Jean Richter photo: Mikey Lango

Robert Leo Annand (1924-2013)

~ Rob Marshall (photos by Rob Marshall unless otherwise noted)



Bob Annand, nationally acclaimed iris hybridizer, devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away unexpectedly on Dec 14, 2013 at the age of 89. Before he passed, Bob left 79 years of experience, love, and contributions to

the world of iris which will carry on in his memory. 56 registrations of varied iris varieties will continue to thrive and beautify our yards due to this one man's vision and passion.

Born in Santa Cruz on Sept 24, 1924 to Sam and Annie Annand, Bob was the youngest of 5 children. Bob's formative years were spent on a 1000 acre ranch in Santa Cruz exploring nature, discovering iris, as well as milking cows and caring for horses. The wonders of nature which came so easily for Bob opened up many avenues for his future in iris.

At age 10, Bob began growing iris in Santa Cruz and soon thereafter California Highway 1 displayed Bob's first successes for all passers by to enjoy. As Bob grew in stature, so did the number of iris he maintained. In the 1950's Bob obtained his first pink iris with a coupon inside of a "White King Laundry Detergent" box. Irene can attest to Bob's enthusiasm about raising iris having scrubbed over 4,000 pair of Levis during Bob's enduring career. "Just another day in the garden" Irene would muse.

In 1948 Bob married a native born Montanan Irene Mary Bronec after a two year correspondence during his deployment in England during WWII. Bob and Irene raised 3 remarkable children; Mariann, Tom, and Patti. Raising iris was a family activity with the children quickly learning the finer points of weeding and smashing snails.

In the 1950's Bob was given more than a few irises by a family acquaintance and the journey really began in a serious way. By 1959 Bob joined the American Iris Society and by 1960 Bob helped to establish the Mt. Diablo Iris Society in Contra Costa County. For the next 12 years Bob entered cultivars to gain more experience in showing iris as well as collecting many more iris for hybridizing. In 1971 Bob registered his first iris, "Tye Dye" followed by his first introduction in 1988, "Rosey Promise." These two events propelled Bob's passion to create many new iris.

Between the years 1971-1987 Bob and Irene lived in Susanville where they operated Milwood Florists. As a bonus to living in Susanville, Bob met Frank Rice in 1972 and a whole new venue of iris appeared... Arilbreds. Frank Rice remained friends with Bob for many years and is responsible for much of Bob's knowledge regarding AB's. Arilbreds would remain Bob's favorite variety of iris throughout his lifetime. Winning the William Mohr Medal for "Kalifa's Horn" in 2001 was a testimonial to Bob's experimentation and fascination with AB's. While controversial for creating an Arilbred with a horn, Bob was overwhelmed by the beauty of such a cross. Maintaining iris was very difficult for Bob



Irene Annand holding two of the trophies her husband Bob Annand won at the Region 14 Spring 2016 meeting. Irene always supported her husband's love and enthusiasm for iris.



Irene and Bob Annand were members of the Leo T. Clark Iris Society

during these years since he worked fulltime for Production Credit Association while he and Irene were raising 3 children. Showing his continued dedication to the AB world, Bob was honored with the Clarence G. White Medal in 2014 for "Kalifa's Joy".

In the year 1987 Bob and Irene moved to Forest Ranch, CA and joined the Leo T. Clark Iris



Heaven's Door (Robert Annand, deceased, by Rob Marshall, R. 2014) photo: Riley Probst

Society (Region 14). Not to be one for too much idle retirement, Bob and Irene opened "Forest Ranch Iris Gardens" and began selling cultivars for a few years. Selling iris was not Bob nor Irene's favorite pastime, so Bob focused more intently on his deepest passion in the garden, hybridizing. At the time of his death, Bob left behind 90 seedling contenders to be registered.

Bob and Irene began attending the nationals in 1991 and eventually even hosted one of the nationals in 1996 with over 1500 variety of iris.

Throughout his life Bob Annand had always been active in civic-minded groups as the Lions Club and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Bob could befriend any age person whether it be a group of elementary school students for a demonstration, or a 90-year-old neighbor. Bob knew no strangers and his easy smile and sparkling eyes immediately drew people to his optimistic and encouraging demeanor. Bob's mantra in life was: "Live and Let Live". Family and friends alike enjoyed Bob's whimsical and zany humor. He will be most remembered for his untiring hours of charity work, his kind heart, and his lifetime wish to have people everywhere enjoy and grow iris. Bob was never too busy to lend a helping hand and Bob always kept his promises. Over the life span of 79



Magic Warrior (Robert Annand, deceased, by Rob Marshall, R. 2014, I. 2015)

Robert Leo Annand iris, continued ~

years Bob's advice about growing anything could be felt anywhere he travelled.

As a final tribute to Bob Annand, he would want all who knew him to give something of themselves to others. He always believed even one person could make the world a more beautiful place in which to share.

Irene Annand continues to live in Forest Ranch

and still enjoys the great years; reflecting on Bob's life starting so humbly in Santa Cruz and concluding with so many beautiful irises reaching the ground in that attempt for the perfect red.

Bob Annand 2015 Irises sold through Nola's Garden: Heaven's Door, Bob's Pride, Havitur Way, Magic Warrior, Pure Majestic.



Capitol Debut (Annand 2010) *photo: Riley Probst*

Robert Leo Annand iris, continued ~



Bob's Pride (Robert Annand, deceased, by Rob Marshall, R. 2014, I. 2015) *photo: Riley Probst*



Fight On (Annand 1996)



Kona Waves (Annand 2005)



Pure Majestic (Robert Annand, deceased, by Rob Marshall, R. 2014, I. 2015) *photo: Nola Prevost*

Iris Competition for 2019 Convention

~ Shirley Trio-Probst

2016 Region 14 Symposium Riley Probst, AIS Symposium Chairman

The American Iris Society will celebrate 100 years of growing, learning about and improving irises in 2020. Region 14 will be the proud sponsor of the 2019 National Convention. Last spring AIS sent out a call for all interested irisarians to come up with a logo. Many people responded with all sorts of ideas. A logo was selected for the 2020 Celebration. Then it was decided that there should be an iris of the year. The beardless enthusiasts and the bearded enthusiasts both wanted their favorite irises chosen. The decision was simple. There will be one iris from each group chosen to represent the Centennial Birthday. Names appropriate for the centennial two selections are being held by the AIS.

The National Convention for the year 2018 is another step of progression for AIS. For the first time the AIS annual Convention will feature beardless irises. In 2018 the Convention will be in Louisiana and the focus will be on beardless irises, mainly the Louisiana Iris. Bearded irises do not do well in the Deep South. It doesn't get much deeper than New Orleans.

At this time Paul Gossett the AIS Convention Board Liaison is not sure if there will be an optional trip to travel north to find bearded irises. It would be a long drive to and from.

Since there will be no bearded irises on National Convention 2018 tour that brings us to 2019. We of course, will have an abundance of bearded irises to make up for two years of not seeing any bearded. A committee has been established within the AIS ranks to put together a competition to provide two commemorative irises to represent the Centennial Celebration, and those irises will be grown by and selected from the 2019 National Convention host gardens.

The rules are simple. Hybridizers will ship beardless irises under seedling number to be planted in the Region 14 guest gardens in 2016 to grow for 3 years. In July of 2017 numbered seedlings from the bearded family will be sent to Region 14 guest gardens to grow for 2 years. At convention time everyone, not just AIS judges, will have a vote to select the final

As AIS Symposium Chairman I am in a unique situation. I have access to all symposium statistics for both Region 14 and AIS. In the following table are listed the Top 20 irises for Region 14. It shows the Region 14 position, the AIS position, the Region 14 votes and the AIS votes.

The top vote getter in Region 14 again this year is THAT'S ALL FOLKS by Bill Maryott. There was a 5 way tie for second place. The tied irises are: GOLDEN PANTHER by Rick Tasco, MESMERIZER by Monty Byers, OPPOSITES by Shirley Trio, SKATING PARTY by Larry Gaulter and DUSKY CHALLENGER by Schreiner.

Sixteen of the top 21 irises are by Region 14 hybridizers. Four irises are by hybridizers who formerly lived in Region 14. Two irises (OPPOSITES and MY GENERATION) are in the Region 14 Top 20 that were not in the AIS Top 100.

Next are listed the 14 irises that were in the AIS Top 20 that were not in the Region 14 Top 20 in order of AIS Symposium positions. Each iris listed here received between 1 and 5 votes from Region 14. If they had received at least 6 votes they would have been in the Region 14 Top 20.

Oh, by the way, DUSKY CHALLENGER was number one again in the AIS Symposium Top 100. This is the 23rd time it has been in first place and the 20th consecutive time.

Be sure and vote your symposium ballot in 2017. It will again come as loose pages in the Spring 2017 issue of IRISES. One vote can make a difference.

two irises. The winners will probably be announced at the closing banquet. Those irises will be dug at the appropriate time and shipped to the appropriate person in Newark New Jersey for planting en masse.

Region 14 has a very important part in the Centennial celebration; please all Region 14 hybridizers send your numbered seedlings to the Guest Iris Chair Riley Probst. Let's do what we can to have one of our Region 14 hybridizers' iris win this very prestigious opportunity.

2016 REGION 14 SYMPOSIUM

~ Riley Probst, AIS Symposium Chairman

Region 14 Position	AIS Position	IRIS	Region 14 Votes	AIS Votes	Hybridizer	Year Intro.
1	2	THAT'S ALL FOLKS	16	121	Maryott, B.	2005
2	22	GOLDEN PANTHER	10	70	Tasco, R.	2000
2	19	MESMERIZER	10	73	Byers, M.	1991
2	120	OPPOSITES	10	18	Trio, S.	2012
2	23	SKATING PARTY	10	68	Gaulter, L.	1983
6	1	DUSKY CHALLENGER	9	162	Schreiner	1986
6	29	LADY FRIEND	9	61	Ghio, J.	1981
6	4	QUEEN'S CIRCLE	9	118	Kerr, F.	2000
9	6	FLORENTINE SILK	8	109	Keppel, K.	2005
9	84	GOING MY WAY	8	27	Gibson, J.	1972
9	87	ITALIAN ICE	8	26	Cadd, A. & D.	2001
9	7	JESSE'S SONG	8	108	Williamson, B.	1983
13	91	CENTER ICE	7	24	Ghio, J.	2010
13	49	RUSTLER	7	45	Keppel, K.	1988
15	12	ABSOLUTE TREASURE	6	87	Tasco, R.	2006
15	91	BOTTLE ROCKET	6	24	Sutton, M.	2010
15	95	BRAVERY	6	23	Ghio, J.	2012
15	82	MAGICAL	6	28	Ghio, J.	2008
15	63	MARY FRANCES	6	38	Gaulter, L.	1973
15	159	MY GENERATION	6	12	Lauer, L.	2009
15	31	SPLASHACATA	6	57	Tasco, R.	1998

AIS Top 20 that were not in Region 14 Top 20:

22	3	GYPSY LORD	5	119	Keppel, K.	2006
22	5	CELEBRATION SONG	5	110	Schreiner	1993
40	8	DRAMA QUEEN	4	102	Keppel, K.	2003
84	9	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	2	96	Lauer, L.	1993
40	10	CONJURATION	4	95	Byers, M.	1989
56	11	THORNBIRD	3	93	Byers, M.	1989
84	13	SEA POWER	2	85	Keppel, K.	1999
40	14	DAUGHTER OF STARS	4	82	Spoon, D.	2001
22	14	SHARP DRESSED MAN	5	82	Johnson, T.	2010
145	16	HAPPENSTANCE	1	79	Keppel, K.	2000
56	17	SILVERADO	3	76	Schreiner	1987
84	18	IMMORTALITY	2	75	Zurbrigg, L.	1982
22	19	BEVERLY SILLS	5	73	Hager, B.	1979
56	19	BLACK IS BLACK	3	73	Schreiner	2010

Some Old Iris I Love

~ Gesine Lohr

Marilyn Kaplan wrote about people who present iris slideshows -- here are some of my favorite iris, images from my programs.



*above: Neglecta (Hornemann 1813)
with wonderful red-purple on spathes
below: Gold Fish (Wareham 1925)*



*above: Dominion (Bliss 1917)
below: Evolution (Cayeux 1929)*



Judges' Training Report Winter 2016

~ Alleah Haley

Congratulations to the five new judges in AIS Region 14: Carol Dahout, Anna Marie Hermansen, Carolyn Hoover, Mikey Lango, and Joe Lawrence. They were advanced from Apprentice to fully accredited Garden/Exhibition Judge by the AIS Board at its 2016 fall board meeting. Congratulations also to Barbara Hawkins and Doug Kanarowski who advanced from Candidate to Apprentice. And at the 2016 Fall Regional in Livermore Region 14 RVP and Garden/Exhibition judge Phyllis Wilburn was recognized with the Region 14 All-Star Judge Award for accumulating the most judges training hours (14 1/2) in 2015-16.

As much needed winter rains arrive, iris societies and their members are taking a break from digging, planting, sales and iris promotions and are planning for the coming bloom season. This includes scheduling spring iris shows, preparing show schedules and arranging for show judges. Included with this report is the list of Region 14 judges and apprentices (also available under Forms on the Region 14 website (www.aisregion14.org - click on Events and then on Judges Training). Show committees should remember that they may schedule only three judges prior to January 1 and they should send their show dates, locations, and judges names to me as soon as these are nailed down. Committees are encouraged to choose judges from nearby whenever possible to reduce travel costs, to choose judges with a range of experience levels, and to provide an opportunity for training one apprentice per judge panel whenever possible. Apprentices receive 2 hours judges training credit for apprenticing a show with two sessions required during the apprenticeship period and must obtain approval from the Judges Training Chairman before apprenticing a show. Judge Candidates (Students) may receive 1 hour judges training credit for a one-on-one training session at a show under an accredited AIS judge and two such sessions are required during the three-year candidacy period. Apprentices and Candidates also have garden training requirements so they should work towards completing those requirements this spring.

Region 14's judges training program is comprehensive and rigorous and its requirements slightly exceed those of AIS itself. The Region 14

requirements for classroom, garden, and exhibition training for each level of judgeship, from Candidate (Student) through Apprentice, Garden/Exhibition, Master, Retired, and Emeritus judge are found in the document "Guidelines for Training and Accreditation of Judges", which is included on the Region 14 website (www.aisregion14.org - click on Events and then on Judges Training). If you are interested in becoming an iris judge, please read and familiarize yourself with these Guidelines and print them out for future reference. The first steps are: join the American Iris Society, purchase a copy of the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials (available from the AIS Storefront for \$19.00 – go to www.irises.org, Member Services, AIS Storefront), and fill out and submit an "Application for Judge Candidate" (available under Forms at www.aisregion14.org, Events, Judges Training) to the Regional Judges Training Chairman. To advance from the first step of becoming a judge (Candidate) to the next (Apprentice) requires that the person must have maintained at least three years continuous membership in AIS.

A key step in becoming a judge is attendance at a required 2-hour classroom training session "AIS Awards and Ballots" during the three-year apprenticeship. This class will be given by AIS Master Judge John Jones in conjunction with the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society winter potluck, Saturday January 21, 2017 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Doors open at 11:00; potluck lunch is at noon so bring a dish; training starts at 1:30 p.m. If you are an apprentice and haven't taken "Awards and Ballots" since becoming an apprentice, you are strongly encouraged to take this class in January. This and other judges training classes are listed on the Region 14 website as dates become known.

If you have questions or concerns, do contact me. Alleah Haley, AIS Region 14 Judges Training Chair
208 Eucalyptus Avenue, Cotati, CA 94931
707-799-1422 alleah.haley@gmail.com

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.

List of Region 14 A.I.S. Judges 2016-2017

Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Phone Number	E-mail Address	Type ***
Alvis, Philippa	17664 Blanchard Dr	Monte Sereno CA 95030	(408) 656-9946	pandjalvis@verizon.net	G/E
Begley, James	980 Scenic Ave	Santa Rosa, Ca. 95407	(707) 585-0650		G/E
Bevier, Ross	4919 Rincon Ave	Santa Rosa, Ca. 95409	(707) 537-6825	Bevier@sonic.net	G/E
Bliven, Helen	1020 Fresno Ave	Berkeley, CA 94707	408-227-7513	hbliven@att.net	Master
Braaten, Kathy	10288 Kenwood Dr	Grass Valley, CA 95949	(530) 477-2811	katbrat@cebridge.net	Master
Bridger, Betty	5567 S. Locan Ave	Fowler, CA 93625	(559) 834-2140	bjb2440@gmail.com	Apprentice
Brooks, Bob	503 Opihikao Pl.	Honolulu, HI 96825			Retired
Cadd, Anna	329 North St.	Healdsburg, CA 95448	(707) 433-8633	caddsirns@comcast.net	Master
Ciucca, Rudy	1595 Denmark St	Sonoma CA 94576	(707) 938-2951	clvineyard@aol.com	G/E
Condo, Mrs. Mark	4327 Titan Ct.	Sparks, NV 89436	(775) 771-9505	markcondo@yahoo.com	Retired
Craft, Carolyn	16380 Harwood Rd	Los Gatos CA 95032	(408) 266-0945	theladygardens@aol.com	G/E
Dahout, Carol	738 Oak Grove Ct.	San Jose, CA 95129	(408) 981-6209	caroldahout@yahoo.com	G/E
Dickinson, Christine	6080 Willowgrove Ln	Cupertino, CA 95014	(408) 257-3904	cdickins@aol.com	Master
Eastman, Cindy	P.O. Box 4674	Auburn, CA 95604	(209) 483-6027	rocind@att.net	Apprentice
Fink, William H.	P.O. Box 494	Diamond Springs, CA 95619	(530)574-4224	BillFink73@gmail.com	G/E
Ford, Betty	1383 E Napa St	Sonoma, CA 95476	(707) 938-5296	irisbetty@aol.com	G/E
Fortner, Mary Lee	3337 Ascona Court	Las Vegas, NV 89129	(702) 228-0827		G/E
Fortner, Paul	3337 Ascona Court	Las Vegas, NV 89129	(702) 228-0827		G/E
Ghio, Joe	1201 Bay St.	Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4790	(831) 423-3656	ghiobayview@att.net	Emeritus
Haley, Alleah B.	208 Eucalyptus Ave.	Cotati, CA 94931	(707) 799-1422	alleah.haley@gmail.com	Master
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Hawkins, Barbara	1849 Walnut Ave	Ceres, CA 95307	(209) 538-3780	sewingbug@att.net	Apprentice
Hawkins, Ted	1849 Walnut Ave	Ceres, CA 95307	(209) 968-0852	tdhawk@att.net	G/E
Hermansen, Anna-Marie	2121 - 17th Ave	San Francisco, CA 94116	(415) 681-7040	ammah@ix.netcom.com	G/E
Hoover, Carolyn	45812 Old Corral Rd	Coarsegold, CA 93614	(559) 658-7632	guyhandballo@sti.net	G/E
Horton, Mary Ann	PO Box 1054	Loomis CA 95650	(916) 652 4351	hortonirisingarden@pacbell.net	G/E
Hunt, Berkeley	P.O. Box 7326	Bunkerville, NV 89007	(702) 346-7288		Retired
Jones, John I	35572 Linda Drive	Fremont, CA 94536	(510) 795-9723		Master
Jones, Joanne Prass-	35572 Linda Drive	Fremont, CA 94536	(510) 795-9723		Master
Jordan, Jane	2315 Gunar Dr	San Jose, CA 95124	(408) 472-3897	JiJones@usjonesses.com	Apprentice
Kanarowski, Douglas	6147 Smither Rd	Mariposa, CA 95338	(209) 966-3496	joanne@usjonesses.com	Apprentice
Kaplan, Marilyn	3450 Shangri-la Rd	Lafayette, CA 94549	(925) 932-0330	Janeirisjordan@gmail.com	G/E
Kerr, Fred	P.O. Box 2191	N. Highlands, CA 95660-3113	(916) 331-3732	grapeorbit@sti.net	Retired
Keyser, Virginia	226 Harvest St.	Salinas, CA 93901	(831) 422-5588	Kaplan87@comcast.net	Retired
Lango, Michaela	2079 Monroe St.	Santa Clara, CA 95050	(408) 249-6449	rainacre@aol.com	G/E
Lawrence, Joseph	1595 Denmark St.	Sonoma, Ca 95476	(707) 938-2951	mdlango@aol.com	G/E
Loberg, Kitty	1900 Mt. View Ln.	Redwood Valley, CA 95470	(707) 972-5507	iris.loberg@comcast.net	Emeritus
Mann, Sandy	601 Crane Ave.	Turlock, CA 95380	(209) 634-8213	dammannfam@charter.net	Master
Manning, Maryann	1106 Indian Way	Novato, CA 94949-4942	(415) 883-8020		Retired
Matheny III, Ed	633 E. Chevy Chase Dr.	Tulare, CA 93274	(559) 686-1895		Retired
Meagher, Christine	4624Tennessee Walker Ave	N Las Vegas NV 89031	(702) 655-0827	christinemeagher@hotmail.com	G/E
Meagher, Michael	4624 Tennessee Walker Ave	N Las Vegas NV 89031	(702) 655-0827		G/E

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Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Phone	E-mail Address	Type
Nelson, Roger R.	16379 Hawthorne Ave.	Anderson, CA 96007-8516	(209) 613-8708	Iris4U@fire2wire.com	Retired
Nicholson, Gordon	P.O. Box 578668	Modesto, CA 95357	(209) 613-8708	Iris4U@fire2wire.com	G/E
Nicholson, Lorraine	P.O. Box 578668	Modesto, CA 95357	(702) 372-3873		Master
Parvin, Fred	3050 Hebard Dr	Las Vegas, NV 89121-1302	(510) 793-5089	impesek@sbcglobal.net	G/E
Pesek III, John M.	4631 Mayfield Dr.	Fremont, CA 94536	(415) 506-4688	jeanne.plank@gmail.com	Emeritus
Plank, Jeanne Clay	23 Cavalla Cay	Novato, CA 94949	(209) 551-6323	rprobst02@earthlink.net	Emeritus
Probst, Riley	2701 Fine Ave	Modesto, CA 95355	(916) 284-3075	JeanRichter@berkeley.edu	Master
Ragle, Marian Joyce	4120 Walnut Ave	Carmichael CA 95608	(510) 864-7962		G/E
Richter, Jean	1226 High St	Alameda, CA 94501	(925) 939-1979		Retired
Robbins, Alan	58 Chaucer Dr.	Pleasant Hill, CA 94523	(408) 241-9249	lindastremel@yahoo.com	G/E
Stremel, Linda	368 Dawson Dr .	Santa Clara Ca 95051	(209) 966-6277	randrcv@sti.net	Master
Tasco, Rick	2536 Old Highway	Cathy's Valley, CA 95306	(559) 458-3100	earthspinner@kermantel.net	G/E
Toney, Terry	P.O. Box 65	Tranquility, CA 93668	(209) 551-6323	shirleytrio@gmail.com	Master
Trio, Shirley	2701 Fine Ave	Modesto CA 95355	(702) 876-1525	virises@aol.com	Master
Waite, Dorlene	5271 Via de Palma	Las Vegas, NV 89146	(925) 685-1905	bandiwhitely3@sbcglobal.net	Retired
Whitely, Barbara	P.O. Box 21206	Concord, CA 94521	(925) 685-1905	bandiwhitely3@sbcglobal.net	Retired
Whitely, James	P.O. Box 21206	Concord, CA 94521	(530) 642-9942	abird@aol.com	G/E
Wilburn, Phyllis	P.O. Box 9	Rescue, CA 95672	(707) 456-0371	laughinglynn2@gmail.com	Master
Williams, Lynn	25415 Salmon Pl	Willits, Ca. 95490	(408) 370-2955	bmw95009@aol.com	Retired
Williamson, Bryce	P.O. Box 972	Campbell, CA 95009			

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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 Scholarship Application



Counseling Office,
To whom it may concern,

Enclosed is a copy of a Scholarship Application, for the 2017-2018 school year.

This scholarship is for \$1000.00 from Region 14 of the American Iris Society. The scholarship is intended for students who are planning on pursuing a career in the horticulture, floriculture, landscaping, nursery production, or related fields.

Thank you very much for making copies for students you feel should receive this application.

If you have any questions, you may e-mail or call me.

Lorraine Nicholson, Scholarship Chair
Region 14, American Iris Society
209-613-8708
iris4u@fire2wire.com

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The members of Region 14 of the American Iris Society award a \$1000.00 scholarship with the intent of promoting interest in irises. The award shall be given to a student who is pursuing a career in horticulture, floriculture, landscaping, nursery production, or a related field. Students may be seniors in high school or in a college or university. Preference will be given to students who are family of Region 14 members or applicants which have demonstrated interest in iris activities within Region 14, but all are encouraged to apply. The home address of the applicant must be within the area of Northern California, Nevada and Hawaii, which encompasses Region 14.

Please complete this application, mail it to Lorraine Nicholson, Scholarship Chairman, postmarked by April 6, 2017. A committee will then screen the applications. All applicants will be notified by e-mail by June 1, 2017.

Lorraine Nicholson
Scholarship Chair
P.O. Box 578668
Modesto, CA 95357

Application for Scholarship To Be Awarded By Region 14 of the American Iris Society

Name _____

Address _____

e-mail address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____ Birth Date _____

What type of school or college are you planning to attend?

_____ Community College _____ Community College, then transfer
_____ Trade/Technical _____ 4-year College or University

What type of school or college are you currently attending? _____

Name and Location of College _____

Major Area of Study _____

Occupational Goal _____

Please include:

1. A copy of your current transcripts
2. A letter of recommendation from an administrator, teacher/professor or counselor
3. Two (2) character references

A scholarship check will be sent to the recipient upon proof of successful admission and commitment to attend a Community College, University or College.

To be completed by Counseling office (for High School students only)

Grade point average _____ Class Rank _____ SAT test scores: Verbal _____ Math _____

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

If you choose to type the sections below, please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper.

Awards, Honors, Achievements

Organizations (School or Community)

Work Experience

Other Activities (School or Community)

Please write a paragraph about your goals and how you hope to achieve them. If you have been an active member of Region 14, please tell us of your achievements and activities you have participated in.

Student's signature _____

Parent/Guardian's signature (if applicable) _____

Desert Sketch (Robert Annand 1993)



REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2017

EXPENSES BY ITEM:

Bulletin- Publishing	300
" Color Pages	500
" Mailing Expense	175
" Editor Expense	100
RVP Allowance	2500
Finance, Summer Fundraiser	
" Beardless Purchases	425
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100
" Sales Taxes	240
Judges' Training	1000
Awards and Trophies	650
Honorary Awards	300
Office/Legal	300
Historian	100
Scholarship	1000
Science	500
Youth Committee	2500
Membership	30
Internet Services	180
Donation-	200
Start-up Funds	500
Start-up Funds- 2019 National Convention	5000
TOTAL EXPENSES	16600

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
Use of Reserve Funds	0
TOTAL REVENUES	7400

Total Expenses	-16600
Less total Revenues	7400
Excess exps/revenues: funds needed from reserve	-9200

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Treasurers' Report as of 10/8/16

	2016	Funds at	12/31/15	10/8/2016
Bank of Am-checking			11549.41	11559.53
Coast Hills- shares			1861.36	1862.76
Coast Hills-CD			<u>22756.39</u>	<u>23081.69</u>
Total			36167.16	36503.98
EXPENSES BY ITEM:				
Bulletin- Publishing	300			
" Color Pages				
" Editor Expense	50			21.77
RVP Allowance	2500			2173.73
Finance, Summer Fundraiser				
" Beardless Purchases	425			
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100			100.1
" Sales Taxes	240			181
Judges' Training	1000			99.78
Awards and Trophies	650			
Honorary Awards	300			
Office/Legal	300			298.3
Historian	100			
Scholarship	1000			1100
Additional Funds Donated by Redwood I S remaining 82.34	83			
Science	500			
Youth Committee	2000			504
Membership	50			28.2
Internet Services	110			172.9
S.F. Flower Show-	600			
Donation-	200			150
Start-up Funds	500			
Spring 2016 Regional	<u>8040</u>			9126.8
TOTAL EXPENSES	19048			<u>13956.58</u>

REVENUES BY ITEM:

Bulletin Advertising	300		
Bulletin Subscriptions			
Donations from Societies *	2400		1535
Donations/Raffles			
Interest	200		326.67
Judges' Training	500		
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400		
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-	1000		
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1000		621.17
" Fall Beardless Fundraiser	900		
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	700		
Region 14 Spring 2016 Regional	8400		10377.07
Use of Reserve Funds	<u>0</u>		
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>15800</u>		<u>12859.91</u>
Total Expenses	-19048		-13956.57
Less total Revenues	15800		12859.91
Excess exps/revenues: funds needed from reserve	-3248		-1096.66

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Clara B. Rees Iris Society ~ no report

Fresno Iris Society

July 9th, we had about 20 members attend the Potluck. The food was so good and we made \$97.00 during our auction.

July 31st- We had a Dig party in preparation for the August Rhizome sale. We dug up, trimmed and bagged about 600 irises.

August 6th- we had a clean and trim at the Fennell's home. The count was around 1,000 named irises.

August 13th – Our anticipated Rhizome sale. There was a really good turnout of members to help with the sale. We had several NOID irises we sold for \$1.00 ea. Pres. Don Fennell came up with a great idea to put together iris grab bags. The grab bags had 1 named iris and 5 NOID iris for a better deal. We started the sale at 8am and we sold out shortly after noon. We were so excited when we realized we had made over \$2,000.00.

There were 4 new members that signed up during the August Rhizome sale. We now have 43 members in the Fresno Iris Society.

The Big Fresno Fair was very good to us again this yr. Terry Toney has been the Chair for this event the last 3 years, this year she decided to add a new spin. We always get asked if we have iris to sell. This year Terry took it upon herself to have rhizomes in our booth. What a great idea, with over \$600 made. Next year we will offer a demo on separating and cutting and cleaning.

It was a really nice summer for the Fresno Iris Society.

FIS does not have a party or celebration during the month of December. In January we hold a members only dinner and call it a "Bah Humbug" celebration. In February we hold our regular meeting open to all. We generally have a program at every meeting.

Katie Hendrickson, Secretary

High Desert Iris Society

Carpooling to Patricia Canter's ranch outside of Winnemucca, Nevada, two and a half hours east of



above: Pat Canter showing HDIS members her specially-built iris washer that is an adjustable, slatted work bench under her shade pergola for trimming, bleach washing, rinsing, drying iris in large quantities at a comfortable height.

below: Pat Canter showing off her iris garden.

photos: Patricia Eisenberg, HDIS President



Reno toward the eastern Oregon border, HDIS members enjoyed fabulous hospitality from Pat and her family in October. Around the Canters' accommodating dining table, each person's potluck contributions highlighted Pat's special Reuben Quesadillas and almost left no room for desserts that members brought including homemade apple pie.

HDIS members are used to seeing Pat wearing her signature cowboy hat, silver belt buckle and worn leather boots that have travelled hundreds of miles in

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the stirrups of horses' saddles. As a club, it was our first time to Pat's. It's hard to believe she is a recently retired State of Nevada internal tax auditor. While Pat explained her methods, members studied her hands, calloused from snow-or-shine ranch chores at 4,300' altitude, including stacking 300-pound hay bales and pulling weeds by the trailersful, many harmful to livestock, not just iris. Her patience with numbers translated to answering endless questions from iris newcomers and veterans. Family and club conversations mingled the week's deer hunting and horse stories with demonstrations on how to lift, trim, bleach-wash and dry iris in large quantities. Pat travels to visit a number of older and more remote iris growers in Idaho, Oregon and California acquiring even more iris: bearded, spuria and Louisianas.

Tours of the Canter Ranch amazed and inspired members to be thrifty with water, seeing how Pat recycles every drop. No clean water ever goes down any drain, and most household water ends up in several very large plantings of iris in various stages of establishment. Pat contributed massive numbers of gigantic iris rhizomes for HDIS 2016 fundraisers, showing what results very little water can produce with horse manure, compost and sandy desert soil the texture of sugar-and a careful eye on the weather, which only yields 8.28" of annual precipitation. Pat's established iris fans were nearly hip-high despite October's changing colors of fall. Newly planted iris were sporting healthy fans.

Everybody went home from the October meeting with stories, door prizes and new iris to plant before winter sets in. The words of our State Song fit Pat perfectly: "Here is the land that I love the best, out where the sun always shines—right in the heart of the golden West—Home means Nevada to me." Thank you, Pat!

James M. Gibson Iris Society

What a busy year it has been!

I am happy to announce that a few of the rebloomers planted this May on Main Street in Porterville are blooming! When taking on the City of Porterville planters project, I never dreamed that it would turn into the work that it did AND that the temperatures on the weeks of digging and replanting



above: Pam, planting iris on Main Street in downtown Porterville, a beautification project of the city that JMGIS is involved in.

below: Martha and Sue

photos: Tiffany Rush



would be in the 105 degrees range! I am so proud of our Club members for all coming together to make this a success!

In August we held our annual rhizome sale at the Farmer's Market in Visalia, CA. Our sales of \$1075.00 in just a few hours was an increase over previous years, so maybe this will be a new trend.

We have a potluck dinner at every meeting. For those of you that have not tried that you should. It sure cuts down on the busy time as you do not have to worry about preparing dinner early so you can get to the meeting on time and everyone helps with cleanup and you don't get that at home.

We continue to welcome new members, we

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think it is the potluck that draws them in. No one can resist food.

We'll be having a Christmas party in December, for members only, with dinner at Marie Calendar's in Visalia. A gift exchange always follows the dinner with lots of fun.

On behalf of the members of the James M. Gibson Iris Society we wish everyone in Region 14 a very "Merry Christmas" and a Happy New Year!

Linda Hood, President

Las Vegas Iris Society

Yay! Summer is over. It was a hot one! We had many days of sustained heat and very little rain. We all lost more iris than usual and the other flower clubs in Las Vegas had the same experience.

On the bright side the plants that made it are certainly tough guys. It is a pleasure to see everything green again, fall is really a second spring for us.

Last year our club went "back to basics" with

hands-on demos almost every meeting. Now we are at the next phase "look what I can do". We had our silent auction. There were quite a few "smaller" ones that did not get a bid. So Michael Meagher had everyone take a few home to baby sit. The club provided pots and members signed out the ones in their care. These will be returned to the club at our April Flower Show. It will be exciting to see how everyone did.

Dorlene Waite has started a classroom iris project with some third graders in a little farming town 90 miles north of Las Vegas. The principal was so excited to greet us, when he was a child he was in a classroom iris project here in Las Vegas. Dorlene was very proud to tell him that we are the same club. We have gone full circle. The principal told us that every time the family moved they brought a rhizome of his iris to the new house.

We have always had a youth group, now we are down to one who has not aged out. We are looking at ways to revitalize the program. Our late night Monday meetings make it difficult for school-aged kids to attend. We have our creative thinking hats on and are taking a look at how many members have grandchildren.

We have just planted 66 rebloomers at the historic, open to the public, Old Mormon Fort, donated to us by Riley and Shirley Trio Probst.

I want to thank Region 14 for the support you give us and the great ideas in the newsletter. Iris or people we always have something growing. Happy gardening.

Aleta Mac Farlane, President

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Winter greetings from Leo T. Clark Iris Society. We are coming to the end of our year and are looking forward to the holiday season and all the joy that it brings to us. At our November meeting we confirmed our nominees for officers and board members for the next two years.

We are trying something new this year as there was little enthusiasm for people to accept nominations. We will be having two members share each position of President, Vice President and Secretary, and have one person hold the position of Treasurer.



above: Plaque awarded to LVIS for work on a beautification project for the city of Las Vegas historic area known as the Old Mormon Fort. LVIS planted iris all around the fort, many of them rebloomers. photo: Aleta MacFarlane

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We are pairing a newer member with a seasoned member, allowing for a learning situation and also for sharing of responsibility. So far we have had very positive feedback from the LTC members.

December will bring our Holiday Celebration at the home of Kathy Hutchinson. This is the third year that Kathy has hosted the club and we are grateful for her hospitality. We have a wonderful pot luck and gift exchange and hold an abbreviated meeting.

We are looking forward to having a couple of local businesses talk with us in early 2017. One of our most requested programs is for a speaker to talk about pruning of fruit trees; we are lining up Ken Hodges of Hodges Nursery in Durham. Another speaker will come from the non-profit Little Red Hen. Little Red Hen is a local entity that trains disabled persons for positions in nurseries and in retail stores alike.

On a future note, Leo T. Clark Iris Society is looking forward to hosting Region 14's 2017 Fall Regional to be held in Chico next October. Plans are in progress! We can't wait. We are looking forward to greeting all of you.

Carol Cullen, Co-President

Monterey Bay Iris Society

Monterey Bay Iris Society has had another very successful year thanks to the energy and the knowledge of its membership. The Spring Show at the Loudon Nelson Center in Santa Cruz was made up of 110 entries of 87 different varieties. Also 23 seedlings were entered. Member Wayne Crabbs walked off with Best of Show with a beautiful stalk of "Superhero" a 2012 Ghio iris.

Four rhizome sales this year were financially successful and will keep the society in the black through the Holiday Season. Each of our "official" digs is well attended and a special 'Thank You' to Joe Ghio and Jim and Irene Cummins for providing the space and tending to the Door Prize iris as well as many of the sales iris. Good news coverage is vital for our sales and a preplanned newspaper article in our local paper always helps spread the word.

The President, Craig Tarr and his wife Karin hosted Girl Scout Troop 62433 in their garden to teach the girls the basics of iris care. Each scout planted an

iris in a newly prepared raised bed and the girls plan on returning in the Spring to see the results. MBIS supplied each scout with a potted iris to take home and plant in their own garden.

The Society also changed meeting venues after many years at the Native Sons Hall. The Simpkins Swim Center is now the meeting spot and the third Friday of every month at 7:30 pm is the usual meeting day and time. In Nov. we will feature a guest speaker on "Pruning Fruit Trees" Most of us have at least one so plan to attend.

Guests are always welcome so feel free to drop by and introduce yourself.

Elections are over and new officers installed. Craig Tarr remains President. Barbara Hanson remains VP in charge of programs and the wonderful incomparable Brenda Wood remains as secretary and Larissa Daniels remains as Treasurer.

Our December Holiday Party will be held at a new place this year. We will be meeting at the country club. If you are interested in attending the party please contact Craig Tarr at cht2325@yahoo.com.

The fee for non members is \$50.00 per person, reservations are absolutely necessary. January brings our 3rd annual bean feed to help get us through the middle of the winter, there will be at least 3 different ways of bean preparation and butter dripping hot cornbread. In February we will have a pot luck dinner. (Bring your appetite...we eat well!) To see something interesting and receive information, please check our website at: <http://www.montereybayiris.org/index.php>

Craig Tarr, President



above: photo by Larissa Daniels

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Mount Diablo Iris Society

What a great 2016 year for our club. Looking a short distance back, we successfully hosted in October the Region 14 Fall Convention in Livermore, CA. What a fun event for all the attendees. A few highlights of it were Stan Morgan's presentation on "The Incredible Wild Iris Species Overview", along with special guest speaker Dr. Carol Wilson, research biologist. She took her audience with her on a talk with photos of her research and travels on the iris. And then Anna Cadd provided Judges' Training for the Artistic Iris Division. Anna provided 9 amazing handcrafted arrangements.

There was also a show for reblooming iris with 13 entries. Linda Woods won Best Of Show with her cute IB *Holidaze* and also won Best TB with *My Generation*.

A huge and special thank you to our "Professional of Everything" Jan Blaedel for organizing, prepping, assembling and providing the amazing event along with her delicious foods, drinks and sweets. Her fail safe team gave support to make it all happen and come together.

We proudly announce our new President for the 2017 year. Please meet Mary Sindicic. Most know Mary from her previous 3 years as Region 14 Secretary to Past RVP John Pesek.

below: Jan Blaedel, Mary Sindicic, Marilyn Kaplan, Stan Morgan, Kathy Oldham.

photo: Mark Greene



above: Linda Woods winning Best Of Show with *Holidaze* (Sutton 2002) and Best Tall Bearded Rebloomer with *My Generation* (Lauer 2009)

photo: Eileen Roarke



We look forward to having Mary as our President. A big thank you to our retiring President Stan Morgan. His dedicated work for 2 years has changed the club with innovative ideas, new club location along with a new show location. We also welcome Riley Probst to our Board of Directors with his expertise and talent. Thank you to out going board member Chuck Gabrysiak for many years of board service.

So as winter lingers around and we drink our hot beverages, our club members anxiously wait and check our mail boxes for the 2017 new catalogs from our best new friends known as hybridizers. Their creations keep us

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happy and always wanting one of each new iris. Much thanks to them!

We do not have a meeting in December but January promises exciting changes, but we still have our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month, and everyone is still welcome. We have a program at most every meeting.

Eileen Roark

Sacramento Iris Society ~ see notice for 2017 Spring Regional

San Joaquin Iris Society ~ no report

Santa Rosa Iris Society

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, this year on Saturday, November 5, we have a holiday potluck and “Come Dressed as an Iris Name” costume party. Prize winners last year included Bob Plank (Master Perplexer Award) who carried a bottle of wine and an empty glass portraying ‘I’ll have Another’ (Joan Roberts, 2013, TB RE), Christie Flum (Best Impersonation Award) in an inflatable Scottish suit with orange hair for ‘Highland Lord’ (Tasco, 2009, TB), and Anna Cadd (Everyone’s Favorite Choice Award) carrying an old rusty pipe with open eyes glued to the two ends for ‘Rust Never Sleeps’ (Larry Lauer, 2013, IB RE). This year iris names could be chosen from the 2015 Tall Bearded Symposium (“Hundred Favorites”) list.

Late in the 2016 growing season the Society revamped its Iris Display Garden at the Garden Center under the direction of chairman Jean Sharp, adding many yards of compost and fertilizer to the beds, reconfiguring some of the beds, revamping the drip system, and replanting many of the irises including the complete collection of American Dykes Medal winners. Several members are each responsible for care of select groups of irises, e.g., Japanese and Louisianas, species, spurias, rebloomers, medians, Dykes Medal collection, and non-iris irids.

In winter (November – January) we have board meetings on the 2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m. to plan for

the coming year including planning programs and developing the budget. Our first program for 2017 is February 13 – speaker and topic TBD.

Officers for 2017 were elected at our October meeting and are: President Jeff Davis, Vice President Anna Cadd, Secretary Diana Ford, Treasurer Joe Lawrence, Immediate Past President Rudy Ciuca, and Board Members Anna Marie Hermansen, Kitty Loberg, Kathy McCallum, Delores McKey and Jean Sharp.

Alleah Haley, Newsletter Editor

Shasta Iris Society ~ no report

Sierra Foothills Iris Society ~ see notice for 2017 Spring Regional

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society just held in October a beardless iris auction and sale, which was very successful with some lively bidding (particularly on Pacific Coast iris). We got to inaugurate our new auction paddles, hand-painted by longtime member Alan Robbins (see below!). They're a great improvement over the old paper plates we were using for paddles previously!



Looking forward, our club does not hold a meeting in November or December, but we'll be hosting our famous potluck lunch in January, on the 21st, in the new year of 2017 at the Lake Merritt Garden Center in Oakland. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., with lunch at noon. There is a kitchen in which to heat or prepare food if you want it. Where else do you get 24 feet of

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food to choose from? This year Region 14 is providing the judges' trainer for us. We'll have a 2 hour judges' training on Awards and Ballots given by John Jones, Master Judge of AIS. This 2 hour training session is required by AIS before receiving appointment as an AIS Judge. There will be a fun silent auction as well, let's do a bidding war to get those iris items we must have. All Region 14 members are welcome - come join the fun!

SBMIS will also once again be selling potted iris at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show on February 17 - 19 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. This event has proven to be a nice boost to our club's income and a good way to get the word out about iris to the general public.

Jean Richter, President



above: SBMIS sale setup at last September's Alameda County Home and Garden Show (with Riley and Shirley staffing)

Westbay Iris Society

We are still alive although we really could use some new members. Just come out and visit us once. You might like us so much that you will come back again and again and.....

Westbay Iris Society is not as active as it once was. We are an older declining membership (like so

many other gardening clubs). We have 4 regular meetings per year-January, March, June and October with a picnic in July. We still have a program now and then; Carl Boro gave an excellent program on the 2016 Society for Louisiana Irises Convention that he and his wife Marilyn attended this past spring. Carl brought Louisiana irises for all of the members to grow, and shared some growing tips with those of us who had not grown them before.

Unfortunately in order to cut back on expenses the WIS has had to let go of our wonderful meeting place at Shoup Park. We will now be meeting in members' homes until our membership builds back up. President Carol Skarda has graciously invited us to have the January meeting in her lovely home. Carol can be reached at 650-941-0977 for information on date, time and address.

Mikey Lango

below: Carl Boro giving demonstration
photo: Mikey Lango



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Yosemite Iris Society

- YIS had Eight new members join YIS in past month. That is a record for us. We now have 33 members. Our club is now going on five years old.
- YIS members, Gary Collings of Oakhurst and Doug Kanarowski of Mariposa Iris Gardens have been busy planting over 160 irises they received from Phyllis Wilburn to put in their guest gardens for the 2018 AIS Spring Regional. Guy Hoover, YIS member has assisted Gary with the rototilling and planting of the these beauties!
- YIS held their Annual BBQ and Iris Auction in July at the Colling's home. \$176.00 was made on donated irises and iris gardening items.
- YIS held the Annual Potting up Irises Party in August at the Hoover's. Over 13 members potted up over 400 iris rhizomes for next year's fundraising.
- YIS is holding their first Annual 'Potluck Figgie Pudding Christmas Party' on Dec. 3rd 1 PM at the Hoover's home, Coarsegold. REAL Figgie Pudding is being baked by chef, Gary Collings. There will be a gift exchange with garden theme.
- YIS had a guest speaker, Jean Richter, present a program on Historic Irises at YIS Sept 2016 Meeting. 28 members and guests were present and it was

very good and informative.

- YIS will have our own guest speaker (and YIS Vice President) Riley Probst at October 2016 YIS Meeting: Presentation on 2016 AIS National Convention Iris gardens and event.
 - YIS will have Doug Kanarowski as speaker at Nov. 2016 YIS Meeting presenting: "Something for Everyone", The home gardener, the hybridizer, and commercial gardens.
 - Working on a logo and tee shirt design. Bill Tyson has submitted a sketch of what we might go with.
 - Carolyn Hoover works with over 127 youths in the AIS Youth Program and just delivered 97 irises to current AIS Youths at Coarsegold Elementary School. Irises were shipped and donated from AIS National Iris Gardens in New Jersey. Kids loved them.
 - 6 YIS members will be attending the 2016 Fall Regional in Livermore. We hope to have lots of rebloomers for the show.
- Carolyn Hoover, President

below: Cummins garden (a guest garden for 2019 Convention)



Spring Regional Event April 21-23, 2017

“IRIS EXPRESS”

Come join us for a fun filled weekend in the Sacramento Valley area for the Spring Regional hosted by Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies. We will be enjoying the comfort of the Crown Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. Our dynamic guest speaker is Dell Perry from Plano TX. She will not only be our guest speaker, but will give a judges training on Sunday morning. We have planted approximately 160 guest iris which we will be carpooling to view in two local area commercial gardens. One of which many of you have been to over the years Horton’s Iris Garden in Loomis. The other garden is relatively new, Frannie’s Garden in Elk Grove. It has been designed for iris viewing in mind. Ruth Ostroff has graciously opened her garden in Rio Linda as an optional tour garden.

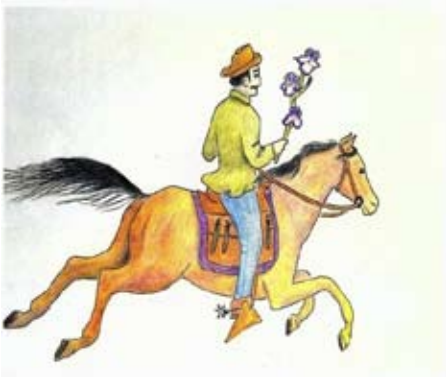
Horton’s Iris Garden (7440 King Rd, Loomis) is set on gently rolling hills at the base of the Sierra Foothills. She has the master planting for the event with approximately 160 guest irises. Mary Ann’s garden is mostly bearded iris, but does have a few beardless iris mixed in as well. After viewing the guest gardens you can meander through her many acres of beautiful flowers and approximately 1600 more irises, including many historical ones. You will be treated to lunch in her garden under the mature

trees, which offer a beautiful shaded area for your comfort. *(see photo below)*

Frannie’s Garden (8884 Saddlehorn Ct, Elk Grove) is located in the south Sacramento Valley area in the town of Elk Grove. The owners Russ and Fran Shields moved from the Gilroy area and started her commercial iris garden. They have many newer varieties of tall bearded iris introduced within the last ten years in their garden for your enjoyment. Fran has started a bed for all of the Dykes Medal winners, and is in the process of acquiring them all. She also has recently started enjoying the median iris and adding them to her garden as well. After strolling through her garden and the guest iris beds you can relax under the beautiful gazebo or large lawn area for a snack and a cool drink.

Ruth Ostroff ‘s garden (6121 20th Street, Rio Linda) will be open also as an optional tour for any of those interested. She has been growing the Sacramento door prize irises for approximately 8 years so lots of newer iris. She has almost a complete planting of Dykes Medal winners. Also in her garden is a large planting of rebloomers and historic iris. A must see!!!! Open both days Sat and Sun!!!





2017 Spring Regional April 21,22 &23

“Iris Express”

**Co-sponsored by Sacramento Iris Society and Sierra Foothills Iris Society
Guest Speaker – Dell Perry from Plano TX**

**Conference Hotel
Crowne Plaza 5321 Date Ave, Sacramento, CA 95841
Contact for room reservations at (877) 504-0054**

To receive the group rate, use the name Regional Iris Society when making your reservation.

The room rate is available until April 3, 2017.

Hotel room rates are \$109.00+ tax for double or single per night.

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Registrant #1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

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Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee if paid by April 1st 2017 \$95.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

if paid after April 1st 2017 \$105.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

(No refunds after April 8, 2017)

Registration includes lunch and dinner on Saturday

Please indicate registrant # 1 or #2 for lunch choice

Lunch:

Roast Beef Sandwich _____

Ham Sandwich _____

Turkey Sandwich _____

Veggie Sandwich _____

Dinner Buffet includes: Salad-Green and Caesar, Marinated Grilled Tri-Tip, Marinated Grilled Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Carrot Cake.

Please make checks payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society.

Please send registration to: Yvette Meador, P O Box 332 Applegate, CA 95703

E-mail ymeador@yahoo.com or phone 530 878-0944

Judges Training Sunday April 23 rd 9am Horton’s Garden	Will attend	Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____
Iris Show Friday April 21 st Crown Plaza Hotel	Will enter	Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____
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2019 AIS Convention ~ Guest gardens

~ Shirley Trio-Probst

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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 Bay 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 Shields 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&L 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.

