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Editor's Notes

With this issue of the AIS-14 Bulletin, we resume a quarterly publication schedule, with the approval of the Executive Committee during the 2012 Spring Regional Meeting. The Bulletin now will be published in the Spring (March 1st), Summer (June 1st), Fall (September 1st) and Winter (December 1st).

The Bulletin was a quarterly publication historically, but that schedule was changed years ago to three issues per year to reduce costs. The recent conversion to a digital publication has avoided the previous printing and mailing cost, making the resumption of a quarterly publication financially feasible.

This change has welcome effects. First, the quarterly schedule synchronizes nicely with the timing of our regional meetings in the spring (late April) and fall (late October). The spring issue of the Bulletin will include the announcement and registration materials for the Spring Regional Meeting, and the fall issue of the Bulletin will include the announcement and registration materials for the Fall Regional Meeting.

The summer issue will include reports of the proceedings of the Spring Regional Meeting, and the winter issue will include reports of the proceedings of the Fall Regional Meeting. These issues also will include photographs of the activities of those meetings.

Second, the more frequent schedule supports the flow of current information from both the regional and society levels, with the effects (we hope) of raising the members' awareness of the region's role and encouraging the societies to share their successful practices. We could all learn from each other!

Third, the quarterly schedule should inspire more members to send articles and photographs for publication. We are very pleased to have received both for this issue, and will welcome more in the future.

We generally plan for twenty pages in each issue, but that length is neither minimum nor maximum. In fact, members might find shorter issues more readable, and some issues might include only sixteen pages, depending on the availability of content. We might also exceed twenty pages, on occasion, if there are many good photos to share.

Another change approved at the Fall Regional Meeting is the addition, starting in 2013, of display advertising by iris growers and other garden-related businesses. Watch for the next issue to see how well this works!

We invite your contributions of content, your comments on each issue, and your ideas for future issues. This is your publication; its value rises with your participation.

Tom Karwin

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The RVP's Garden

I would like to thank Jeanne Clay-Plank for her many years of service to AIS and Region 14. I am especially thankful that I will have her as a mentor as I begin this journey. I am looking forward to working with a wonderful and dedicated group of people during the next three years.

During the next years I would like to grow these goals in our garden: develop a format that affiliates can use to donate irises to schools to generate and nurture more youth involvement, increase membership by having a contest, enlist the region's hybridizers to participate in more regional events, increase membership in affiliates by encouraging AIS members, who are not in an affiliate to join an affiliate.

We can all work together to achieve these goals and any more that come our way.

john pesek



Outgoing RVP Jeanne Plank passes the torch to new RVP John Pesek

Mikey Lango

From the Desk of Jeanne Plank

Something To Think About—

In many ways AIS Region 14 is now and has long been a notable regional division of the AIS. New pathways lie ahead for organizations like ours that are unsettling as well as exciting. New services and offerings like National and Regional E-Bulletins, the E-Register, E-Membership, Iris Facebook, and the Iris Encyclopedia are already at hand, and there is no doubt that these modern services will modify, expand and multiply. In the years ahead every organizational level of in our Society will be called upon to evaluate for relevance, reject, or embrace and absorb, the changes taking place in the world of communication. Change is not easy, and older, established institutions often find change harder to absorb than younger groups. This is the major challenge for our generation of Irisarians. No matter how difficult, this is the *something* that must never be far from having the highest priority in our organizational *thinking*.

The Region has just enjoyed a very successful fall meeting during which well over 55 attending irisarians welcomed a new RVP who will lead Region 14 for the next 3 years. I wish John Pesek bright days, calm seas and smooth sailing as captain of the AIS Ship "Region 14."

To the outstanding "crew" who sailed with me I wish to express my profound thanks for their loyalty, support and continuing effort on behalf of this region. To the Executive Board: Kathy Braaten, Phyllis Wilburn, Helen Franklin, Mary Lee Fortner, Tom Karwin, Gordon Nicholson, Larry Lockhart, Carol Dahout and Lynn Williams; the Standing Committees, and the Affiliate Presidents who served in their various capacities during my term in office, I can only offer my humble thanks for your cooperation, advice and continued efforts on behalf of the region. I wish for John an atmosphere of equal camaraderie and support.

The relevancy of the American Iris Society is in the hands of all irisarians throughout the United States, and closer to home, the future of Region 14 is in the ability of its leaders to embrace the future while holding on to our outstanding tradition.

Something to think about

Jeanne

Gaulter Award

The American Iris Society, Region 14, awards the 2012 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award to Anna & David Cadd in recognition and appreciation of their many years of dedicated service and enthusiastic support of Region 14, including, but not limited to:

- Chairpersons for Awards and Trophies
- Director 2000 – 2002
- Chairpersons for multiple spring and fall meetings of Region 14
- Active judges of American Iris Society gardens and exhibitions
- Presenters of many judges' trainings in garden and classrooms
- Hybridizers and contributors of irises for regional sales
- Organizers of digging and shipping of guest irises
- Presidents of the Santa Rosa Iris Society

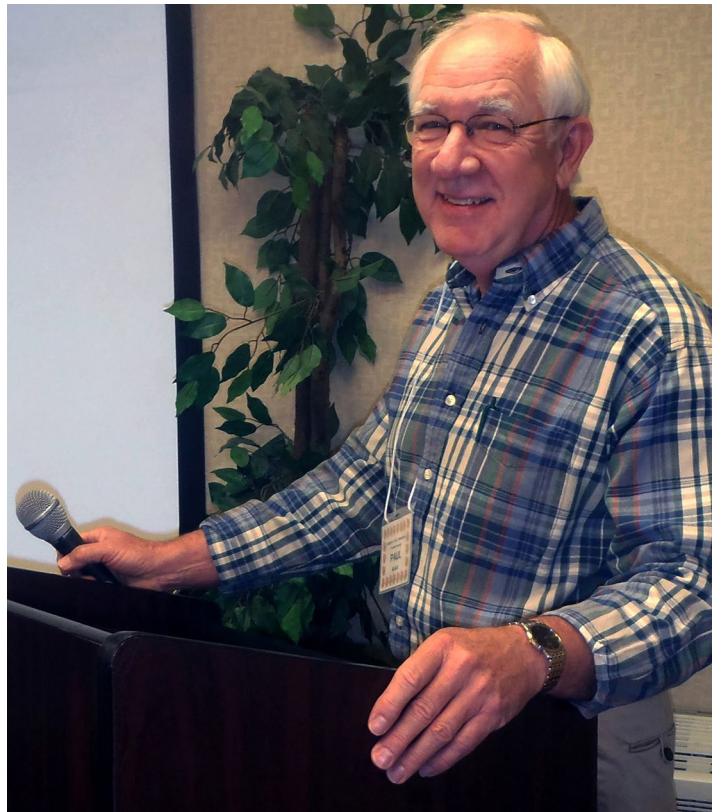
Anna and David have tirelessly promoted interest in the culture and improvement of the Genus Iris and the well being of Region 14 and its affiliates. Therefore, Region 14 is honored to present its highest service award to Anna and David Cadd of Healdsburg, California.

Presented by Jeanne Clay Plank, RVP, Region 14, American Iris Society



Anna and David Cadd receiving the Gaulter Award for Jeanne Plank

Riley Probst



Speaker at the Fall Roseville Regional, Paul Black

Mikey Lango

Region 14 Spring Meeting 2013

On April 26th–28th, 2013, the Sacramento Iris Society will host “Cause for Celebration,” the AIS Region 14 Spring Meeting. Kathy Chilton from Tucson has agreed to be guest speaker and judges training instructor. Two gardens are hosting guest rhizomes from a good variety of west coast hybridizers. Ruth Ostroff’s garden is in the central valley while Mary Ann Horton’s garden in Loomis is at a somewhat higher elevation so we should have somewhat different viewing windows of the bloom season. Every effort is being made to keep costs low while maintaining opportunities for high irisarian fellowship and a great regional meeting. The Spring Regional registration form is available on the website and will be included in the March issue of the Bulletin.

Region 14 Membership

In a recent message to RVP Jeanne Plank (now Past RVP), AIS Membership Secretary Tom Gormley advised that Region 14 continues to have the largest membership among the 24 regions of the American Iris Society. Region 14 has 454 total members.

The next largest are Region 18 (Kansas and Missouri), with 376 members, and Region 4 (Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina, with 362 members.

Abstract of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and General Meetings

Fall Regional October 27, 2012

11:00-12:30; 2:00-3:30 P.M., Roseville, California

NOTE: The following is an abstract of the official minutes by AIS-14 Secretary Phyllis Wilburn. The unedited minutes are available on the AIS-14 website.

Approval of Minutes. Spring Regional Meeting of April 27, 2012, as published July 1, 2012, in the Bulletin. MSC.

Executive Board Reports

Report of Secretary Phyllis Wilburn

May 8, 2012. Executive Board approved the Nominating Committee presented by RVP Plank.

August 16, 2012. Extended Executive Committee approved the Santa Rosa Iris Society as the host of the Spring 2014 Regional Meeting instead of the Fall 2013 Regional Meeting.

August 23, 2012. Nominating Committee announced nominations of Rudy Ciuca for RVP and Phyllis Wilburn for ARVP. The Extended Executive Committee extended the deadline for nominations by petition from September 1st to September 15th. MSC

September 23, 2012. Secretary Wilburn mailed ballots for a special election for the RVP position, with candidates Rudy Ciuca and John Pesek.

October 17, 2012. John Pesek was declared RVP for a three-year term effective with the approval of his appointment by the AIS during its board meeting on November 3, 2012. Phyllis Wilburn, whose candidacy for Assistant Regional Vice President and Judges' Training Chair was unopposed, was declared elected for a three-year term beginning with the term of the approved RVP.

October 2, 2012. The Extended Executive Committee approved a change of the publication date for the Bulletin from November 1st to December 1st. The RVP referred three related motions to an ad hoc committee chaired by Carol Dahout.

Report of Treasurer Helen Franklin (see page 7-9 for report)

Board Reports

Judges Training Chair Kathy Braaten

Bulletin Editor Thomas Karwin

Standing Committee Reports (see AIS-14 website for report summaries)

- Finance/Fundraising Chair Carolyn Craft: no report
- History Chair Jean Richter
- Honorary Awards Chair John Pesek recommended Anna and David Cadd for the Larry Gaulter Award. RVP Plank presented the award to the Cadds.

- Internet Webmaster Ann Pike: no report
- Membership Chair Mary Ann Horton
- Scholarship Chair Terri Hudson: no report
- Science Chair John Stremel
- Trophies and Awards Co-chairs Anna and David Cadd resigned as co-chairs.
- Youth Chair Lorraine Nicholson

Door Prizes

RVP Plank initiated drawings of attendees' registration numbers for eight irises hybridized and donated by Paul Black.

Ad Hoc Committee on Bulletin Issues

- Motion #1 Adopt a rate schedule for garden-related display advertising in the AIS-14 Bulletin and Website, based on 50% of the AIS rate schedule, to be effective in 2013. MSC.
- Motion #2 Publish the AIS-14 Bulletin quarterly, on March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st. MSC.
- Motion #3
- a Create the position of Distribution Manager, to be responsible for specified tasks related to the distribution of the AIS-14 Bulletin. MSC
 - b Establish an annual subscription rate of \$12.00 for paper versions of the AIS-14 Bulletin and allocate \$600 for subsidies of \$6.00 for up to 100 AIS members who request paper versions. Tabled, pending an assessment of the number of such requests.

Election of Director

Carolyn Hoover was elected to represent AIS-14's south area, replacing Gordon Nicholson (whose term had expired).

RVP Jeanne Plank (whose term had expired) thanked those whose service to the Region during her tenure was all-important and immeasurably valuable to the Region's ability to function during rapidly changing times. She thanked the Region for the opportunity to serve as RVP, and presented the gavel to incoming RVP John Pesek. Kathy Braaten presented outgoing RVP Plank with the Region's gift of a Kindle Fire.



REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY 2013 Approved Budget

EXPENSES BY ITEM

Bulletin—Publishing	50.00
RVP Allowance	2500.00
Finance—Summer Fundraiser	0
Beardless Purchases	425.00
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00
Office/Legal	300.00
Sales Taxes	240.00
Judges' Training	1000.00
Committees	
Honorary Awards	300.00
Historian	100.00
Internet	110.00
Membership	50.00
Scholarship	575.00
Science	500.00
Awards and Trophies	650.00
Youth	500.00
S.F. Flower Show-2011	600.00
Donations	100.00
See Money New Societies	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8500.00

REVENUES BY ITEM

Bulletin Advertising	300.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	0
Donations from Societies *	800.00
Donations/Raffles	100.00
Interest	200.00
Judges' Training	500.00
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	300.00
Finance	
Spring Fund Raiser	1,000.00
Summer Fund Raiser-Rhizomes	1,000.00
Fall Beardless Fund Raiser	900.00
Fall Fund Raiser, Raffle/Donations	400.00
SF. Flow Show	200.00

TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5700.00
Total Expenses\$	8500.00
Less total Revenues\$	-5700.00
Expenses Excess of Revenues	-2800.00
Use of Reserve	2800.00
Total	0

Photos of Re-bloomers,
left from top to bottom:
Autumn Tryst, Weiler, 1993
Istanbul, Byers, 1990
Total Recall, Hager, 1992
Innocent Star, G Sutton, 1999
Right, Double Shot, G Sutton, 2000
All iris photos by and property of Riley Probst





Mountain Sunrise, M Sutton, 2007, RE Riley Probst



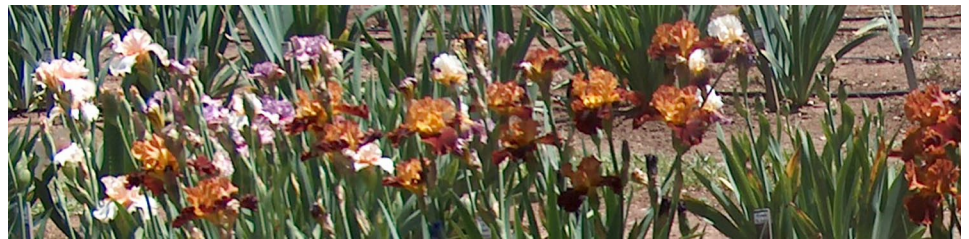
Sugar Maple, G Sutton, 2003, RE-SDB Riley Probst



Olympic Return, G Sutton, 2002, RE Riley Probst



Fruit Stripe, M Sutton, 2009, RE-BB Riley Probst



REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Treasurers Report

For 12-31-11 Through 10-24-12

	BUDGETED	Funds At 12/31/2011	Funds At 10/24/2012
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE		\$ 9,659.45	\$ 11,141.15
SAVINGS—LOUIS OBRIEN		\$ 551.22	\$
SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE		\$20,477.55	\$ 21,297.18
TOTAL ASSETS		\$30,688.22	\$32,438.33
EXPENSES BY ITEM			
Bulletin—Publishing	200.00	687.00	
Postage/Label/Mail	250.00	151.48	
Color Pages	.00	400.00	
Editor Expense	50.00		
RVP Allowance	1500.00	1215.28	399.46
Finance—Summer Fund-raiser	.00		
Beardless Purchases	425.00	430.12	
Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00	32.30	29.64
Sales Taxes	190.00	184.00	243.00
Judges' Training 2012	1000		45.00
Judges' Training 2011		360.00	
Science Committee	500.00		
Awards and Trophies	650.00	306.81	
Honorary Awards	300.00		
Office Legal	200.00		
Supplies		101.84	71.45
RVP Gift			159.00
Fees		20.00	
Printing for special vote RVP			189.10
Office Equipment		30.00	
Name Tags			40.20
Historian	100.00		
Scholarship	575.00	559.29	500.00
Youth Committee	300.00	351.50	348.00
Membership	50.00		36.00
Internet Services	110.00	88.79	81.00
S.F. Flower Show-2011		173.46	
S.F. Flower Show-2012	600.00	355.00	93.20
S. F. Flower Show-2013			355.00
Donation—Weiler2011	100.00	300.00	
Spring Regional 2011		2,082.23	
Fall Regional 2011		2,107.77	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7200.00	9,936.87	2590.05



Action Packed, Paul Black, 2011 Riley Probst



Baby I Love You, Paul Black, 2012 Riley Probst



Dipped in Dots, Paul Black, 2012 Riley Probst



Gaudy is Good, Paul Black, 2010 Riley Probst

TREASURERS REPORT

	Funds At	Funds At	
	BUDGETED	12/31/2011	10/24/2012
REVENUES BY ITEM			
Bulletin Advertising	200.00	145.00	
Bulletin Subscriptions	15.00		
Donations from Societies *	800.00	862.00	1235.00
Donation—other			
Rm rent			
Memorials		200.00	
Donations/Raffles	100.00		
Donations/Rm Rent 2010			
Interest	150.00	268.36	273.41
Judges' Training	500.00		
Registration fees, Spring Regional (MBIS + Donation)	300.00		500.00
Finance, Spring Fund Raiser-Raffle	1,000.00		2036.75
Summer Fund Raiser-Rhizomes	1000.00	1235.50	300.00
Summer Fund Raiser-Donations			
Fall Beardless Fund Raiser	700.00		
Finance, Fall Fund Raiser, Raffle/Donations	250.00		
Fall Regional 2011		4194.00	
Spring Regional 2011		5010.00	
Spring Regional 2112			1986.75
Subtotal	5015.00	11914.86	4295.16
Use of Reserve Funds			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	11914.86	4295.16
Total Expenses	7,200.00\$	9,936.87	2590.05
Less total Revenues	\$-5,015.00	\$-11,914.86	\$ -4,345.16
Excess expenses/revenues	2,185.00	\$ -1,977.99	\$ -1,755.11



Advantage, Paul Black, 2012

Riley Probst

Affiliate News

Clara B. Rees

Clara B. Rees Iris Society had quite a busy summer. We had a lot of rhizomes to dig this year so we not only had our regular rhizome sales at Yamagami's Nursery and Almaden Valley Nursery but had enough for two additional sales at club members Jack and Philippa Alvis's garden. The potting party went well so we have a good number of iris potted and growing for the spring sale in April. Another successful year as the club not only makes a bit of money but also spreads the iris virus! We have added new members to the club this year which always makes us happy.

CBRIS' year runs from September 1 through Aug 31st so we have been busy getting new officers for some of the vacated slots, passing the new budget and getting the new door prize iris list. In addition, we have good programs. We dedicate October to beardless (other than PCI) and November to PCIs.

Our club has had two interesting contacts this past year. Clara B Rees' great nephew, Robert A Loehr, showed up with 'Snow Flurry' rhizomes to share with the club. We have been contacted by Ron Olmstead, a great grandson of Sarah Lester. Sarah was a former neighbor of Clara B. Rees and she had an iris named after her by Clara. Ron's cousin has kept the iris going and he shared some rhizomes with the club—'Sarah Lester' a bright yellow tall bearded iris. We are anxiously waiting for it to bloom for us this coming spring!

We are looking forward to the Christmas party and gift exchange in December. Happy holidays from CBRIS!

Mikey Lango

Fresno Iris Society

Fresno Iris Society flew in Terry Aiken as a guest speaker for our November 5th meeting. We are very excited to have Terry as a speaker.

We are also very pleased and proud to have Riley Probst and Rick Tasco in our society, as they both got awards at the 2012 AIS National (please see our September and October, 2012 newsletters for details. Also member Bill Tyson had a seedling at the National that got a lot of attention. A photo of his seedling is in the AIS Bulletin. We had a celebration in May for the 45th anniversary of our Fresno Iris Society. We now have 55 members. This is the highest membership ever, with about fifteen new members this year. We also have a new sister society that I am also president of called the: Yosemite Iris Society, which meets north of Fresno in the Coarsegold Foothill and Madera-Merced areas.

Caroly Hoover, President, FIS and YIS

Southern Nevada Iris Society

The Southern Nevada Iris Society held its annual iris show, "Iris on Parade," April 14, 2012. The event, held in a public mall, was well attended and provided the opportunity for individuals unfamiliar with iris, to learn about growing iris in the desert. Kathy Braaten and Phyllis Wilburn were the show's judges. Mr. Earl Rusk was awarded Queen of Show for his iris entry, 'Parisian Dawn.' The society looks forward to our public iris sale in July with the hope that most of the attendees' wish list irises are available.

Sue Witt, President, SNIS

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society had a successful rhizome auction and sidewalk rhizome sale in July, and just had an enjoyable potluck get-together in September. We're now gearing up for our beardless iris auction and sale on October 26—stop by the Oakland Garden Center that evening on your way up to the regional!

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

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Our July rhizome sale was a great success this year. It was a two-day event held at Eisley's Nursery in Auburn. In addition to rhizomes, potted irises were available. You know all of those small rhizomes you get when digging & dividing, a couple of our members took six different rhizomes, put them in brown paper lunch bags and sold them as "Grab Bags." Huge hit with the public.

At our August meeting, the guest speaker was the public information officer from the Placer County Mosquito & Vector Control District. Her program was fascinating. Judging from the volume of questions asked, she was very well received. Our club members learned quite a bit. The local rattlesnake chaser/expert will be speaking in the near future. The October meeting will be our annual potluck holiday dinner and awards presentations.

I am writing this before the fall regional, so you will be reading this after the fact. For all of you who did not attend, it was great. Paul Black from Mid-America Gardens was the guest speaker and judge's trainer. Mr. Black, who won four of the AIS top awards this year, is the hybridizer of some of our favorite irises. Region 14 held its budget/board/general meeting. The new RVP & JT-ARVP were elected. (My crystal ball is broken, no predictions). Billie Shea from High Desert Iris Society gave a Facebook demo. There were raffles, auctions, refreshments and merriment all around.

Sacramento Iris Society

SIS had a very good summer of iris-related activities, despite some record heat. We had a very successful rhizome sale in July preceded by a trimming and marking day at Mary Ann Horton's. In addition several folks volunteered to help at other gardens. The sale was at our traditional location, the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park. We have the advantage that local folks know that there is some garden activity happening at that location almost every weekend, so some people just drop by. In addition, we had good publicity for the sale in the local paper and radio station. This was our first year of having a two-day sale on Saturday and Sunday, and we made one third of our proceeds on Sunday, so we think it was worth it.

In addition, we are very involved in plans for the 2013 Spring Regional. We have arranged for a hotel and dinner venue, and are finalizing the details. There will be no buses, but the hotel is conveniently located with easy freeway access to both gardens, and car-pooling will be encouraged. We had a club outing to visit the guest irises this spring at the two gardens, Ruth Ostroff's private garden, and Mary Ann Horton's commercial garden. We are really excited about the gardens and the bloom display that we hope will greet all the folks who come to the 2013 Spring regional.

Phyllis Wilburn, SIS VP & Editor

Santa Rosa Iris Society

Santa Rosa has an incredibly active society that is always doing "something special." The Society has a public iris display garden at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center (LBAGC) where we hold our monthly meetings from February through November. There we grow a representative collection of all or nearly all of the recognized groups of irises, bearded from SDBs through TBs, including all of the 77 American Dykes Medal Award winners, beardless (LA, JI, SIB, SPU, and PCI), as well as several species irises and related irids. We also grow there nearly 100 recent Tall Bearded varieties and a lesser number of smaller bearded irises, the group's "door prize" growing stock. We are reducing the display planting in order to grow guest irises for the 2014 Region 14 Spring Meeting, which the society will host. Seedlings and recent named varieties from Region 14 hybridizers only will be featured there and at least one other "host" garden on the first weekend in May 2014.

On August 5, 2012 Santa Rosa Iris Society held its annual summer barbecue and members-only iris auction/raffle at Richard's Grove at Saralee's Vineyards,

a popular wine country wedding destination in far northwest Santa Rosa. Society member Rick Kunde has generously donated this beautiful private park setting for several years and the society earned about \$1100 from the event this year.

In preparation for our September 8 iris rhizome sale to the public at the LBAGC, the club ordered moss green t-shirts with the club name and logo and similar forest green aprons for members to purchase and wear. Date of the sale was later than usual and allowed a single late summer dig, as the Society also had a booth at the 2nd annual Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds the following week. Iris sales were brisk (totalling over \$2200) at the SRIS booth, one of 250 vendors offering everything from home canned organic jams and handmade herbal candles to seeds of "heirloom" varieties of a dizzying array of crops, along with old breeds of poultry and other farm animals. Seventy speakers were featured.

The Society will close out the year with a "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" costume party and mostly potluck dinner (SRIS will furnish ham or turkey and trimmings) on the afternoon of November 17. Members exemplifying such irises as 'Black Magic Woman' or 'Hot Lips' will vie for gardening related prizes in several categories. We're trying an afternoon time again this year to better accommodate our older members.

Alleah Haley, Newsletter Editor

High Desert Iris Society

Our annual show was held in June this year, which is very late for Northern Nevada. Still, there were plenty of beautiful flowers and lots of competitors and with over 43 entries our show was a great success

Show winners

Evelyn Condo Most Blue Ribbons

Patricia Eisenberg Best in Show

Jane Wertzberger Best Artistic Arrangement

Annual Sale was held on 3 consecutive weekends with a great turnout. Our club gets a percentage of the sale with most of the money going back to the contributors. Only club members may participate and only named varieties are sold. Iris sales seem to be a big hit in Northern Nevada.

Our club continues to grow with 43 members. Several of our members hybridize and many of these varieties have been introduced.

Affiliate News

Monterey Bay Iris Society

The MBIS enjoyed serving as host of AIS-14 Spring Regional Meeting, which had a very good attendance. AIS members came from throughout Region 14 and other region, including one international guest, for the business meetings, garden tours, banquet and other activities. Members of the Tall Bearded Iris Society also attended and convened a concurrent meeting of the TBIS. Longtime member Joe Ghio entertained the group with stories of his early days as a hybridizer. The MBIS was pleased to share the proceeds of the regional meeting with AIS- Region 14 and the TBIS.

The organization officers for 2013 include President Barbara Hanson; Vice-president Riley Probst; Treasurer & Show Chairman Charley Kearns; and Secretary Brenda Woods. Joe Ghio continues as Newsletter Editor and Ann Pike continues as Webmaster and Newsletter Artist. Tom Karwin becomes Past President.

We have recently launched a project to develop a display of Pacific Coast Irises at the University of California, Santa Cruz Arboretum. Director Brett Hall has designated two beds within the Arboretum's California Native Garden area. They total about 800 sq. ft., so we have the potential for a fairly large display, in time. We have a late start this year for planting PCI divisions, so we will focus on planting seeds.

Tom Karwin

James M Gibson Iris Society

George & Margret Sutton have announced they will no longer be coming to our club meetings, the club will miss them, they were the heart and soul of our meetings with stories and lots of lessons on how to grow iris.

In October, two of our members gave a presentation at the Hanford Garden Club on "Gardening with Iris". Hopefully, we get a few new members to join the newest member Shirley Livingston.

Robert and Cathie Sutton are busy getting the garden at the church ready for new seedlings. Robert has made numerous crosses and we can't wait to see the results. Robert Sutton and Sue Bezinque have sent seedlings to Santa Rosa Iris Society for the Spring Regional 2014. See you there.

Yosemite Iris Society

The Yosemite Iris Society has been approved as a new Affiliate of Region 14. It is located in Coarsegold, California, in the Sierras east of Superstition Iris Garden. The society lists eight plus members. Their officers are:

Carolyn Hoover, President—also new Region 14 Director

Riley Probst, Vice President

Shirley Trio, Secretary

William Tyson, Treasurer.

This brings the total affiliates in Region 14 to eighteen, and the number of affiliates located in the Region's southern area to six. Our Iris flock has increased and the High Desert Iris Society in Reno is no longer the baby of the Region!



John Stremel and Larissa Daniel

Mikey Lango



Eleanor Roosevelt, Sass, 1933

Jim Cummins



Crimson King, Barr, 1893

Riley Probst

Differentiating Close Irises

Anna Cadd

About six months ago Jim Begley asked me to help ID an iris that his neighbor has growing along his fence, an old fashioned purple that blooms the whole year around. Two irises came to mind, 'Eleanor Roosevelt' and 'Crimson King'. Both fit Jim's description and it is hard to distinguish one from other. They were introduced 40 years apart and both are older than our parents or even our grandparents; and are still growing in abundance in our gardens and in Europe. Did you know that they both were introduced as IBs? We have 'Crimson King' planted in our Display Garden in the rebloomer bed, and I will try to get 'Eleanor Roosevelt' to plant alongside it for comparison. So I tried to find information about both of them to let Jim decide, which one is his neighbor's pride!

'Eleanor Roosevelt' (Hans Peter Sass, R. 1933). IB, Mid. bloom season & reblooms; Color Code R1D; Reddish purple self, slight fragrance. 'Amas' X (*Iris pumila** X ...) *Possibly *Iris lutescens*, McDade 1933. References: McDade 1933; National 1933; Ida Mary Pattison, Quality Gardens 1933; 1939; Flower Grower 21:2, 100. March 1934 with illustration; Honorable Mention AIS 1936; Bulletin of the American Iris Society 63: 64, October 1936; Award of Merit AIS 1937; Bulletin of the American Iris Society 66:87. Sept. 1937.

From the Cooley's Gardens catalog for 1937:

Deep flourite purple self, with very rich falls. The opening flower is almost black, and the heavy blue beard tends to increase the depth of color. This is the leading fall-blooming iris in commerce today, because it increases very fast, is most reliable in flowering habit, and is one of the most beautiful irises in the garden regardless of its added value as a rebloomer.

Said to have a mild fragrance. You can see it at

<http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Ib/IbEleanorRoosevelt>

From Anna—The beard is sort of sparse and more purple than "heavy blue", tipped bronze. The shoulders are lighter purple with dark purple veins.

'Crimson King'—1893, Barr, IB 22" E & Re. From the Cornell Extension Bulletin 112:

Color effect an intense violet-purple self. Standards pansy violet, lighter to yellowish claw and wavy along the edge. Falls continga purple, almost velvety in texture. The veining is boldly spaced on whitish outer haft, while those on Kochii are not so prominent. Its fragrance is good, its color very intense, and its spathe valves deeply tinged. The persistent green foliage is attractive in winter.

Rebloomer. You can see it at:

<http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Ib/IbCrimsonKing>

From Anna—The beard is sort of sparse and it is white, tipped yellow. The shoulders are almost white, with purple veins. This purple iris is one tone more reddish purple than then bluish purple 'Eleanor Roosevelt'.

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Wanted!

We want your Society's input! What are you doing? We need your photos from the Regionals and Nationals! Give us the highlights from your newsletters! News about your society could appear on this page in the future. Please contact us with your submission. Submissions can be made by email or snail mail.

Membership Matters

Chuck Winters, Region 7 Publications Chair
Reprinted from The Irisarian, Fall 2102

Membership activities in the local clubs and Regional participation cannot be taken for granted. I feel that a vibrant club, run by caring people will always attract new blood. It's easy sometimes to skimp on the important things. Here's a little list of what I think is important—both for local clubs and the Region:

Consistency and Continuity—Club members and prospective members' expectations should be honored.

- * Stick with the published meeting calendar and times
- * Offer a good program at each meeting—no exceptions—and rely on others in the community to be your guest speakers; vary the topics—keep them interesting and publicize the meeting/speaker
- * Keep the business part of the meeting moving and interesting
- * Plan time for social interaction, food, fun and fellowship at every meeting and surrounding the setup and cleanup of events
- * Create an orderly nomination, election and transition of new officers and budgets

Committees and Chairs—It's easy to get into a rut of the same few people making all the decisions, controlling every event, etc. For those doing the work, it sometime seems like no one else will. For those on the sidelines, it's 'why does she always buy the show prizes?'

- * Why not ask someone DIRECTLY to step up and take a bigger role by being a Committee Chair?
- * Give the Committee Chairs budgets and boundaries and let them get creative
- * Make sure there is a reward and respect for doing a good job, and people will agree to do it!

Caring and Communication—Make sure that hospitality for guests (and members) at meetings, sales and shows is a priority (how about a Hospitality Committee?).

- * Don't let texting and email substitute for great printed newsletters, postcards, phone calls, etc.
- * Do your new members feel like they're the most important people in the club?
- * Make sure members know when each thing is happening, and what their specific role is; Solicit ideas at every opportunity; Acknowledge club members and contributors by name, in print, etc.
- * Publish a yearbook with addresses, emails and phone numbers of all members and a copy of the latest bylaws
- * Get a tech person to create and maintain a simple website

Community and Conscience—The only chance you have to entice new members is based upon your reputation in the community.

- * Keep the community aware of your presence through press releases about events or club milestones;
- * Make sure your meeting times are listed on community calendars, with a statement "Open to the Public;"
- * Offer expertise in irises for programs at local garden clubs and other speaking opportunities;
- * Keep in contact with local horticulture and Master Gardener groups; Select one of your meetings each year to hold jointly with another plant group!;
- * Offer to write a column in a local paper or to be quoted for garden articles;
- * Give back to the community and support other non-profits;
- * Get involved and have a presence at fairs, farmer's markets etc.; ALWAYS be willing to help others grow good irises!

Create and Change—Don't be afraid to innovate for the sake of fun and keeping it interesting.

- * If you always have the program at the beginning, try it at the end; if you always have a podium, why not a circle of chairs?
- * NOBODY wants to go to the same old boring meetings with the same old schedule, same old activities and the same old people droning on and on.

Let's conspire to make 2012 the year where we INCREASED membership!



Happy members share mealtime at Fall Regional

Mikey Lango



Carolyn Hoover, Riley Probst and Barbara Pesek

Mikey Lango



Alleah Haley,

Mikey Lango

Fall Regional 2012



Raffle basket winner! Jane Wertzberger, Hight Desert Iris Society

Mikey Lango



Pause, Blyth, 2002, SDB, Best in Show, re-blooming iris, Fall Regional R Probst



Mary Collings, CBRIS

Mikey Lango



Tom Karwin, MBIS

Mikey Lango



Mary Ann Horton

Mikey Lango