



BAY NEWS

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January, 2007

Next meeting Friday, 19, 2006
Doors open 7:00 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Place Native Sons Hall
239 High Street, Santa Cruz

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society



Eva Marple with Santa at the Christmas Party

From The Prez

THE MONTEREY BAY IRIS SOCIETY has an impressive record of active participation by dedicated and enthusiastic members. You have provided the energy, imagination and follow-through that make the Society an exceptionally smooth-running and successful organization. I have every reason to expect that your history of “pitching in” will continue into the future. That results in the Society being enjoyable for all and the job of the president being manageable. I am pleased to fill that role for this exemplary organization.

My first principle as president is to continue the annual series of familiar activities that have defined the Society. The rule is, “Don’t mess with success!” Still, you should expect some differences in style. I will spread the workload around whenever possible, to tap into the energy and creative ideas of many members.

The board members, in particular, will have active roles in keeping the Society “humming” during 2007. They are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. As busy as the board members will be, there will be opportunities for other members to help in important ways. One such opportunity is the chairperson for the Iris Show in April. This leadership role comes with the guidance of clear precedents, a team of experienced helpers and (still) plenty of ways for the chairperson to bring personal creativity to the event. This could be the right task for you this year! If you’re interested, let’s talk.

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2007 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held in Native Sons Hall unless otherwise stated.

Regular Meeting

Friday, January 19.....7:30 P.M.

Program

AIS Convention Photos

Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Regular Meeting

Friday, February 16.....7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 16.....7:30 P.M.

Program

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Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 20.....7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall.....April 27 to April 29

Set up

Friday 9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–8:00 P.M.

Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.–6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 18..... 7:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck



Prez Message cont.

You also will find our 2007 schedule of activities in this newsletter. It's subject to change (isn't everything?) but it provides a clear overview of the coming months. Our newsletter will include details as plans come into focus, and changes as may become appropriate, but you can mark your calendar now and plan to join in the Society's activities throughout the year. ❁❁ Tom

CULTURE TIPS

THIS DECEMBER HAS BEEN RELATIVELY DRY compared to the December of the past couple of years. But we are now in the seventh year of relatively mild winters. January is the month to get your irises cleaned up, fruit trees and roses pruned. For the irises remove all the dead leaves and cut back diseased ones. Also heavy downpours can wash some soil away. If your irises roots are exposed due to this washaway, replace it, covering the roots to their normal level. All pruning and clean up should be completed by the end of the month.

After pruning and garden cleanup it is wise to spray with dormant spray and/or insecticide-fungicide to get those overwintering pests a good zapping. A systemic insecticide is only thing that will get to those pesky aphids hiding inside the folds of your iris leaves.

And then the ABSOLUTELY critical thing to do to your irises is the FERTILIZE them in early February as the new growth begins. Use a balanced fertilize like 12-12-12, 10-10-10 or whatever you find on sale. The higher the numbers, the less you have to use. Just sprinkle it around your irises, keeping it out of the center of the clump. Use about 1/2 cup per small clump. Once sprinkled it, scratch it in. Ideally you get this done just before the rain, and it will work it into the soil. If the rains don't come and your soil is dry, then you will have to water it in. In the cool time of the year, it will take about 4 weeks for the effect of your fertilization program to show in the growth of your irises. ❁❁ Joe

Board of Directors, 2007

Welcome to our new board of directors, and thank on behalf of all members of the Society for volunteering for their respective responsibilities.

Diane Harrison also serves as Membership Chairperson and Artistic Chairperson, and Tom Karwin also serves as Publicity Chairperson

According to the Society's Constitution, the board of directors includes seven officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Editor and Show Chairman) plus six directors from the membership of the Society. We currently do not have a Show Chairman. You can also fill the vacancy in the board positions. Volunteers will be welcome!

Board of Directors 2007

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vacancy

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New Member

Welcome to our new member! Please welcome Brenda and add her to your address books.

Brenda Quist
226 Harvest St.
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Matt Wallace and Adela Feran



Joan Scanlon with Santa



Linda Stemple with Santa

DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer, Rosa Radicchi; 730 Modesto Ave; Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Photos on the Web

Go to <http://montereybayiris.org/gallery/ghio07.shtml> to see Joe's 2007 iris introductions. Open <http://www.picturetrail.com/gmason> to see a collection of iris photos..

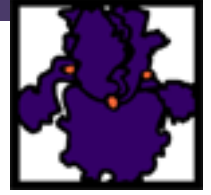
EVENTS FOR 2007

Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

Date	Event	Activity	Location	Time
January 19	Meeting	Convention Photos	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
February 16	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
March 16	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
April 20	Meeting	Mini-show	Native Son' Hall	7:30 P.M.
April 27	Iris Show	Set-up	Capitola Mall	8:00 P.M.
April 28	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-8:00 p.m.
April 29	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-6:00 p.m.
May 18	Meeting	Pizza Potluck	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 15	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30P.M.
June 23	Smart Gardening Faire	Iris Promotion & Sale	Skypark, Scotts Valley	9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
July 21	Summer Picnic	More Irises	Harvey West Park	11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
August 2	Iris Dig for Sale	Prepare for Sale	Joe's Ranch	9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
August 4	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Deer Park Center	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 17	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
September 14	Meeting	Beardless Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
October 19	Meeting	Pacific Coast Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
November 16	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
December 21	Holiday Party	Celebration	Green Valley Grill or ???	6:00 P.M.



DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **ALL ABOUT SPRING**, F.Kerr, Lavender, gold halos on all petals
2. **ALL GUSSED UP**, Burseen, White; brushed blue edge on falls.
3. **BANJO GIRL**, Davis, Magenta, silver in center of falls
4. **COMIC OPERA**, G.Sutton, Unusual blend of colors: rose, pansy, violet, & pink.
5. **DREAM TICKET**, Lauer, S. pink; F. cream, violet edging.
6. **FORTUNATE SON**, Schreiner, Red self; bluish beards.
7. **GILT TRIP**, J.Ghio, S. light wine; F. blackish wine
8. **HOUSE WARMING**, T.Johnson, S. white; F. light lavender blue
9. **ITALIAN VELVET**, Keppel, S. violet; F. black maroon; wide yellow beard.
10. **NIGHT MOVES**, Lauer, S. violet; F. plum, white shoulder markings, red beards
11. **ORION'S GATE**, G.Spoon, S. yellow; F. lavender, gold shoulders
12. **PLUM DUCK**, Kasperek, Medium purple SPEC-X
13. **RARE INNOCENCE**, M. Sutton, White self w/white beard flounces
14. **RESONANCE**, J.Ghio, Silvery lavender-blue
15. **RIVER ROMANCE**, Painter, Mid to light blue self
16. **SHADOW OF NIGHT**, Tasco, Purple with black highlights
17. **SHANTI**, Williamson, Amethyst lilac bitone
18. **SILVER STREAK**, M. Sutton, Rose violet with white streaks.
19. **SPUN CANDY**, D.Spoon, Pink w/silver streaks at hafts.
20. **VIGILANT**, J.Ghio, Neglecta w/black falls.



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