



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Friday, 18, 2007
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



Lynn Williams presenting Joe with AIS Region 14 honor.

Joe Honored

At the Judges' luncheon Lynn Williams presented Joe with the Larry Gaulter award. The award says, "Region 14, American Iris Society proudly presents the 2007 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award to Joseph J. Ghio in recognition of his decades of service and his dedication to the hybridizing and promotion of the genus iris. Joe is a past RVP of Region 14 and the past co-editor of the Regional bulletin. He is also a founding member and staunch supporter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society. It is an honor to present this award."

From The Prez

The Society's 2007 Iris Show was a great success. Congratulations to all the winners for their beautiful, well-grown and well-presented blossoms. On behalf of the Society, I thank Charley Kearns for his capable and dedicated leadership in designing and organizing the Iris Show, and directing the participation of the volunteers. Charley recognizes the Show Team elsewhere in this issue.

Many thanks for the iris enthusiasts who shared their blooms with everyone who came to the Show. Their displays, which are the heart of the Show, provide gardeners throughout the Monterey Bay area with the once-a-year opportunity to marvel over a wide range of iris blossoms of excellent quality.

We do have a solid indicator of the Show's success. So far, we have nine new members of the Society as a direct result of the Iris Show. Welcome to all!

In that connection, I also thank Diane Lauer-Harrison for crating our fine new membership brochure, which surely encouraged at least some of our new members to "take the plunge."

2007 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, February 16 7:30 P.M.

Program

2006 Chelsea Flower Show

Refreshments

Phillipa Alvis and Carolyn Craft

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 16 7:30 P.M.

Program

Creating Floral Displays

Linda Cordy

Refreshments

Charley Kearns and Elena Laborde

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 20 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Ruth Dotson and Pat Wisdom

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, June 15 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Henry Rojas and Lisa Ayala



CULTURE TIPS

WE ARE HAVING OUR FIRST “normal” season in eight years! Growth and bloom has come along as it should. Our show came at peak TB bloom time still a wide array of iris types were represented. Continue enjoying your bloom. You worked all year for this moment. Unbelievably rains came when they should have in just the right amounts. The only abnormal problem observed this year are thrips. These are those black specks that dart around your blooms. They can cause some “burn” on bloom petal edges, especially on light colored blooms. On darker colors, you sometimes note some silver streaks. Also a few blooms might show “bumps” on the bloom surface. Some systemic insecticides can “get” them or just forget about it and let them run their course.

Naturally leaf spot makes its appearance in the spring, but as the weather warms it goes away. Live with it and it will be “gone” by summer. Rust hasn’t been a problem this spring, but it is finally making its appearance now. It also tends to go away as the weather warms.

Cut out the spent bloomstalks. I rather not compost them or any iris material. It seems to have some growth retardant that affects irises in particular. Just put them in your green waste can. 🌸 Joe

Minutes from April 20th

Called to order by Charley Kearns

Treasurer’s report: \$3500 in checking account.

Refreshments: Thank You to Ruth Dotson and Pat

Wisdom

Members Present: 19

Guests: none

Old Business: Reading of last month’s minutes by Secretary.

Charley Kearns reported that the Capitola Mall has an empty storefront that we may use. Setup will be Friday 4-27 after 9 PM; Removal will be at 7 PM Sunday. Members may take their own Iris between 6PM and 6:30 PM, at 6:30 or at Charley’s discretion the rest of the Iris will be removed by the cleanup committee.

The Mall will be open at 7AM so we may stage Iris.

Charley reported to the club the passing of Lois Belardi, Life member of MBIS, and that he had sent flowers on behalf of the club

Charley made a motion that we dedicate the show to Lois Belardi, Seconded by Jim Cummins.

Phillipa Alves made a motion that we donate \$100 in Lois’s name to the A.I.S. Foundation seconded by Brenda Woods

Dianne Harrison gave a brief overview of club bylaw changes to file for group tax exemption status

Reservations for the Christmas party at the Green Valley Grill have been confirmed.

Cabrillo College has sent an open invitation to the club members to attend their Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 18.

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Joe conducted a mini show of Iris brought in by the membership, explaining the virtues and faults of each Iris, a very valuable learning tool for all members.

Meeting adjourned

2007 MBIS SHOW REPORT

by Charley Kearns, Show Chairman

We had 216 entries: 170 named varieties and 46 seedlings. In 2006, we had 227 total, with 173 named varieties and 54 seedlings. This year, Joe Ghio had 49 entries, Elena Laborde: 36, and Jim Cummins: 24. Among named varieties, there were 56 blues, 39 reds, 31 whites, 13 honorable mentions and only 31 not judged. Seedlings won 24 blues. A big round of applause for Elena for winning 7 trophies.

Although several members, who usually provide many entries, could not participate this year, we had almost as many entries as past shows. It is gratifying to see newer members providing many entries. Our youth participation increased with Andie and Brett McEwan joining Willy Sampson.

The Artistic Section was very popular with the public and added a lot to the beauty of the show. Four members participated, creating a total of 12 entries. Diane Lauer-Harrison won Best Design with her ‘Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon’ arrangement. Jim Cummins won People’s Choice

with his 'High Noon' creation. A special thank you to Diane Lauer-Harrison for chairing the Artistic Design Section. Great Job!!

Thanks for all the hard work in putting on the show; and the wide participation among the members. Thanks Ann Pike for another beautiful show program. Jim Cummins and Diane Sampson got us a fantastic article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel. Irene Cummins provided a very nice and well displayed hostess table. Elena Laborde's trophy table was well arranged and grabbed guests attention as they came down the main isle. Sharon Bradrick and Charlynn Ford for assisting me with awards and display. Thanks to all who worked shifts providing hospitality. A special thanks to Jim and Irene Cummins, Ann Pike, Rosa Radicchi for putting in extra long hours during multiple shifts. Thanks again this year to Joe Ghio for making sure our set-up provides the best display, for coordinating the judging and providing valuable consulting and direction.

We want to thank our judges, Glenn Corlew, Gayle Davis, Christine Dickerson, Larry Lauer and Lynn Williams for their contribution to our education in showing irises and the success of our show.

This year, we dedicated our show to Lois Belardi. With Lois' passing we lost a dear friend and MBIS lost a prominent member that contributed so much to the club. Lois' husband, Jack, honored her by entering several bloom stalks from their lovely garden. Jack's entry 'Versailles' won a trophy. Jack's tribute to Lois is an inspiration to us all.

THE AWARD WINNERS:

Best Of Show	Elena Laborde— <i>PCI Close Eye</i>
Best Tall Bearded	Joe Ghio— <i>Pretty Bubbles</i>
Best Tall Bearded—Non Commercial Grower	Jack Belardi— <i>Versailles</i>
Best Tall Bearded— Novice	Shirley Linck— <i>Broadband</i>
Best Bearded, Other Than Tall	Elena Laborde—(IB) <i>This & That</i>
Best Intermediate Bearded	Elena Laborde— <i>This & That</i>
Best Beardless	Elena Laborde— <i>Sinfonietta</i>
Best Louisiana	Elena Laborde— <i>Sinfonietta</i>
Best Spuria	Elena Laborde— <i>Dress Circle</i>
Best PCI	Elena Laborde— <i>Close Eye</i>
Best Species & Species X	Sheryl McEwan— <i>I. douglasiana</i>
Best Seedling	Gary Knipe—(PCI) <i>0534-E11</i>
Best Tall Bearded Seedling	Joe Ghio— <i>033-33F</i>
Best Beardless Seedling	Gary Knipe—(PCI) <i>0534-E11</i>
Best Youth Entry	Brett McEwan—(PCI) <i>Lash</i>
Best Collection	Elena Laborde—(LA) <i>Old South</i>
Ralph Coleman Award (Peoples' Choice)	Diane Sampson—(TB) <i>Slavic Prince</i>
Silver Medal	Elena Laborde—18 Blue Ribbons
Bronze Medal	Joe Ghio—14 Blue Ribbons

Artistic Division

Best Artistic Design

Diane Lauer-Harrison—Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Best Design —Casablanca Diane Lauer-Harrison

Best Design —Gone with the Wind Diane Lauer-Harrison

Best Design—Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Diane Lauer-Harrison

Best Design —Purple Rain Diane Lauer-Harrison

Best Design —Jungle Book Willy Sampson

Best Design —High Noon Jim Cummins

Peoples' Choice Artistic Jim Cummins—High Noon



Brett McEwan by his award winning iris, Lash

New Members

As a result of the show we have 10 new members. We look forward to meeting and getting to know them at up coming meetings and the July picnic.

The new members are, Paul and Lynn Bock, Soquel; Stephani DeMille, Watsonville; Marie Devery, Watsonville; Wendy King, Santa Cruz; Carol D. Payne, Felton; Clara Pitman, Santa Cruz; Jean Tarr, Santa Cruz; Barbara Timar, Salinas; and Ken Wunderlich, Santa Cruz.



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Finally, the Cabrillo College Foundation has announced that this year's recipient of the Monterey Bay Iris Society Scholarship is our own Sheryl McEwan, who earned the Horticulture Department's recognition through her exceptional performance as a student as well as her dedication to the cultivation of irises and many aspects of gardening and landscaping. Congratulations, Sheryl!

During our regular meeting on Friday, April 20th, we are scheduled to receive the board's recommendations for our revised bylaws and our application for non-profit, tax-exempt status under the auspices of the American Iris Society. These are both "big deals," but we'll make every effort to deal with them briefly, as well. I'll see you at the meeting!! ❁❁ Tom





DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **ALL GUSSED UP**, Burseen, White; brushed blue edge on falls.
2. **BAMBOO SHADOWS**, Keppel, Green-gold self
3. **CRAZY**, D.Spoon, Magenta, fuzzy magenta horns
4. **DREAM TICKET**, Lauer, S. pink; F. cream, violet edging.
5. **FABULOUS ONE**, Nicodemus, Neglecta; S. light blue; F. velvety deep blue
6. **HONEYCOMB**, Lauer, S. peach; F. white, orange band
7. **HOUSE WARMING**, T.Johnson, S. white; F. light lavender blue
8. **IMAGERY**, T.Johnson, Soft pearly lavender self.
9. **IN STYLE**, T.Johnson, White with yellow rim on falls.
10. **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**, M. Sutton, S. white veined gold; F. white w/gold band
11. **OVERBOARD**, L.Miller, Blue white w/falls brushed blue plum
12. **PEGGY SUE**, Lauer, Pink rebloomer
13. **ROYAL TOGS**, L.Miller, S. orchid plum; F. blackish plum; red beards.
14. **SHADOW OF NIGHT**, Tasco, Purple with black highlights
15. **SILVER STREAK**, M. Sutton, Rose violet with white streaks.
16. **SPUN CANDY**, D.Spoon, Pink w/silver streaks at hafts.
17. **STANDING ALONE**, L.Miller, Rosy red (Lady Friend color)
18. **STAR CHALLENGER**, D.Spoon, Ruffled purple rebloomed
19. **INSIDE JOB**, J.Ghio, Blue luminata.



PIZZA NIGHT

Club provides the pizza and drink, bring something to go with pizza

