



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Friday, 15, 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



Japanese Iris are now in bloom.

From The Prez

DURING OUR GENERAL MEETING in May, the members approved the board's recommendation to apply for tax-exempt status under the auspices of the American Iris Society. The most significant element of the application is a revision of the MBIS bylaws.

The board recommended that we retain the current bylaws without essential changes, and add sections from the model bylaws presented by the AIS's pro bono attorney, Bob Plank. These additions bring our bylaws into compliance with regulations for tax-exempt organizations.

The board subsequently recommended modifying the current provision that limits officers of the MBIS to four consecutive one-year terms. The Show Chairman position is already exempted from this limit. The Board recommended also exempting the Editor position from this limit. The four-year term limit still applies to the other officer positions: President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary. I have sent our draft application for tax-exempt status to Attorney Bob Plank for his review and comment. I will make any final changes that may be necessary and file our application by the deadline date of June 15, 2007.

2007 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, June 15..... 7:30 P.M.
Program

Matt Zemny, 2006 Chelsea Flower Show (digital photos)

Refreshments

Henry Rojas and Lisa Ayala

Smart Gardening Faire

Sky Park, Scotts Valley June 23rd
Saturday 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 21.... 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
Harvey West Park
Potluck and Auction

Annual Sale

Dig..... Joe's Ranch
Thursday, August 2..... 9 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center
Saturday, August 4.... 9 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, August 17, 2007..... 7:30 P.M.
TBA

Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Join the wired group! Get your monthly newsletter online-Color photos!



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I also asked Attorney Plank if our proposed new tax-exempt status would limit the traditional use of MBIS funds to subsidize Christmas dinners for our members.

The draft application will be on our website, montereybayiris.org, for reference. Our bylaws include a clear process for revising the bylaws, so at any time the MBIS can make additional revisions that may be desired.

Finally, please see Diane Sampson's message elsewhere in this issue of Bay News, inviting members to participate in the MBIS booth at the Smart Gardening Faire. The event will be on Saturday, June 23, 2007. Members can participate by providing irises for sale at the booth and helping at the booth for a couple of hours during the day. The rewards for spending time in the MBIS booth include the opportunity to visit other booths at the Faire and hear talks by highly qualified experts on sustainable gardening and landscaping. I'll see you at our regular meeting, June 15th, and at the Faire! ❀❀ Tom



Smart Gardening Faire

Sat. June 23 9am-5pm

Skypark in Scotts Valley

Come join MBIS as we host a booth at the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners Smart Gardening Fair — a day of free gardening information.

One very important thing, MBIS needs your surplus iris plants..either rhizomes or in pots! We do need people digging and labelling the rhizomes from their own yard, so we can offer a few plants to the public at this big gardening event. So far, Charley and Elena have volunteered to bring plants , but we need more. Everyone, please bring photos of the varieties, so people will know what color they are buying.

At the Monterey Bay Iris Society booth, we will have a tent for shade and chairs to sit in. We'll have our iris banner, iris catalogs, iris literature and iris plants to sell. At the booth itself we need help selling the plants, and chatting with the attendees until 5 PM. We are sure to have lots of interest and fun at our booth!

Schedule

- 8 a.m.–10 a.m. set up Charley and Diane
- 10 a.m.–12 a.m Ann & need second volunteer
- 12 p.m.–2 p.m. need volunteers
- 2 p.m.–4 p.m. need volunteers
- 4 p.m.–6 p.m take down..... need volunteers

If you can help, call 831-728-1339 or E-mail Diane at debsampson@baymoon.com and tell Diane what are the best hours for you to be there.

NON-IRIS PLANT EXCHANGE

This is the month to bring and share you nice no-iris plant. Bring cutting, bedding plants, veggies, etc. and lay them out on the lawn in fron of the Hall. Take what you want and enjoy them in your garden.



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CULTURE TIPS

WE JUST FINISHED a really fine bloom season. Weather was just perfect for superior bloom and growth. This was the best bloom on our roses in 57 years of growing them. Visited Oregon and the weather was perfect (compared to last year) and the bloom was the best I have seen it there. No one can match what Keith Keppel has in his seedling beds. His discards are better than most of the introductions you find on the market. Made my usual pollen dapping in his garden to suplement the cross I made at home

This year the growth on the irises is fantastic. Huge rhizomes bristling with increase. (pity the poor commercial grower who has to ship them with the new jump in postal rates!). It has been days of June Gloom which means your irises need little or no watering. Remember to cut off all watering at least two weeks before you plan to dig them. Our irises will receive no water this year.

Cut or snap out the spent bloom stalks; dig any weeds; and check your labels. Diseases and pests don't seem to be much of a problem this year. This fact is probably due to the cold winter we finally had. If you have any baby seedlings; replant them promptly to increase your chances of them blooming next spring. ❀❀ Joe



2ND ANNUAL SMART GARDENING FAIRE

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR HOME GARDENERS

The first one was such a phenomenal success, we're doing it again.

The Monterey Bay Master Gardens, in conjunction with the Parade of Ponds, will present the second annual Smart Gardening Faire at Skypark in Scotts Valley on Saturday, June 23, 2007 from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M.. This free event for home gardeners will present up-to-date knowledge about horticulture, water conservation, sustainable gardening and landscaping for novice and experienced gardeners.

The events of the day will include talks by strongly qualified speakers and demonstrations by local gardening and landscaping groups plus a marketplace of plants and garden related items. The day will be rounded out with children's activities, live music and food booths.

Complete information can be found on the website: www.smartgardening.org.

Sponsors

Three water districts are major sponsors: Scotts Valley Water District; San Lorenzo Valley Water District; and Santa Cruz Water District. The Faire offers them a venue to provide public information on water conservation through the use of drip irrigation and other methods. Their information is most timely now as we anticipate severe drought conditions.

The Faire's organizing committee welcomes the support of these sponsors, and soon will announce additional sponsors

Speakers

In keeping with the mission of the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners, the Faire's activities will focus on educational presentations. We will have speakers at three sites within the Faire, as follows:

Recreation Room

- 10:30 Angel Guerzon "Invasive Plants Introduced through Horticulture"
11:30 Joe Biondo "The World of Succulents"
12:30 Fran Albrecht "Creating Deer-resistant, Drought Tolerant Container Gardens"
1:30 Fred McPherson "Watersheds, Climate Change and the Effect on the Home Gardener"
2:30 Bobby Markowitz "Rainwater Harvesting in the Home Garden"
3:30 Monterey Bay Master Gardeners "Planning & Creating a Garden in Your Child's School".

Senior Center

- 10:30 Alrie Middlebrook "Designing California Native Gardens"
11:30 Monique Smith Lee "Bats - Our Friends in the Garden".
12:30 Thomas Wittman "Non-toxic Burrowing Rodent Control"
1:30 Barrie Coate "Trees in the Home Garden Landscape"

- 2:30: Renee Shepherd "Rainbow Gardening - The Ultimate Kitchen Garden"

- 3:30 Roxanne Evans,

Speakers Tent

In a new feature of the Faire for this year, several local garden societies will give brief presentations, often with demonstrations, on their gardening area of particular interest. We will announce individual speakers and topics as the schedule is confirmed.

Exhibitors

We are expecting up to fifty exhibitors for the 2007 Faire. The exhibitors represent local gardening groups, ecologically minded landscapers, recyclers, and more. Many exhibitors also will have demonstrations and plant sales. The list of exhibitors is on www.smartgardening.org.

Marketplace

Nurseries ranging from FezQ in Carmel Valley to Crescent Hill Nursery, Astone's Protea to Surf City Growers and Terra Sole Nurseries will have booths. Both individual artists and a group of artistic Master Gardeners will offer garden-related art for purchase.

Demonstrations

Attendees can learn to build a professional-grade waterfall and pond, in a major demonstration by professional pond builders from Brookside Water Garden Center from 9 AM to 12 Noon. This demonstration at the Smart gardening Faire will be the first stop in this year's Parade of Ponds.

Additional demonstrations—many of which will be hands-on—include the following: tool sharpening, plant propagation and composting. Experts will answer questions on plant problems.

Children

The Life Lab Science Program will present a full day of garden-oriented activities for children, making the Smart Gardening Faire a family event. Life Lab activities are being partially sponsored by the Valley Women's Club.

Music

The Cabrillo College Farmers Market String Band will play during the day to add to the festivities.

Directions

Take Highway 17 to Scotts Valley
Leave Highway 17 at the Mt. Hermon exit.
Continue .7 mile on Mt. Hermon Road.
Turn right on Kings Village Road.
Follow Kings Village Road to the end and turn left into Skypark.





DOOR PRIZES IRISES



This is the last drawing of the season. Your winnings for the year will be distributed at the July picnic.

1. BUBBLING WAVES, J.Ghio, Bubbled ruffled mid blue
2. EARTH GIRL, D.Spoon, Mauve plicata w/fuzzy white horns
3. GILT TRIP, J.Ghio, S. light wine; F. blackish wine
4. IMAGERY, T.Johnson, Soft pearly lavender self.
5. IN STYLE, T.Johnson, White with yellow rim on falls.
6. ITALIAN VELVET, Keppel, S. violet; F. black maroon; wide yellow beard.
7. MAGIC HAPPENS, J.Ghio, White w/blue lines overall the falls.
8. NOVEL IDEA, J.Ghio, Pink w/violet lines & speckles
9. ORION'S GATE, G.Spoon, S. yellow; F. lavender, gold shoulders
10. RHINELANDER, Schreiner, Mauve grape self.
11. SHANTI, Williamson, Amethyst lilac bitone
12. SIGNAL RED, D.Spoon, Mauve pink with huge read beards.
13. SPIRITS RISING, L.Miller, Pink with upturned pink horned beards.
13. STANDING ALONE, L.Miller, Rosy red (Lady Friend color)
14. TROPICAL EVENING, Aitken, S. lavender; F. black
15. UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN, F.Kerr, Honey and pink lavender blend.
16. UPPERMOST EDGE, F.Kerr, White w/blue washed edges on falls.
17. VIGILANT, J.Ghio, Neglecta w/black falls.
18. NIGHT MOVES, Lauer, S. violet; F. plum, white shoulder markings, red beards
19. KISSES LIKE WINE, F.Kerr, Amoena w/burgundy falls and white sunburst.



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