



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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July, 2007

Next meeting Saturday, 21, 2007
Harvey West Park 11 A.M.
Auction
Potluck
Pick up Door Prize iris

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

ANNUAL JULY PICNIC!



Bidding on iris at the July picnic.

2007 Calendar

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

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, September 21, 2007..... 7:30 P.M.
Program..... Tall Beardless

Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Regular Meeting

Friday, October 19..... 7:30 p.m.
Program..... Pacific Coast Iris

Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Regular Meeting

Friday, November 16..... 7:30 P.M.
Program..... TBA

Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

NOTE!!!

Early deadline for August Newsletter! All material must be received by July 27!

From The Prez

WE GETTING GEARED UP FOR OUR FAMOUS annual summer potluck picnic and iris fest, which will happen on July 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in Harvey West Park. Mark your calendar, bring food to share and bring your wallet or checkbook for the auction of outstanding irises. If you are bringing irises to the picnic, dip them first in a 9:1 water:bleach solution to remove any possible forms of the Light Brown Apple Moth.

This occasion also includes the distribution of irises that members (and guests) have won as door prizes during our meetings. The waiting is finally over, and you'll have to remember your selections when you receive them.

The picnic has consistently been a fine occasion of good food, good friends and good plants, so plan to attend.

We'll announce digging and labeling sessions soon. We will need your participation in this important task. It's always a treat to get together for productive activity outside of our regular meetings. We'll send an e-mail announcement of the times of these sessions. If you don't have email but would like to participate, call me (760-6727) for the schedule.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that our application for group tax exemption was delivered to AIS Attorney Bob Plank in a timely manner. He has replied that it's all in order, so we should expect to receive confirmation of our tax exemption. We haven't been told what form that will take, but we'll recognize it when it arrives. We also haven't been told how long the process takes, but it involves the IRS so we can be confident that it will be done right! ❀ Tom



CULTURE TIPS



THE SUMMER MONTHS are the time to dig and replant irises. There is no need to worry about bearded irises that out of the ground. Simply store them with their all their leaves in an upright position in a cool shady place. Cut the leaves back when you're ready to plant them.

If replanting in the same location, amend your soil with humus like compost, well rotted manure, and if your soil is heavy even some sand. A nice handful of bonemeal in each hole will bring benefits later.

On new stock that you get elsewhere and even your own, it is wise to soak in a bleach solution for 10–15 minutes. The rate is 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. When you remove them from the bleach solution, rinse in clean water, and dry them completely before replanting. The drying is very important or you are likely to get deformed growth. If available a dunking in a Terriclor solution is also wise, then dry them.

Label as you plant and always make a map of your planting. The map is a fall-back in case you misplace labels or just don't like labels in your garden. 🌱 Joe



International Opportunity

UCSC is hosting groups of Japanese Junior High & High school students and is looking for families to host 4 students each for a lunch and afternoon in their homes on Sunday August 5.

For more information contact Iris Society Member Cindy Schuette 426-5648 or 818-5506 kinikiasch@cruzio.com if you are interested.

Dig Region 14 Guest Irises

The dig dates for the guest irises at the Sutton Iris Garden has to be moved to Thursday and Friday, July 12th and 13th. The dig date for the James M. Gibson Iris Society garden will remain on Saturday, July 14th. Both digs are at 16592 Road 208, Porterville, CA 93257.

Spring Regional 2009

I am please to announce that the Santa Rosa Iris Society has submitted a request to host the 2009 Spring Regional and that by electronic vote of the Executive board, has been confirmed. Please talk to the members of your society and ask if any hybridizer in your society is interested in donating guest irises for the 2009 Spring Regional. Specific instructions for submitting the rhizomes will be published in the Summer Bulletin, or you may contact David Cadd, 329 North Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448, (707) 433-8633, caddsir@comcast.net who will be in charge of receiving the rhizomes.

Lynn Williams
Region 14 RVP

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Iris Dig for August Sale

We will be digging iris for the sale at Joe's ranch on Thursday, August 2nd from 9:30 A.M. until we are finished (about noon or 1 P.M.). **All members are encouraged to attend!** Take Freedom Blvd and make a left Corralitos Rd (by Aladdin's Nursery). Pass the school on the left side of the road, then slow down and after 2 houses you will see the field of iris behind the row of roses. Park on the shoulder of the road.

Please bring permanent markers, scissors, shovels, a folding chair, folding table if you have one, comfortable shoes, a sun hat, something to drink, and **many, big!!** cardboard boxes! Also **bring the irises you are donating for the sale.**

Generous donations of rhizomes from our members are what makes this sale a success. We need your healthy, well grown, names increases. If you don't have time to write their name, you may bring the clumps in paper bags with the name written on the bag, and they can be cut and named at the ranch.

If you cannot come to the ranch, please send them with another member or bring them early the morning of the sale already named and cut.

Prizes—we will have a raffle, everyone will go home with a recent introduction!

We will also need reliable volunteers with trucks/vans/pickups to take the irises, keep them until Saturday and bring them to the sale.

MBIS Annual Iris Sale

When Saturday, August 4th, 2007
Where Deer Park Shopping Center, courtyard in front of the Red Apple Café
Set up Time 7:30 a.m. We need help for the set up. Helpers get first choice of selections.

We hope you will help us sell during the morning. If you did not take the irises you are donating to Joe's ranch on Thursday, Please cut the fans to about 12", cut roots to 5" or 6", **print the name clearly on the middle leaf with a permanent marker**, and write the color if possible. If you bring varieties other than TBs, please mark IB (intermediate), BB (border), SDB, (standard dwarf), DDB (miniature dwarf, MTB (miniature tall).

Sale Time 9:– to noon (or sell out).

If you cannot get to Deer Park early, please drop your donation iris at the home of a member who will be there for set up.

Please bring brown grocery bags if you have any, comfortable shoes, and lots of friends to buy our iris.



Charley Kearns, Diane and Willy Sampson set up for the Faire photo by Shirley Linck

My talk about irises was just an explanation about the various types of irises, like Pacific Coast, Tall bearded, Louisiana, Spuria and Japanese. People asked me lots of questions about cultivation and hybridization. Shirley was there until noon, Charlie was there until past 2:00, Pat and Ruth were until about 3:00. Brenda and I were the only ones left at the end. We finally dropped our prices to \$1.00 a rhizome so we would not have to cart them all away, and we gave the last 50 or so nubbins to the Master Gardeners. Brenda and I folded up those shade tents in the wind about 4 PM. We may have been the first booth to close up, but a table had actually blown over in the wind! It was so funny the way the banners and tent cloth blew all around like sails in the gusts of air! The club made \$638 minus expenses, and the publicity was really priceless. Every customer took a new iris club brochure and a flyer reminder about the August sale. So it seems like an event for the club to continue doing.

Master Gardener's Smart Gardening Fair

Saturday, June 23, 2007

by Diane Sampson

The crowd was light, but continuous. all day long. Everyone wanted to buy a few irises. Suncrest Nursery in Watsonville let me cut all the Japanese iris blooms I wanted, so we had a full vase of 21 stems of lovely Japanese irises on display at our booth. Brenda brought a nice stem of Doable Shot, a purple and white plicata, and the Cummins brought a couple of pots of irises in bloom.

Digging Tips

Iris are best dug from dry soil as they will be semi-dormant and keep better. So don't water for 2 weeks before digging. If your soil is hard to dig—add lots of compost for next year— and it's OK to water the day before digging to make it easier. A digging fork is much better than a shovel; it penetrates the ground easier and won't slice through roots etc. If soil sticks to the clump you can stick the fork in the ground and bang the clump on the top of the tines to loosen it. Be sure to label the iris or toss the clump in a bag and write the name on the bag side.



Diane, Brenda, Shirley and Charley at the Smart Gardening Fair

photo by Willy Sampson



Picnic, Raffle and Auction

Area B Harvey West Park, Santa Cruz

July 21th, 2007, 11:00 a. m.

Area B is in the center of the picnic area under the big oak tree.



Door Prizes This is the time to pick up the door prize irises you won during the year. If you can't make the picnic, have someone pick them up for you or they will be auctioned off.

Directions to Park Coming toward Santa Cruz on Hwy 17 or Hwy 1, follow the signs to Half Moon Bay. At the first light turn northwest on Hwy 9 towards Felton. Turn left at the first possible turn, left again at the stop sign on Limekiln Ln.; it turns into Coral St.; follow it to the end. Turn right on Evergreen and go **straight ahead** to the park. Look for the picnic tables under the big oak tree, and for the MBIS sign on the left of the road.

Food and Beverages Bring a dish to share with 10–20 other (salad, veggies, main dish or dessert) and what ever you would like to drink.

What Else to Bring Your own plate, utensils, and glass. A table cloth if you want to cover the table. Paper bags for your new irises. A hat if you like, chair to be more comfortable, **money** or checkbook to pay for incredible iris bargains, and last, but not least bring iris! Bring an increase of last year's door prizes and other newer varieties. **You don't need to cut the fans.** Please write the names with a **permanent marker** on the **lower part** of the **middle leaf**.



Iris Club Members

It is time to dig an increase from each of the irises you won as door prizes last year, to bring to the July picnic. If you have these in your garden, chances are you have them because of the raffle at our meetings. If you are a new member, these irises should be available. Be sure to be there, because this is the best place to get new irises for your garden. Members share their best irises at this picnic.

Also, if you have them, everyone please bring at least one rhizome fan from each of these irises in your garden:

Diane

All Night Long, Duncan, Black-purple; Angel Wings, Miller, bubbly white, blue horns; Applause Line, Ghio, S. light blue; F. black-blue, lighter rim, B. red; Augustine, Schick, S. cream, F. toasted orange; Blazing Beacon, Tasco, S. gold, F. ochre-bronze; Blinding Light, Ernst, Yellow amoena; Blue Persuasion, Aitken, Light blue amoena; Blue Temptation, Schreiner, Large cerulean blue; Bowled Over, Ghio, S. pink, F. orchid, ruffled; Braggin Rights, Burseen, White, blue edge of F. and purple horns; Breath of Dawn, Sutton, Orange, flushed pink; Brilliance, Painter, Bright Spanish Orange; Brilliant Glow, Miller, Cantelope orange; Broken Record, RE, Sutton, Violet, lined & splashed white; Bubble Bubble, Ghio, Black purple luminata; Buffalo Gap, Burseen, Pink splashed deeper; By Design, Kerr, S. light blue, F. blue black, B. red; Champagne Bubbles, Ghio, S. pink-violet, F. silver; Chartered Course, Kerr, S. Lavender, F. red purple. RE; Cheerful Doll, Miller, MTB, orchid pink; Clothed in Glory, Kerr, Yellow; brown band on F; Clouds of Glory, Richardson, Pale blue, deeper F. edges; Creative Vision, Kerr, S. oyster, F. blackish red; Discovered Treasure, Johnson, S. buff pink, F. orchid-violet; Drifting Bubbles, Ghio, Lacy light pink; Explicit, Ghio, S. gold F. black maroon, yellow spray pattern; Garnet Slippers, Keppel, IB, red bicolor; Gossip Column, Sutton, S. pink, F. white, lavender horns; Heaven and Earth, Lauer, Pink amoena; Hook Up, Miller, Blue violet neglect, short horns; Joyful Skies, Schreiner, Delphinium blue; Looky Loo, Ernst, S. white, F. red violet, white spray pattern; Love is All Around, Aitken, S. lavender, F. red purple, lighter edges; Mango Passion, Lauer, Intense orange; My Blue Heart, O. Brown, AB, light blue; Party's Over, Meek, S. lavender, F. ochre-cream; Passion for Lace, Nicodemus, BB, lacy fuchsia; Passion Play, Lauer, Pink, S. lighter; Patton Snowfall, Niswonger, White, RE; Persona, Keppel, MTB, S. rose, F. white, veined violet; Prague, Johnson, S. peach, F. burgundy black; Pretty Bubbles, Ghio, S. peach, F. cream, bubbled; Public Secret, Meek, S. blue, F. cocoa pink; Purple Serenade, Schreiner, Huge mulberry claret; Quantum Leap, Sutton, Plum plicata, horns RE; Rainy River, Painter, Violet blue, deeper in center of F; Rodeo Girl, Schreiner, Yellow grown plicata, brown dotting on edges; Royal Sterling, Keppel, Clear lavender, white beards; Sacred Harp, Williamson, S.

lemon, F. rose-lavender; Santa Was Here, Niswonger, S. buff pink, F. white, buff shoulders; Sarah Sunshine, Burseen, Orange, spoons beards; Smoldering Fire, Nicodemus '04, Red black, Best in Show, Capitola, '05; Socialist, Johnson, S. lilac, F. black purple; Straight Up, Sutton, Burgundy plicata, spooned beards; Strange Sensation, Ernst, S. grey-violet, F. peach; Sugar Creek Blues, Nicodemus, Blue amoena; Sunbreak, Keppel, IB, violet/rose luminata; That's All Folks, Maryott, Huge gold; white spray pattern; Tom Cat, Lauer, S. cream, F. cream & blue; Transworld, Davis '04, Blue-violet, white spot on F; Upper hand, Ghio, S. gold, F. blue/violet/red; and Visual Intrigue, Tasco, S. blue; F. purple, white spray pattern.