



BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Friday, 16, 2008
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



Best of Show winner Debbie Kinslow and Jessie Bush with MTB Persona

From The Prez

By the time you see this issue of Bay News, our Annual Iris Show will be over. It was a fine event again this year, with the coming together of many MBIS volunteers with the leadership of Show Chairman Charley Kearns, our esteemed judges with the expert guidance of Joe Ghio, and of course the home gardeners who attended the Show to appreciate the excellent entries and learn about the genus Iris. The Annual Iris Show is each year's highlight of our continuing efforts to encourage home gardeners to enjoy the beauty of irises.

Look for Show Chairman Charley Kearns report of the Show on another page of this issue of Bay News. At our regular meeting on May 16th, we'll hear Charley's complete report of the Show and congratulate the award winners. That meeting

2008 Calendar

Regular Meeting

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

Pizza Potluck

Everyone bring side dishes!

Regular Meeting

Friday, June 20 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Ann P, Pat and Art

Smart Gardening Faire

Sky Park, Scotts Valley June 21rd

Saturday 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 19.... 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Harvey West Park

Potluck and Auction

Annual Sale

Dig Joe's Ranch

Thursday, July 31st 9 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center

Saturday, August 3.... 9 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, August 15, 2007..... 7:30 P.M.

TBA

Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Pizza Potluck!

May meeting is a potluck!

Open Gardens this month

Check with members regarding viewing open gardens. Thanks for sharing the beautiful blooms.

GIS Photo Contest

<http://www.irises.org/photocontestmain.htm>



will include our popular once-a year Pizza Potluck, so be sure to mark your calendar.

Also at that meeting we'll hear what happened at the AIS Region 14 board meeting, which was held on April 25th. The agenda for that meeting lists several important topics, including two of particular relevance to MBIS:

1. The board awarded the AIS Region 14 Scholarship for 2008 to MBIS Vice-President Sheryl McEwan, who is studying for the degree, Associate of Science in Landscape Horticulture at Cabrillo College. Congratulations Sheryl!

2. The board considered my proposal for an electronic version of Region 14's Bulletin to reduce the expense of publishing and increase its value to members.

Two of our members, Marlene Wiley and Phillipa Alvis, had planned to attend the Region 14 Board meeting on our behalf, and I have asked them let us all know what happened.

Come to our regular meeting on May 16th. It will be an interesting discussion and another enjoyable occasion with our iris friends. 🌸 Tom

CULTURE TIPS

WE ARE HAVING ONE of the best bloom seasons ever. This is usually the case when we have lots of rain early followed by a relatively dry March and April as we have had this year. Peak bloom hit at its normal "peak day" April 27th for the first time in quite a while. Peak bloom is the day you can go into the garden and find show stalk after show stalk. Too bad we had to move the show to May 3rd. Also the dry weather meant little disease this spring which is a godsend.

The main thing to do now is cut out or snap out the spent stalks. Give your irises a watering every 7-10 days through June. If you are pushing for rebloomers, a light application of triple 10 fertilizer should be given after the spring bloom is over and continue giving you rebloomers adequate water through the summer.

I hoped you checked your irises for correctness of name during the bloom. Make those corrections on your labels and chart. The irises we sell or trade should be correctly named. Did you make note of which varieties you plan to discontinue? And which ones you want to add this year? www.irises.org gives links to many growers. And you will have the opportunity to get some at our picnic or sale. 🌸 Joe

BLOOMERS

This is bloom season. There is no rebloomer drawing this month! Rebloomer drawing starts again in August and goes until February.



Newsletter Deadline!!!

June deadline is an early one. Please get submissions in by Friday May 30th. Newsletter will be printed June 4.



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2008 MBIS SHOW REPORT

by Charley Kearns, Show Chairman

We had 167 entries: 130 named varieties and 37 seedlings. In 2007, we had 216 total, with 170 named varieties and 46 seedlings. This year, Charley Kearns had the most entries for named varieties (26). Joe Ghio had the most total entries (40) including seedlings. Among named varieties, there were 39 blues, 36 reds, 15 whites, 14 honorable mentions and only 26 not judged. Seedlings won 17 blues.

Although we had fewer entries this year, more members participated. 20 participated, compared to 15 last year. We are always happy to have newer members participating. And, we are especially proud of our 4 youths that participated in the Horticultural Division and well as the Artistic Division.

The Artistic Section was again very popular with the public and added a lot to the beauty of the show. Seven participated, creating a total of 16 entries. Lisa Ayala won Best Design with her 'Corralitos' arrangement. Pat Lindstrom won People's Choice with her 'Big Basin' creation. Andie McEwan won best of the youth category with her "Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk" entry.

We want to thank all the participants, especially the 4 youth participants for their beautiful and creative entries. We hope for even greater participation next year.

We appreciate, and thank Diane Lauer-Harrison for her hard work in creating the artistic categories and pre-show planning. A special thanks to Lisa Ayala for stepping in at the show and making sure it was successful.

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 Cindy Schuette did a great job with the trophy table. Thanks to all who worked shifts providing hospitality. Rosa Radicchi and Ann Pike spent very long shifts on Saturday at the host table and tying up loose ends after most of us rushed off after the judging. M'Jeanne Erwin worked multiple shifts on Sunday. Jessie Bush worked several shifts both days. Many members worked hard at various times during the weekend THANKS! 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.



Rosa and Charley tally up the winning iris

Newsletter Notes

This month the club provides pizza, so we all need to bring sides—veggies, salads, deserts or munchies. Tableware is provided. The program will be the acknowledgment of the show winners and handing out the ribbons and trophies. See you there!

We have several new members that joined at the show! We hope to see you at the upcoming meetings. Welcome to the Iris Society!

Thanks again to Charley Kearns for all his hard work in making this years show such a success. Once again we had the good fortune to be in the Capitola Mall. Charley has been working hard since the last show to make it happen. Thank you Charley!



Andie McEwan with her award winning arrangement, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

THE AWARD WINNERS:

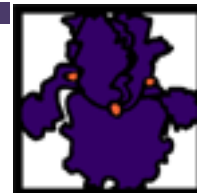
Best Of Show	Debbie Kinslow— <i>MTB Persona</i>
Best Tall Bearded	Joe Ghio— <i>Blowing Kisses</i>
Best Tall Bearded—Non Commercial Grower	Charley Kearns— <i>Badlands</i>
Best Tall Bearded— Novice	Ann McAnn— <i>Prince George</i>
Best Bearded, Other Than Tall	Debbie Kinslow— <i>MTB Persona</i>
Best Miniature Tall Bearded	Debbie Kinslow— <i>MTB Persona</i>
Best Beardless	Lisa Ayala— <i>Clara Ellen</i>
Best Spuria	Lisa Ayala— <i>Clara Ellen</i>
Best PCI	Joe Ghio— <i>War Zone</i>
Best Seedling	Joe Ghio—(PCI) <i>PK-90</i>
Best Beardless Seedling	Joe Ghio—(PCI) <i>PK-90</i>
Best Bearded Seedling	Joe Ghio—(TB) <i>U02-23Y</i>
Best Youth Entry	Ashley Devery—TB <i>Golden Panther</i>
Ralph Coleman Award (Peoples' Choice)	Charley Kearns—(TB) <i>Obsidian</i>
Silver Medal	Joe Ghio—20 Blue Ribbons
Bronze Medal	Lisa Ayala—7 Blue Ribbons

Artistic Division

Best Artistic Design	Lisa Ayala— <i>Corralitos</i>
Best Design—Big Basin	Lisa Ayala
Best Design—Sunset Beach	Lisa Ayala
Best Design—Bonny Doon	Jane Ann Walters
Best Design—Rio Del Mar	Lisa Ayala
Best Design—Pajaro Dunes	Jane Ann Walters
Best Design—Corralitos	Lisa Ayala
Best Design—Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk	Andie McEwan
Peoples' Choice Artistic	Pat Lindstrom— <i>Big Basin</i>



DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. CHECK IT OUT, L Lauer, Light yellow w/deeper rim on falls
2. COYOTE UGLY, K Kasperek, Orange peach, random raspberry splashes
3. DONAGHCLONEY, Richardson, Dark blue self
4. DREAMING RAINBOWS, D Spoon, S. light yellow; F. violet, white lines; luminata
5. GRAND CLASSIC, Tasco, Ruffled black cherry self.
6. HEART OF GLASS, T Johnson, S. pink; F. white w/diffused pink band
7. LEMON LOLLIPOP, D Spoon, Brilliant yellow, deeper shoulders; Rebloomer
8. LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, Crump, Ruffled red-violet self, 2006
9. MIDWEST FAREWELL, L. Miller, S. orchid, washed buff; F. deep red-violet; small horns
10. MOUNTAIN SUNRISE, M Sutton, S. cream; F. violet, white sunburst. Rebloomer
11. NO EGRETS, Kasperek, Peach orange ground w/muted violet plicating on falls
12. PERRYMOUNT, Richardson, Overlapping form; deep violet-purple self.
13. PETAL PUSHERS, J. Painter, S. pink; F. orchid; mauve flounces.
14. PRINCE OF CAMELOT, Kerr, S. white; F. blue-violet, big white spot around red beards.
15. PURR FORM MINTS, Burseen, Green and white; spoons
16. RED SKIES, J. Ghio, Claret maroon w/blue blaze below yellow beards
17. TEMPORAL ANOMALY, Tasco, S. tan; F. white, dotted overall grape
18. TRINOTOSTARE, Burseen, Frosty blue white; horn
19. VERSALILLES, Keppel, S. white; F. blue; red beards
20. WEISS GUY, C Rumbaugh, Ruffled white self



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