

January, 2009

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

From The Prez

EACH NEW YEAR INVITES US ALL TO RESOLVE to build on our successes, abandon our shortfalls and embark on exciting new directions. In addition to our individual commitments, we can consider adopting resolutions on behalf of the Monterey Bay Iris Society.

Here are three to consider.

1. In January, reserve a room at the Green Valley Grill for the MBIS 2010 Holiday Party! (That's an easy one.)
2. Increase publicity for the MBIS's Annual Iris Show in April and Sale in August (This won't be difficult, either: the Sentinel has offered stories on these events if we provide the info well ahead of time.)
3. Improve the color fidelity of our digital projections. (We're no longer projecting on a pale yellow wall, but now we need to tinker with the projector's settings. Do we have a volunteer?)
4. Reach a mutually satisfactory agreement for the MBIS's support of the Region 14.

Continue our tradition for enjoyable and informative monthly meetings and annual events!

Bring your ideas for resolutions to our January meeting, which starts at 7:30. We'll start convening as usual at 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 17th! ❁❁ Tom

2009 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

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

Program

Wayne Craft, Beekeeping

Refreshments

Carolyn Craft & Ann Pike

Regular Meeting

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

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Megan & Marie

Regular Meeting

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

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Brenda and Larissa

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 17.....7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Diane S

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall..... May 2 to May 3

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 15..... 7:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck



Fun and conversation at the Christmas Party



CULTURE TIPS

WARE NOW HAVING RELATIVELY WARM and dry weather right now. It is perfect timing to get to the winter chores. Plants are as dormant as they ever will be in our climate. Get going on pruning fruit trees and roses and other dormant shrubs. And this is the time to get your irises cleaned up of dead leaves and weeds. Pull off the dead leaves and then you can cut or tear off diseased and partially dead leaves. Get it done this month because your irises will begin growing in early February. That is the time to feed them fertilizer. Use a balance formula like 10-10-10 or triple 12 or something similar.

GOPHERS! This has certainly been their year. The weather was perfect for them to proliferate. We never have been invaded by so many. Lost count of the number trapped. Back to the Macbee trap. Gave up on the clinch trap; it is too difficult to set and can be wicked on fingers if not set correctly. Right now working on two which have outsmarted my for weeks. One is taking down my reselect Pacificas and the second is extremely aggressive taking down completely 9 clumps of reselect TB's, including completely two selections. Parts of half more have been partially eaten. In trapping it is important to find the main run and place a trap in each direction. My gophers particularly seem to like roses; so I put a bloom or two behind the trap and then close off the hole, so the gopher won't unset the trap by pushing dirt in front of him to close the light hole.

Other baits are available but normally a permit is need. One suggestion I've not tried but might work is to use the poisoned grain in rat poison. Other methods some have used include smoke bombs, auto exhaust, or forcing water to drive the gopher from his run.

Our gophers are most correctly called pocket gophers since they store food in "pocket" they make in their runs. I have found munched irises stored in these pockets and hundreds of oxilis bulbs. Industrious buggers! 🐾 Joe

DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer Charley Kearns; P.O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031.,

REBLOOMERS

Bring your reblooming irises now through March for show and tell and to drawing for first choice of door prizes.

2009 AIS Convention

The 2009 AIS Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri May 11-16, 2009. You need to reserve your room by April 10th to be part of the group discount. For the registration form and more information see the Convention website, http://www.kciris.org/AIS_Convention.html.

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Minutes Nov Iris meeting

Called to order by Tom Karwin

Treasurer's report \$12,985 in Checking and CD

Members present: 25

New Member, Casey Valentine

Guests, Annie Lindstrom and Daniel Lindstrom

Thank you to the Valentines for refreshments, a new refreshment list was passed around and filled for the next 3 months

Announcements

MBIS will once again purchase Calendars for sale at the Christmas party. It was decided that we would order 20 Rosa announced that she was collecting 2009 Dues and money for the Holiday Dinner as Charley was not available.

New Business:

Bookmarks were once again suggested to list important dates for the club and to have them available in time for the San Francisco Flower Show which is March 18th to 22nd at the San Mateo Event Center. Motion made by Rosa and 2nd By Nolan to purchase bookmarks. Vote was unanimous

Need to set dates for events to place on bookmarks.
 Carolyn Craft presented the slate of officers for 2009:

- President Tom Karwin
- Vice President Sheryl McEwen,
- Secretary Jim Cummins, Brenda Wood
- Treasurer Charlie Kearns
- Hospitality Karen Valentine
- Librarian Brenda Wood
- Newsletter Joe Ghio
- Webmaster Ann Pike
- 2 Year Board Members
 - Jessie Bush
 - Rosa Raddichi
 - Fred Valentine
- 1 Year Board Members
 - Larissa Daniel
 - Marie Devery
 - Brenda Wood

Wayne Craft made a motion to accept and approve the slate as proposed, 2nd by Nolan Hinshaw. Vote was unanimous. Joe Ghio brought in a slide show of his new Hybridizing efforts and upcoming introductions that had been taken by Barry Blyth
 Meeting adjourned



Fixation, Ghio, 2009 Introduction

photo by Barry Blyth

Newsletter Deadline!!!
Deadline for February is an early one, Friday January 30th. No late material accepted.

EVENTS FOR 2009

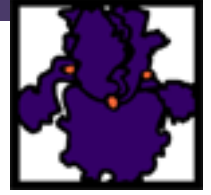
Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

Date	Event	Activity	Location	Time
January 16	Meeting	Beekeeping	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
February 20	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
March 20	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
April 17	Meeting	Mini-show	Native Son' Hall	7:30 P.M.
April 24	Iris Show	Set-up	Capitola Mall	8:00 P.M.
April 25	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-8:00 p.m.
April 26	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-6:00 p.m.
May 15	Meeting	Pizza Potluck	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 19	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30P.M.
June 27	Smart Gardening Faire	Iris Promotion & Sale	Skypark, Scotts Valley	9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
July 18	Summer Picnic	More Irises	Harvey West Park	11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
July 30	Iris Dig for Sale	Prepare for Sale	Joe's Ranch	9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
August 1	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Deer Park Center	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 8	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Aptos Farmer's Mkt	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 21	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
September 18	Meeting	Beardless Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
October 16	Meeting	Pacific Coast Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
November 20	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
December 18	Holiday Party	Celebration	Green Valley Grill or ???	6:00 P.M.



DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. ARCTIC BURST, Duncan, White, blue line and speckles; gold shoulders
2. CASINO CRUISER, Burseen, Buttercup yellow w/huge spoons
3. COMPANY OF ONE, J. Ragle, S. magenta rose; F. tan peach blends to lavender edge.
4. DAKOTA SMOKE, Schreiner, Smoky blue, lavender, magenta blend
5. FLAMINGO GRINGO, Kasperek, Pink w/raspberry streaks
6. FUEDALISM, J. Ghio, S. buckskin; F. maroon; tons of buds
7. GLOBAL WARMER, Burseen, Huge pink w/red beards
8. HOME SWEET HOME, D. Spoon, Sky blue self
9. ICON, Keppel, S. orange; F. wine, MDB
10. LOVING PINK, D. Spoon, S. pink; F. lavender pink
11. MONTMARTE, Keppel, Purple luminata w/straw rim on F.
12. NICKNAME, F. Kerr, Red violet fancy luminata
13. PEP RALLY, J. Ghio, Red purple luminata
14. ROYAL EXPRESS, L. Lauer, Violet w/copper shoulders
15. SNOW LION, M. Smith, Pinky lemon glaciata
16. SOCIAL BLUSH, M. Sutton, Lacy rose pink; red beards
17. STARRING ENCORE, D. Spoon, S. raspberry; F. plum, cream starburst; RE
18. THAT'S HOT, L. Lauer, Pink w/purple shoulders
19. WORSHIP ME, Burseen, Pastel pink lavender w/blue spoons
20. TRUMPED, Burseen, S. white; F. plus w/bronze hafts



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