

May, 2009

Next meeting      Friday 15, 2008  
 Doors open        7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting            7:30 P.M.  
 Place                Native Sons Hall  
                          239 High Street, Santa Cruz

## 2009 Calendar

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

### Regular Meeting

Friday, May 15..... 7:30 P.M.

### Pizza Potluck

Everyone bring side dishes!

### Regular Meeting

Friday, June 19..... 7:30 P.M.

### Program

TBA

### Refreshments

Ann P & Caroline Craft

### Smart Gardening Faire

Sky Park, Scotts Valley ..... June 20

Saturday ..... 9:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

### Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 18.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Harvey West Park

Potluck and Auction

### Annual Sale

Dig..... Joe's Ranch

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>..... 9 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center

Saturday, August 1.... 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

### Regular Meeting

Friday, August 21,..... 7:30 P.M.

TBA

### Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

### *Pizza Potluck!*

*May meeting is a potluck!*

## Newsletter

Deadline for May is Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>.



Judges Glenn Corlew, Lynn Williams and George Sutton study iris entries

## From The Prez

**O**UR 33RD ANNUAL SPRING IRIS SHOW was a success, despite the rains of the day before that took many blooms out of the competition. Look for Show Chairman Charley Kearns' report elsewhere in this issue.

Many thanks to Charley, the members who volunteered to help in so many ways, and the judges who brought their expertise to the occasion and made it official. I must also recognize Joe Ghio, who was "everywhere" as is so often his practice. He supported the set-up of the show, facilitated the judging process, bought many blooms to the competition (and did quit well, I hear), and enlivened the luncheon for the judges.

Our regional Vice-president, Lynn Williams, gave me an update on the transition of the regional Bulletin to digital form. This change, which has been a long time in the works, promises to reduce Region 14's printing and mailing costs for the Bulletin while increasing the use of color images in the publication. When a publication is about a blossom with a name that means "rainbow," I expect the readers will be delighted to see more color!



Then next tissue of the Bulletin should be available in digital form. It also will be available in hard copy for those members who lack ready access to the Internet.

As this transition occurs, Lynn and the regional board would like to see more articles contributed by members. I would too! I'm sure that many of the members of AIS-14 have interesting stories and useful information to share through the Bulletin.

If you have ideas for specific articles you would like to see in the Bulletin or ideas for encouraging members to contribute articles, please email them to [tom@karwin.com](mailto:tom@karwin.com). I will gladly share them with Lynn and the board.

Our third Friday of May meeting will be our annual Pizza Party, which everyone enjoys (some with enthusiasm tempered by dietary restraint), so bring your appetite. We'll convene as usual at 7:00, have a brief business meeting and award ceremony, and then we'll have pizza time! ❁❁ Tom



## CULTURE TIPS

**W**e had an usual season (What's new?) this year. Spring was proceeding like we would have a fabulous season, then leaf spot struck bad and 3 days of 90+ temperatures fried lot of the bloom especially on early things then in good bloom like the Pacificas. But on the plus side we got light rain Friday afternoon before the show which really perked up the blooms, followed with nearly a full day of light rain on Sunday and a bit more on Monday night. The plants love it, but the blossoms do fill with water and makes bloom last, but once the sun comes out it will melt the blooms pretty fast. Hopefully there is additional buds to take their place.

Bloom was pretty much on track to have a normal bloom and peak, but the heat, then cold and rain extended and delaying the season some. First week of May and there is still lot of stalks to open.

Snap or cut off stalks as they finish blooming. The unusual amount of rain now won't last and so it is well to give your irises some water into the rapid growing period into mid to late June. Then cut back or not give your irises any water in the summer months if you have loamy or clay soil. ❁❁ Joe

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## WORK INCENTIVE

Once again, we will have a drawing of some of our door prize irises among those who help for at least 1 shift during the show. Workers get 1 chance for each shift worked. Iris will be selected at our coming meeting.

1. BETWEEN DREAMS, F. Kerr, Black; slightly lighter standards
2. CLAIM JUMPER, M. Sutton, S. yellow; F. red brown w/yellow sunburst
3. DRIVE MY CAR, L. Lauer, S. blue; F. violet, copper shoulders, white whiskers at beards
4. HOME SWEET HOME, D. Spoon, Sky blue self
5. KENNADI'S ANGEL, B. Nicodemus, Icy white self; light yellow beards
6. MAGICAL, J. Ghio, Very ruffled light pink; vigorous
7. NICKNAME, F. Kerr, Red violet fancy luminata
8. PLASTIC MONEY, Burseen, Pinky lavender w/red white horned beards
9. SNOW LION, M. Smith, Pinky lemon glaciata
10. WORSHIP ME, Burseen, pink lavender w/blue spoons

## 2009 MBIS SHOW REPORT

by Charley Kearns, Show Chairman

We had 176 entries: 138 named varieties and 38 seedlings. In spite of the rainy weather we had 9 more entries than 2008. This year, Lisa Ayala had the most entries for named varieties (29). Joe Ghio had the most total entries (54) including seedlings. Among named varieties, there were 33 blues, 41 reds, 24 whites, 9 honorable mentions and 31 not judged. Seedlings won 11 blues.

Only 13 members participated, down from 20 in 2008. Several had scheduling conflicts. New member, Fred Valentine won the Novice trophy.

The Artistic Section had only 9 entries, but all were spectacular and very popular with the public. Lisa Ayala won Best Design with her 'Romantic Evening' arrangement. She also won People's Choice with her 'Sukiyaki' creation. Andie McEwan won best of the youth category with her 'School Days' entry.

We want to thank all the participants, and encourage more to participate next year.

We appreciate, and thank Lisa Ayala for her hard work in creating the artistic categories and pre-show planning. A special thanks to Karen Valentine for making sure the artistic section ran smoothly during the judging and the show.

Thanks Ann Pike for another beautiful show program. Thank you to all who worked shifts providing hospitality. For those that put in extra long shifts—Thank you!—Thank you!—Thank you! And Joe Ghio, we would be lost without your help in overseeing the judging, show placement, iris identification and overall direction. Thanks.



### 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 two members that joined at the show! We hope to see you at the upcoming meetings. Please welcome Sylvia Forsyth of Aptos and Mike Jones, Scottish Greens Landscaping, of Soquel, to the Iris Society!

Thanks again to Charley Kearns and Joe Ghio for all their hard work both before and during the show. Thanks also to Joan Scanlon for remembering her camera so that we have photos from this year's show.

### BLOOMERS

This is bloom season. There is no rebloomer drawing this month! Rebloomer drawing starts again in November.



### THE AWARD WINNERS:

<b>Best Of Show</b>	Joe Ghio— <i>TB Round of Applause</i>
<b>Best Tall Bearded</b>	Joe Ghio— <i>Round of Applause</i>
<b>Best Tall Bearded—Non Commercial Grower</b>	Jim Cummins— <i>Kauai Gold</i>
<b>Best Novice</b>	Fred Valentine—(PCI) <i>Bar Code</i>
<b>Best Beardless</b>	Lisa Ayala— <i>Clara Ellen</i>
<b>Best Spuria</b>	Lisa Ayala— <i>Clara Ellen</i>
<b>Best Historic</b>	Jim Cummins— <i>Mary Frances</i>
<b>Best PCI</b>	Joe Ghio— <i>Patchy Fog</i>
<b>Best Seedling</b>	Joe Ghio—(TB) <i>06-50-BL</i>
<b>Best Beardless Seedling</b>	Steve Taniguchi—(PCI) <i>06-08-B</i>
<b>Best Bearded Seedling</b>	Joe Ghio—(TB) <i>06-50-BL</i>
<b>Best Youth Entry</b>	Brett McEwan—PCI <i>Candid</i>
<b>Ralph Coleman Award (Peoples' Choice)</b>	Lisa Ayala—(TB) <i>Midnight Cowboy</i>
<b>Silver Medal</b>	Lisa Ayala—7 Blue Ribbons and 9 Reds
<b>Bronze Medal</b>	Joe Ghio—7 Blue Ribbons and 7 Reds

### Artistic Division

<b>Best Artistic Design</b>	Lisa Ayala— <i>Romantic Evening</i>
<b>Best Design—Romantic Evening</b>	Lisa Ayala
<b>Best Design—A Tisket, A Tasket</b>	Lisa Ayala
<b>Best Design—Small Fry</b>	Lisa Ayala
<b>Best Design—Simplicity</b>	Lisa Ayala
<b>Best Design—Sukiyaki</b>	Lisa Ayala
<b>Best Design—Ride 'Em Cowboy</b>	Jim Cummins
<b>Best Design—School Days</b>	Andie McEwan
<b>Peoples' Choice Artistic</b>	Lisa Ayala— <i>Sukiyaki</i>



## DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **ARCITC BURST**, Duncan, White, blue line and speckles; gold shoulders
2. **BETWEEN DREAMS**, F. Kerr, Black; slightly lighter standards
3. **CRETE**, T. Johnson, S. purple; F. black, purple edge; red beards
4. **DAKOTA SMOKE**, Schreiner, Smoky blue, lavender, magenta blend
5. **FLAMINGO GRINGO**, Kasperek, Pink w/raspberry streaks
6. **FOR LOVERS ONLY**, P. Black, Bubbly pink
7. **FUEDALISM**, J. Ghio, S. buckskin; F. maroon; tons of buds
8. **KICKAPOO KANGAROO**, Kasperek, S. lavender; F. red purple streaked white
9. **LA SCALA**, Keppel, S. violet orchid; F. pink
10. **MAGICAL**, J. Ghio, Very ruffled light pink; vigorous
11. **MONSOON MOON**, Keppel, Approaching green
12. **MOUNTAIN HALO**, R. Ernst, White w/blended purple band around S.
13. **PSYCHIC READER**, J. Ghio, Different blue, red, violet blended luminata
14. **RAVEN GIRL**, Schreiner, Great formed black
15. **ROYAL EXPRESS**, L. Lauer, Violet w/copper shoulders
16. **SANTORINI**, Schreiner, Beautiful blue amoena
17. **SNOW LION**, M. Smith, Pinky lemon glaciata
18. **SOCIAL BLUSH**, M. Sutton, Lacy rose pink; red beards
19. **WEDDING BELLE**, Keppel, Rich apricot cream; deeper heart
20. **WHITE HOT**, Tasco, White w/persimmon beards



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