

July, 2009

Next meeting Saturday, 18, 2009

Harvey West Park 11 A.M.

Auction

Potluck

Pick up Door Prize iris



The Smart Garden Faire Crew, Fred, Brenda, Jim, Irene, and Larissa pause during setup for a photo!

From The Prez

THE BIG NEWS FOR THIS MONTH is our Annual Picnic on July 18th, including the Distribution of Door Prize Irises and Raffle of Club Irises.

See all the details elsewhere in this issue of Bay News, mark your calendar, plan what you will bring to the potluck, bring your checkbook, wear a hat, bring a friend if you like, and come to the picnic!

In addition to all the regular Annual Picnic activity, we'll talk about our Big Dig on July 30th and preparations for our Annual Sale on August 1st. Fred Valentine has made our reservations at the Deer Park Shopping Center, and, for the following weekend, at the Aptos Farmer's Market.

Our Annual Sale is our big fund-raiser for the year, and we will need the help of several MBIS members on each of those three occasions to make it a success. Please plan to participate in at least one of those days so that we can all enjoy our lavish events during the following year.

We had our second biggest fund-raiser at the Smart Gardening Faire on June 27th, and it was a phenomenal success. We will soon have an official report of the proceeds and the surprise contacts for future rhizome sales, so I won't leak the news here.

Many thanks to Brenda Wood, who organized the MBIS booth at the Faire and the team that made it happen, including Jim & Irene Cummins, Larissa Daniel, Fred & Karen Valentine, and I am sure I have overlooked someone. Thanks, too, to

2009 Calendar

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

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 30th..... 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.

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Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Regular Meeting

Friday, September 18..... 7:30 P.M.

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Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Regular Meeting

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

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Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for Refreshments! Please contact Karen by phone, email, or at the picnic if you can help out! As you can see, we don't have providers for the Fall's refreshments

Newsletter

Deadline for August is August 3rd.

Please have all submissions in by that date as August will have a tight deadline.

Brenda, Jim and Irene for providing lots of plants in pots and rhizomes for the occasion. (Both Sheryl McEwan and I were busy as the co-chairs of the Faire, so on that day we were coping but a bit distracted.)

The Faire overall was a great success this year. The day was warm, but not too warm, the breezes kept everyone comfortable, and the attendance set a new record. The Faire will be bigger and better next year!

I'll see you at the Annual Picnic. 🌸 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. Simple 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

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Iris Dig for August Sale

We will be digging iris for the sale at Joe's ranch on Thursday, July 30th 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. 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 to the the sale named.

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

MBIS Annual Iris Sale

When Saturday, August 1st, 2009

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.
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 brin 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.

Bring food and we can have lunch!

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 2nd Iris Sale

When Saturday, August 8th, 2009

Where Aptos Farmers's Market
Cabrillo College

Set up Time 7:30 a.m. We need help for the set up.

We hope you will help us sell during the morning. We will need additional iris for this sale, so if you have iris and did not get them to Joe's Ranch or the Deer Park Sale, get them here to Cabrillo or drop them by a member's house!

Sale Time 9:-- to noon (or sell out).

Iris for Picnic

It is time to dig increase from the iris you won as door prizes last year, and bring them to the July picnic. If you are a new member, these irises should be available at the picnic so be sure to be there. Members share their best irises at this picnic. Here is a list of the door prizes collected at last year's picnic. If you have these bring some of their increase: Astrology, T Johnson, S. buff pink F. wine w/white lines overall; Autumn Sunrise, G Spoon, Pink, white zonal around tangerine beards, rebloomer; Banker Dave, Burseen, Buff orange, tattered flounces; Boilermaker, L. Miller, S. butter yellow, F. Red black, white lines around bronze beards; Bollywood, Keppel, S. yellow, F. soft lavender-blue; Cascadian Rhythm, Schreiner, Amoena, S. white, F. blue; Cause for Pause, Burseen, Laced lilac purple plicata—big flounces; Check It Out, L Lauer, Light yellow w/deeper rim on falls; Christmas Present, J. Ghio, Blue Orchid, coral beards; Clear Choice, T Johnson, Pink glaciata—crystal-like pink; Come go with Me, L Lauer, Peach, yellow and orange blend; Comfortable, J. Ghio, Pink w/rosewood rim on falls; Coral Chimes, G Crump, Muted coral pink self, IB; County Cork, Schreiner, Straw green self—vigorous; Coyote Ugly, K Kasperek, Orange peach, random raspberry splashes; Donaghcloney, Richardson, Dark blue self; Double Ringer, R.Ernst, S. white; F. white, yellow, white bands; Dreaming Rainbows, D Spoon, S. light yellow; F. violet, white lines, luminata; Dreamlife, L.Painter, White, blue wash on the falls; Emilo, Richardson, Creamy blue-white, blue beards; Fancy Gal, R.Ernst, Raspberry-orchid, slightly darker standards; Fifty is Nifty, Burseen, Off white; ochre shoulders—horn; Follow the Dream, Kerr, Peach, lighter in center of falls; Forever Blowing Bubbles, J. Ghio, Bubbly pure white self; Gilda Lee, Williamson, Yellow w/white veining; Good as it Gets, R.Ernst, Purple w/raspberry glow; Grain Exchange, Ragle, Old gold ground, red brown dotting—plicata; Grand Classic, Tasco, Ruffled black cherry self; Grape Parfait, M

Lauer, Amethyst violet luminata plicata; Halloween Trick, J. Ghio, S. orange, F. maroon black; Heart of Glass, T Johnson, S. pink, F. white w/diffused pink band; Heavenly Valley, M Sutton, Icy blue w/deeper standards; Hoosier Dome, L. Miller, S. white; plum base, F. plum, lavender edge; Into the Blue, Schreiner, Beautifully formed light blue self; King of Light, Baumunk, Ochre gold self; King's Point, Kerr, Dark maroon self; Lemon Lollipop, D Spoon, Brilliant yellow, deeper shoulders, rebloomer; Limonada, Keppel, Clear lemon. IB, Little Bit of Heaven, C Sutton, S. pink; F. white pink edge and shoulders; Love at First Sight, Crump, Ruffled red-violet self, 2006; Magic Quest, Tasco, Plicata—yellow ground, falls dotted overall brownish burgundy; Majestic Ruler, Schreiner, Smooth cerise purple; Medici Prince, Schreiner, Burgundy red; Merchant Marine, Keppel, "Bluing" blue self; Midwest Farewell, L. Miller, S. orchid, washed buff; F. deep red-violet—small horns; Milan, T Johnson, S. pink, cream rim; F. white, peach shoulders; Mistress of Camelot, Baumunk, Lavender w/ gold picatee gold edges to petals, 2004; Mountain Sunrise, M Sutton, S. cream; F. violet, white sunburst, rebloomer; Neglected Zebra, Kasperek, Violet neglecta, variegated foliage; Niche, J. Ghio, S. white; F. white w/wide blue violet bleeding band, BB; No Egrets, Kasperek, Peach orange ground w/muted violet plicating on falls; Noble Spirit, Aitken, Deep blue purple self; One Way Ticket, L Lauer, S. white; F. amethyst, white sunburst; Orange Portal, Kerr, Orange amoena, lighter band on falls; Orange Titan, Aitken, S. orange, F. white, orange band; Orchid Dove, D Spoon, Orchid pink, lighter edges; Perrymount, Richardson, Overlapping form, deep violet-purple self; Petal Pushers, J. Painter, S. pink, F. orchid—mauve flounces; Phantom Ship, Baumunk, S. blue-white, F. deep blue; Picture Book, J. Ghio, Tall, pink self; Prince of Camelot, Kerr, S. white, F. blue-violet, big white spot around red beards; Purr Form Mints, Burseen, Green and white—spoons; Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, Baumunk, Blue violet luminata; Raging Tide, Keppel, Mid-blue with deeper Olympiad centers to falls; Red Skies, J. Ghio, Claret maroon w/blue blaze below yellow beards; Rite of Passage, J. Ghio, Pastel pearly pink—very bubbly; Royal Majesty, Keppel, Huckleberry-purple w/blackish sheen; Royal Renaissance, Kerr, Lemon w/blue band on falls; Secret Recipe, J. Ghio, Mulberry luminata plicata; Spot Starter, Schreiner, Dark purple, white zonal in falls; Tayberry, R.Ernst, Berry purple, soft yellow beards; Temporal Anomaly, Tasco, S. tan; F. white, dotted overall grape; Touching Moments, Nicodemus, Snow white, laced and fluted; Trinotostare, Burseen, Frosty blue white—horn; UFO, D Spoon, Lavender blue; white splashes; no standards, rebloomer; Versailles, Keppel, S. white, F. blue, red beards; Wade Riley, M. Roberts, Ivory white, blue rim on falls; Weiss Guy, C Rumbaugh, Ruffled white self; and, Wonderful News, J. Ghio, Ultrasmooth black mulberry red self.



Picnic, Raffle and Auction

Area B Harvey West Park, Santa Cruz

July 18th, 2009, 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 banner 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 any 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**.



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