

January, 2010

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, January 15.....7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Elana & Barbara

Regular Meeting

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

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Lisa & Ann

Regular Meeting

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

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Brenda & Larissa

Regular Meeting

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

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Pat Lindstrom & Charley

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall.....May 1 to May 2

Set up

Friday, April 30.....9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday9:00 a.m.–8:00 P.M.

Sunday.....9:00 a.m.–6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 217:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck



Fun and conversation at the Christmas Party

From The Prez

OUR HOLIDAY PARTY WAS A VERY NICE OCCASION once again. We had a good turnout, good friends, our familiar menu and pleasant weather, all of which contributed to an annual tradition valued by the MBIS.

We received a suggestion to consider moving next year's Holiday Party to a restaurant on the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf, some of which have private rooms available. We can discuss this option at our January meeting; if we decide to make that change we should make our reservation early.

A more imminent annual event is the renewal of our organizational affiliation with the American Iris Society. See the message, *Why Be an AIS Affiliate?* by AIS 14 Regional Vice President Jeanne Clay Plank, in this issue of Bay News. There are just two requirements for this affiliation:

1. each of the society's officers is a current member of the AIS; and
2. the society pays a fee of \$50. This fee will be waived if 40 or more of the society's members are AIS members *or* the society members include at least ten current AIS members and those ten represent at least 50% of the society's total membership.

RVP Plank has asked that we submit our application for affiliation by mid-January, so I am working with the officers of the MBIS to complete these requirements and file the form.

If you wish to check the status of your AIS membership, visit the website www.aislookup.org, type in your last name and select "14" as the region.

Our first regular meeting of 2010 will be on Friday, January 15th, convening at 7:00 P.M. I'll see you there! ❁❁ Tom



CULTURE TIPS

JANUARY BEGINS A NEW DECADE and the end of one growth cycle and the stirrings of the new cycle. Irises and most dormant plants are as dormant as they will ever be during this month. Take advantage of the time to clean out the dead leaves on your irises and tear or cut off diseased leaves. Dig out weeds at the same time. Your irises will be clean and ready for fertilizing as the new growth begins in early February. At that time, it is the most important time to fertilize irises, especially the bearded. It is easy—simply spring handfuls of a balanced fertilize (10-10-10, Triple 12 or similar formulations; the high the numbers, the less you use). Raking it in is ideal but just sprinkling over the soil works. It is best to keep it out of the center of the clump, but some will get in there with no harm. Also Ideally it is perfect to get fertilizer in just before a light rain which will work it into the root zone. Heavy rain will leach much of its benefits away. If this happens, apply another light application as soon as possible after the rain.

All the beardless irises also benefit from a similar application of a balanced fertilizer in early February. However on the Pacificas make the fertilizing much lighter than on the other types. The heavy feeders—Louisianas, Siberians, Japanese— also will do better if you give them another light application of fertilizer six weeks after the initial February application.

Slugs and snails make an appearance especially in a warm wet spring. Various baits are available and are pretty effective. Also a clean garden keeps snails to a minimum number. Gophers continue their damage in the winter as in other times of the year. The advantage you have is that in periods of heavy rain often their runs will calopse. This exposes the main runs. Be sure to put a trap (Macbee) in each direction. Many of the big ones are more likely to be caught in the winter than in the other times of the year. ❁❁ Joe

DUES ARE DUE

MBIS membership 2010 dues due. Members not renewing will be dropped from the roster. We don't want to lose anyone, so please remember to renew. Single dues are \$10, two or more at the same address \$15. Please pay at the November meeting, or send your renewal \$\$ to our treasurer, Charley Kearns, P. O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031..



Why Be an Affiliate of AIS?

Good question. The American Iris Society is a three-tiered organization with the Affiliates as the largest tier and the one most involved in providing the visible presence of the AIS to the non-member public. The Affiliates are the missionaries bringing appreciation and knowledge about irises to all who are interested.

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In turn, the Regional and National organizations provide Affiliates with standardized structures for judging and exhibiting irises to that non-member public; each AIS Sanctioned and accredited show entitles an Affiliate to purchase/receive a set of AIS medals and ribbons, and to have their meetings and other official AIS Affiliate functions covered by AIS Insurance.

In addition, Affiliates are able to utilize AIS Program resources that provide a network of outstanding programs and speakers for encouraging and attracting your current members and new members to meetings,

Being an Affiliate of the national organization helps support and maintain the world-wide accepted, standardized registration of all rhizomatous irises which the American Iris Society compiles for the world.

Affiliates are of the greatest importance to improving and maintaining an America Iris Society that is a healthy, productive, and respected iris world leader.

Jeanne Clay Plank

Regional Vice President, AIS Region 14





Diane Sampson, Carolyn Craft, and Joe Ghio at the Christmas Party

REBLOOMERS

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

New Member

We welcome a new member, Wayne Crabbs from Los Gatos! Welcome, Wayne. We hope to see you at a meeting soon!

EVENTS FOR 2010

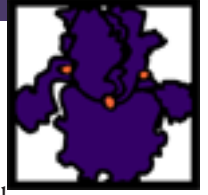
Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

| Date | Event | Activity | Location | Time |
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| May 1 | Iris Show | Iris Promotion | Capitola Mall | NOON-8:00 P.M. |
| May 2 | Iris Show | Iris Promotion | Capitola Mall | NOON-6:00 P.M. |
| May 21 | Meeting | Pizza Potluck | Native Sons Hall | 7:30 P.M. |
| June 18 | Meeting | to be announced | Native Sons Hall | 7:30P.M. |
| June 26 | Smart Gardening Faire | Iris Promotion & Sale | Skypark, Scotts Valley | 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. |
| July 17 | Summer Picnic | More Irises | Harvey West Park | 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. |
| July 29 | Iris Dig for Sale | Prepare for Sale | Joe's Ranch | 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. |
| August 7 | Iris Sale | Fund-raiser | Deer Park Center | 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. |
| August 14 | Iris Sale | Fund-raiser | Aptos Farmer's Mkt | 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. |
| August 20 | Meeting | to be announced | Native Sons Hall | 7:30 P.M. |
| September 17 | Meeting | Beardless Iris | Native Sons Hall | 7:30 P.M. |
| October 15 | Meeting | Pacific Coast Iris | Native Sons Hall | 7:30 P.M. |
| November 19 | 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. **ADRIATIC WAVES**, Keppel, Big ruffly navy blue self
2. **CIRCLE OF LIGHT**, P. Black, Almost solid indigo fancy plicata
3. **COSMIC CELEBRATION**, L. Painter, S. white, thin purple edge; F. black purple; white starburst
4. **EXHIBITIONIST**, Baumunk, S. white; F. lavender, yellow orange hafts
5. **FIXATION**, Ghio, S. buttercup; F. orange, violet L&S
6. **FLORENCE HILL**, Burseen, S. peach buff; F. violet blue; feathered violet flounces
7. **HEAD GAMES**, Lauer, S. white; F.violet L&S; white rim
8. **HIGHLAND LORD**, Tasco, Very ruffled blue purple
9. **HONOR FLIGHT**, Kerr, White; F. edged medium blue
10. **INSPIRED**, P. Black, Small flowered dusky pink
11. **LATTE**, Ghio, S. latte; F. sooty black maroon
12. **LIKE A RAINBOW**, Lauer, S. peach; F. fuchsia, purple L&S
13. **MAIN STREET**, Lauer, S. lilac; F. jet black w/white at shoulders
14. **MISS MOONBEAM**, Schreiner, Creamy yellow self; ruffled
15. **OCEAN POP**, Lauer, S. white; F. cornflower blue
16. **ORBISON**, Kerr, Velvety blackish "flat" formed
17. **RAINBOW HIGH**, Keppel, S. lemon; F. cream to violet and cedar band
18. **STRIKE TWICE**, Lauer, S. white; F. azalea pink; RE
19. **STUD BOOK STUFFER**, Burseen, Bitone cornflower blue; red beards
20. **THINK ABOUT IT**, Lauer, Violet bicolor w/white rim on all petals

