



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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April, 2010

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

2010 Calendar

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

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–8:00 P.M.

Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.–6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 21 7:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck

Regular Meeting

Friday, June 18 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

TBA

Smart Gardening Faire

Sky Park, Scotts Valley June 19

Saturday 9:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 17.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Harvey West Park

Potluck and Auction



Judging the Mini Show

From The Prez

Our March meeting was an exceptional occasion. We had an excellent dinner (not merely snacks!) of corned beef sandwiches and all the fixings to recognize St. Patrick's Day, thanks to the generosity and diligence of Brenda Wood and Larissa Daniel.

Our enjoyable meal was followed by Matt Zemny's inspiring talk and demonstration of flower arranging. He emphasized methods for cutting flower stalks, positioning them reliably in the container, preserving the blossoms for the longest possible duration, and related techniques. He also provided an overview of design concepts, acknowledging that design is both a matter of personal preference and a lengthy study.

Matt reserved time for all present to try their hand at arranging a selection of the many flower stalks that members brought for the occasion. He provided helpful guidance and comments during this hands-on workshop session.

Several members were inspired to create arrangements for our Annual Iris Show on May 1st & 2nd, for entry in the Artistic Division. If you are already skilled in the fine art of artistic presentation of flora, this is very good occasion to show our favored blossoms to advantage and pursue our mission to encourage visitors to add them to their own landscapes. If you regard yourself as a novice in such endeavors you could still bring your fresh perspective to the task. Surprise us with an interesting arrangement, perhaps incorporating a favorite ceramic sculpture or garden art. The only rules are to please the viewer and have fun yourself.



We will devote a portion of our meeting to planning for our Annual Show. This event has been quite satisfying and productive, both in terms of showing our members' best blossoms and generating public interest in several species of iris. Charley Kearns will again provide excellent leadership for this highlight of our annual calendar, and I encourage all member to participate in some aspect of the project.

It will be fun as always. 🌸🌸 *Tom*

CULTURE TIPS

HERE AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL, spring is in full swing. The daffodils are done blooming, camelias and other spring shrubs are coming into full bloom. And, the Pacificas are coming out in all their glory. We are very lucky to live in this area where they grow well and perform at peak perfection. Enjoy them; other's envy us!

Dwarfs are also coming into bloom early in this month with the very early TB's making their appearance. Peak on the TB's comes during the last week of April and the first week of May. Our show is scheduled for May 1-2.

Most of what should have done to get maximum performance from your irises should have been done by now (like fertilization). Touching up by cutting off diseased leaves (if appearance bothers you), but as the weather warms, the plants will grow out of it. A spraying with a systemic insecticide mid-April will get rid of pesty aphids through the bloom period. If your soil dries: water! Especially a few days before the show. This will bring out the maximum size and color in your blooms.

With digital cameras, it is easy to take pictures of your bloom. This helps in recording correct identification and can be shown later in a Club program. 🌸🌸 *Joe*

Mini Show

This month's program is the mini show. Be there around 7:00 P.M. to stage your irises. Joe always gives a great talk about how to stage your flowers. For this show enter and learn. A grower may enter a maximum of two flowers per category. Our experienced exhibitors will be available to give advice. Categories for the MINI-SHOW are:

1. Tall bearded—Novice (never won more than 3 blue ribbons in a regular show before)
2. Tall Bearded—Advanced (all who aren't novices)
3. Bearded, other than Tall
4. Beardless, any type
5. Seedlings, any type

The winners in each category and Best in Show will have first choice of the door prizes.

TROPHIES

Show time is coming on fast. If you won any trophies, Clean and polish them and bring them, with their bases, to the April meeting.

We MUST have them for display at the show May 1st & 2nd.

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Show Info

Our show will again be located near the food court at the Capitola Mall on May 1st & 2nd. We meet for set up at 8:30 Friday April 30th.

Entries for the Show will be received from 7:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. Saturday, May 1st Tear down is Sunday, May 2nd at 6:00 P.M. We will have an horticultural and an artistic section. See more information about the artistic section elsewhere in this newsletter.

We need volunteers for all shifts to be on hand to distribute literature and answer questions. We especially need help with the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning shifts. The sign up list will be at the April meeting. If you can't make the meeting, call Charley Kearns at 408-315-1520 or email to kcf@verizon.net to indicate the shift you can work.

All members are encouraged to volunteer as much time as possible during our show. Participation goes a long way in making our show a success and introducing the public to our club. And—It is great fun "Sharing the Joy of Iris" with people oooing and ahing over our gorgeous blooms.



Aromas Country Garden Tour

Saturday, May 8, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Aromas, California

\$10 booklets will be on sale at the Aromas Grange Hall at the corner of Rose and Bardue.

The Grange will have 2 Master Gardeners on hand to answer questions and the Aromas 4-H will be selling box lunches and plants.

There will be 8 gardens to visit including Aromas Gardens, a beautiful field with irises in full bloom and available for purchase.

15 Aromas Hills Artisans will be displaying their artwork in several of the gardens and at the Grange.

The Santa Rosa Iris Society, 2010 Spring Show

“A Nostalgic Journey: Back to the Past”

Show: Saturday, May 8th from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and

Sunday, May 9th from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Potted Iris Sale: both days from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Admission is free

Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa

The show features a hall full of lovely iris, literature on how to grow iris, volunteers to answer your questions, and many varieties of potted iris for sale. Many types of iris will be on display, depending on what the weather brings us.

Exhibition entry is open to the public. Entries will be received Saturday, May 8th from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Each entry must be correctly identified with the variety name and grower, groomed and entered in person by the exhibitor.

2011 Spring Regional

If you're looking for a *Cosmic Celebration* ('09) coupled with *Brilliance* ('05) and *High Emotion* ('08) mark your calendar to attend the 2011 Region 14 Spring Trek to be held on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011, when the Region will visit the Napa Country Iris Garden, a commercial garden located in Napa, California.

In addition, the Region will be welcoming AIS President Judy Keisling as guest speaker and Judges' training instructor, for the event. We are delighted to be able to have Judy joining us to admire and enjoy not only the creations of Leslie and John Painter, hybridizers and owners of Napa Country Iris Garden, but also the creations of a wide variety of hybridizers offered by the Painter's commercial garden.

Watch for more news and information on this event in R14 Bulletin issues throughout the coming year.

AVP Jeanne Plank



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. The more you help, the greater your chance of getting some of these beauties.

1. **CAMERA READY**, Tasco, Yellow ground, burgundy brown plicating.
2. **CODE BLUE**, Aiken, Light blue self w/red beards.
3. **EASY BEING GREEN**, R Richards, Pale yellow green self.
4. **HOPELESS ROMANTIC**, Ghio, Very broad light pink.
5. **LET IT BE**, Lauer, Yellow; S. slightly lighter.
6. **MISS MOONBEAM**, Schreiner, Creamy yellow self; ruffled.
7. **PALE FIRE**, Baumunk, Light pink, more yellow pink F.
8. **RASPBERRY SWIRL**, M. Sutton, S. orange; F. Dark purple; lighter rim.
9. **STRIKE TWICE**, Lauer, S. white; F. azalea pink; RE.
10. **TEENYBOPPER**, Keppel, Rosy orchid luminata.

Artistic Division

All are encouraged to enter our artistic section of the show. Please remember that advance registration is required. You may call or email Lisa at herbrtalk@earthlink.net to register. We will have sign-ups at the April meeting. Entries will be accepted until roughly a week before the show. This is a part of the show the public loves, so considering entering!





DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **BE ORIGINAL**, Ghio, S. apricot; F. white, violet band.
2. **BEWITCHING HOUR**, Helsley, Wine red, lighter S., red horns.
3. **BOLD MOVE**, M. Sutton, S. yellow; F. red violet; white zonal; RE.
4. **BRAZILIAN ART**, Keppel, Apricot orange w/red purple band.
5. **CELTIC WOMEN**, Aiken, S. pink; F. white ground, light magenta plicating.
6. **CHURCH KEY**, G. Sutton, Wisteria blue; blue flounces.
7. **CIRCLE OF LIGHT**, P. Black, Almost solid indigo fancy plicata.
8. **COSMIC CELEBRATION**, L. Painter, S. white, thin purple edge; F. black purple; white starburst.
9. **DELTA GIRL**, Lauer, Sea Lavender plicata on white ground.
10. **EVENING TIDINGS**, Schreiner, Blue violet bitone; mahogany shoulders.
11. **EDIFICE**, Ghio, Large lacy orchid; well branched.
12. **EXPECT WONDERS**, Ghio, Creamy, lavender L&S on F.
13. **GIVEN NAME**, Kerr, Blue violet fancy plicata.
14. **HATTIE EMMA**, Burseen, Blue violet reverse bicolor; violet horns.
15. **HEAD GAMES**, Lauer, S. white; F.violet L&S; white rim.
16. **I WUV WOSES**, Burseen, Creamy peach w/layered flounces.
17. **INSPIRED**, P. Black, Small flowered dusky pink.
18. **MAGHERALIN**, G Richardson, Indigo blue self.
19. **MAIN STREET**, Lauer, S. lilac; F. jet black w/white at shoulders.
20. **MY GENERATION**, Lauer, White base, aster violet lines throughout; RE.
21. **ORANGELO**, M. Sutton, S. orange; F. white, amber rim; RE.
22. **PERSNICKETY**, Keppel, Tannish apricot; F. peppered raisin; IB.
23. **ROUND OF APPLAUSE**, Ghio, White, ruffled blue rim on F.
24. **SORBOURNE**, Keppel, S. blackish russet; F. lemon ground, overall dark maroon dotting.
25. **TABACCO CHEW**, Burseen, Puce and ecru with huge broad bronzy beards.

