

May, 2010

Next meeting Friday, 21, 2010
 Doors open 7:00 P.M.
 Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 Place Native Sons Hall
 239 High Street, Santa Cruz

2010 Calendar

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

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



Phillipa and Helen look over the winners at this year's trophy table.

From The Prez

THE SPRING SEASON IS ALWAYS A BUSY TIME, it seems, and this year is following the familiar pattern.

The annual MBIS Iris Show was a fine affair, thanks to the skilled guidance of Charley Kearns, the judge wrangling of Joe Ghio, the patience and diplomacy of the volunteer clerks, of tireless energies of the volunteer stagehands, and of course the dazzling horticultural contributions of the iris growers and floral arrangers. It was overall a spectacular spectacle.

Show Chairman Kearns undoubtedly will recognize each of the show's volunteers and prizewinners elsewhere in this issue of Bay News, but I am pleased to extend thanks and congratulations to them on behalf of both the MBIS members and the many visitors who enjoyed the presentation. We might also have gained a few members!

If the Show inspired some new iris growers, as well it might, we should see them at our next big affair, which will be The Garden Faire on June 26th, at Skypark in Scotts Valley. We had a very successful sale at the Faire last year, so we need to gear up for this year's event. In addition to selling a lot of irises, and encouraging several gardeners to consider adding irises to their gardens, our members had a good day at the Faire. Please consider signing up for a shift in the MBIS booth while at the Faire for browsing, perhaps buying and sitting in on interesting talks. Mark your calendar for June 26th.

Our May meeting also will include other important activities.

Pizza Potluck! Bring sides to share. Come for the fun and hear all about the Iris Show!



We will have our annual Awards Show, to honor the select group of winners at the Annual Iris Show. Don't miss that one!

Also, Jim Cummins will report on the AIS-14 regional board meeting, including his dramatic announcement of the MBIS's offer to host the 1012 Spring Regional. The board burst into applause and voted approval before Jim could sit down!

Putting on the 2012 Spring Regional will be another gratifying adventure for MBIS members because we have important advantages: the experience of hosting a previous regional (2005?), plenty of planning time, and a great group of talented organizers. We'll launch the process at the May meeting.

The May meeting also will be our annual Pizza Potluck, so you'll want to be there to sample the guilty pleasures as well as to join in the excitement of planning the near future of the MBIS.

The doors will open at 7:00 on Friday, May 21st. I hope to see you there. 🌸🌸 Tom

CULTURE TIPS

AS I WRITE THIS ON MAY 7, we are at peak—10 days later than normal peak April 27. On the upside, the bloom is fabulous. Extra tall stems, big blossoms, and deep color: all qualities you expect in Oregon. Well we had Oregon weather this year—Plentiful rainfall, cool weather. So enjoy one of the best bloom seasons ever (nothing will beat the fantastic bloom during the two drought years, 1976-77).

Not much to do in the garden but enjoy the fruits of your labor. You don't even have to water since it seems to rain in the right amounts at the right time. Leaf spot is a problem, but just live with it. It will cease to be a problem as the weather warms. Snap out spent bloomstalks. We do this on garbage day and keep the greenwaste cans filled!

One thing you should do is check to see if your irises are properly labelled. For example the Applause Line I got back from guesting turned out to be Explicit. Also Cordoba turned out to be Ransom Note. Bewitching Hour keeps showing up in strange places. Also make a note of irises you want to get rid of—perhaps you simply don't like it, does poorly, or you're just tired of it. 🌸🌸 Joe

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!

Thanks again to Charley Kearns and Joe Ghio for all their hard work both before and during the show.

NOT a REBLOOMER Month!

Irises are now blooming. It is March, so there is no Rebloomer drawing. You can still choose to bring iris!

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Rose looks over this years wonderful Artistic entries



THE AWARD WINNERS:

Best Of Show	Lisa Ayala— <i>SP Dandelite</i>
Best Tall Bearded	Jim Cummins— <i>House Afire</i>
Best Tall Bearded—Non Commercial Grower	Jim Cummins— <i>House Afire</i>
Best Bearded Other Than Tall	Lisa Ayala— <i>Welch's Return</i>
Best Miniature TB	Lisa Ayala— <i>MTB Welch's Return</i>
Best Novice	Tom Karwin— <i>TB County Cork</i>
Best Beardless	Lisa Ayala— <i>SP Dandelite</i>
Best Spuria	Lisa Ayala— <i>SP Dandelite</i>
Best Historic	Jim Cummins— <i>TB Striped Butterfly</i>
Best PCI	Brett McEwan— <i>i. fernaldii</i>
Best Seedling	Joe Ghio—(TB) <i>07-40-ED</i>
Best Beardless Seedling	Joe Ghio—(PCI) <i>MP-50-RED</i>
Best Bearded Seedling	Joe Ghio—(TB) <i>07-40-ED</i>
Best Youth Entry	Brett McEwan— <i>i. fernaldii</i>
Ralph Coleman Award (Peoples' Choice)	Cindy Cummings—(TB) <i>Blue Staccato</i>
Silver Medal	Lisa Ayala— <i>10 Blue Ribbons</i>
Bronze Medal	Joe Ghio— <i>8 Blue Ribbons</i>

Artistic Division

Best Artistic Design	Lisa Ayala— <i>Going In Circles</i>
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Best Design— <i>Chiquita</i>	Joan Scanlon
Best Design— <i>Konichiwa</i>	Lisa Ayala
Best Design— <i>Simplicity</i>	Lisa Ayala
Best Design— <i>Reach for the Stars</i>	Lisa Ayala
Best Design— <i>Box Car Bertha</i>	Lisa Ayala
Best Design— <i>Drive My Car</i>	Jim Cummins
Best Design— <i>Peter Cottontail</i>	Brett McEwans
Peoples' Choice Artistic	Pat Lindstrom— <i>Going In Circles</i>



Andie McEwans with her Peter Cottontail arrangement



Lia Ayala, this years Silver metal winner with her winning Artistic Designs

2010 MBIS SHOW REPORT

by Charley Kearns, Show Chairman

We had 138 entries: 106 named varieties and 32 seedlings. Although we had 38 fewer entries than 2009, the display –was gorgeous and impressive. The entries for named varieties were: Lisa Ayala (23), Joe Ghio (22) and Charley Kearns (21). Joe Ghio a;sp entered 22 seedlings. Among named varieties, there were 36 blues, 44 reds, 20 whites, 2 honorable mentions and 4 not judged. The 32 seedlings won 13 blues. We had fewer entries, but a greater percentage won blue ribbons.

The Artistic Section had. 15 entries, up from 9 last year All were beautiful and very popular with the public. Lisa Ayala won Best Design with her *Going In Circles* arrangement. Pat Lindstrom won People's Choice with her *Going In Circles* creation. Brett McEwan won best of the youth category with his *Peter Cottontail* entry.

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

We appreciate, and thank Lisa Ayala and Pat Lindstrom for their hard work in chairing the Artistic Section.

Thanks Ann Pike for another beautiful show program Thank you Irene Cummins for your excellent display at the hospitality table and your long hours. Thank you to all who worked shifts providing hospitality. For those that put in extra long shifts—Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! A special recognition and thanks to Joe Ghio for all his help in entry staging and judging. Joe's new seedlings were stunning and quite the crowd pleaser. Thanks.



IRIS SHOW



MAY 2010



Spring Regional Modesto, CA

April 24-26, 2010

Report by Jim Cummins

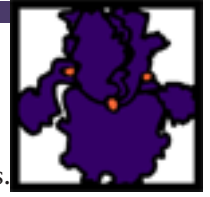
- * Called to order by Jeanne Plank RVP.
- * No minutes were read as they were in bulletin.
- * Treasures Report \$31,322 in account Treasurer requested that she be allowed to purchase a CD of \$ 20,000 at 2.5% for 6 months. Motion made and passed.
- * Bulletins: The region is printing about 500 bulletins and about 400 are for the regional a cost of around \$1400 and they are moving toward an electronic distribution but there was discussion about how to get it to members with no computer access or dial-up connections as it would be a fairly large file. Jeanne said she would rather see an active rather than passive access. This means not having to click on a link to access the bulletin.
Jeanne also said she would like to have an affiliate reporter for each club report to Mary Lee Fortner on club happenings for the bulletin and also have an In Memoriam list.
- * AIS-14 Historian: Marlene Wiley had contacted the RVP and told her she needed to resign as historian for region. Apparently there is someone who might take over this position but they would like to rent a storage locker for the archives but no-one knew how much material there is and no decision was made as to where to locate the locker.
- * Judges: A request by Bob Canning of the Mt Diablo Iris Society to limit the number of judges a society can sign to allow other clubs a chance to get judges was read, discussion followed and there are 42 judges in the region and each club should be allowed to enlist only 3 prior to Jan 1st to allow other clubs a chance. After Jan 1st clubs can try to get more judges if they want to.
- * The awards from the Regional will be presented at the Fall Regional and if you want Keeper Gift you will have to attend otherwise only a certificate will be mailed.
- * San Francisco Flower & Garden Show: Phillipa Alvis reported on the SF Flower show and everyone seemed pleased with the booth, However the RVP asked why we didn't sell and it was explained to her that we would need permits and have to pay a large sum to rent a booth. Motion was made by Lynn Williams and seconded by David Cadd to participate again next year. Passed.
- * Society Updates: The RVP then asked each club for a brief update on happenings.
- * Monterey Bay Iris Society: I mentioned that our show was next weekend and that MBIS had voted to host the 2012 Regional. There was a big round of applause and a motion made, seconded and passed before I had a chance to sit down.
- * Redwood Iris Society reported that they had sold Iris in 1 gal pots at \$5.00 each and they had raised about \$1600.
- * West Bay mentioned that they have pictures of their door prize Iris on their website
- * Recorded Interviews of Hybridizers: There was a discussion of existing cassette tapes of interviews with hybridizers and how to preserve them. They have looked at having them digitized professionally but that is very expensive (\$1.75 per minute). Mary Lee Fortner said she would be willing to do it for \$25 an hour, since no one had any idea how long it might take A motion was made and passed to pay \$250 for her to do what she can and bring the results to the region with an estimate of what it would take to finish the project. There are 10 interviews listed.
- * Guest Iris Sales: George Sutton had sent in a memo complaining about the price that the clubs were underselling guest iris for and there was a lot of discussion with the growers who were present as to how to resolve this issue but nothing was solved, it was decided that they needed a panel to try to balance the needs of the Hybridizer, Grower, Region and Clubs in order to come to an equitable arrangement.
- * Budget: The January budget meeting was discussed and it was decided to move it to 1 hour before the fall regional meeting and the budget report would be sent to all involved parties prior to that so that any discussion would be done in e-mail so that it could be resolved easier at the meeting.
- * Convention Format: Anna Cadd passed out a proposal for a new convention format to implement in 2012 but I asked if we needed to adhere to it and was told that it had been written prior to our offer so they would use the extra year to decide if it was a good idea.
- * Fall Regional: The fall regional will be held in Fresno.

Meeting adjourned.

MBIS had 9 members there. MBIS is the largest club in the region Region 14 has 425 members in AIS as of April 1, 2010.



DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**, Kerr, Pink, blue violet band on F, BB.
2. **BRILLIANT IDEA**, Keppel, White, washed blue band on F.; wide yellow beards.
3. **DELTA GIRL**, Lauer, Sea Lavender plicata on white ground
4. **DODGER BLUE**, Schreiner, Great formed mid blue.
5. **DREAM YOU**, Kerr, White, half inch blue violet band on F.
6. **ENCHANTED MEMORY**, Schreiner, Very lacy orchid.
7. **FANTASY RIDE**, Duncan, White, blue L&S; gold shoulders.
8. **FIXATION**, Ghio, S. buttercup; F. orange, violet L&S.
9. **GIVEN NAME**, Kerr, Blue violet fancy plicata.
10. **GLITTER GULCH**, Burseen, Orange self with flounces.
11. **HONOR FLIGHT**, Kerr, White; F. edged medium blue.
12. **JUST A KISS AWAY**, Baumunk, Very lacy light yellow.
13. **LIKE A RAINBOW**, Lauer, S. peach; F. fuchsia, purple L&S.
14. **MAGHERAIN**, G Richardson, Indigo blue self.
15. **NESSUM DORMA**, Kerr, S. pinkish apricot; F. white, apricot band.
16. **SPRING BLISS**, Kerr, S. lemon; F. vanilla w/blueberry edge.
17. **STRUCK TWICE**, Lauer, S. white; F. azalea pink; RE.
18. **SURFER'S DREAM**, Richardson, Blue reverse amoena.
19. **TEENYBOPPER**, Keppel, Rosy orchid luminata
20. **WEDDING NIGHT**, Ghio, Black purple fancy plicata.



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