



# BAY NEWS

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

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June, 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.

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

**Program**

TBA

**Refreshments**

TBA

**Garden Faire**

Sky Park, Scotts Valley ..... June 26

Saturday ..... 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

**Annual July Picnic**

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

Harvey West Park

Potluck and Auction

**Annual Sale**

**Dig**..... Joe's Ranch

Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>... 9 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

**Sale**.... Deer Park Shopping Center

Saturday, August 7.... 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

**Sale**.... Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt

Saturday, August 14.. 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting**

Friday, August 20,..... 7:30 P.M.

TBA

**Refreshments**

Volunteers Needed

*Garden Faire!*

*June 26th 9am-4pm.*

*Iris & help Needed!*

*Help dig iris at Diane's Saturday*

*June 12, 10 to noon. Also bring*

*any of your iris to the June*

*meeting for the Garden Faire sale.*



Members enjoy the spread at the Pizza Night celebration

Photo by Fred Valentine

## From The Prez

**OUR JUNE MEETING** will include a short list of interesting discussions.

Be there to discuss plans for the MBIS booth at The Garden Faire on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. There is more information about the Faire elsewhere in this issue of Bay News and on the website, thegardenfaire.org. Plan to volunteer for a short shift in the booth at the Faire. This is an enjoyable experience as part of your visit to the Fair. It's also a great opportunity to talk one-to-one with home gardeners about appreciating the genus iris and cultivating them successfully.

We will have "Part Two" of our annual Awards Show, to honor winners of the Annual Iris Show who were not able to attend "Part One" during the May meeting.

Then, we will have a report of the recent board meeting, and invite your ideas for these upcoming activities

- ♥ MBIS participation in AIS-14's Summer Fundraiser Distribution of Rhizomes
- ♥ MBIS Summer Picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup> (this is always great fun, so mark your calendar)
- ♥ Advance planning for MBIS's hosting of the 2012 AIS Spring Regional.

I will send an Iris Alert to announce our program for the June meeting.

The doors will open at 7:00 on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. and the meeting will commence at 7:30. I'll see you there. 🌸 Tom



## CULTURE TIPS

**E**VERY YEAR the refrain is “What a weird year!” Well, this is right up there with the weirdest! In 58 years of iris grower, I have never experience such an extended bloom season. Even now on June 1, there are a few stalks yet to open. On the plus side you could enjoy the fruits of you labor over an extended period of time. The stalk were taller than usual, many colors deeper and richer, and the blossoms larger. The downside was the substance was weak, standards often drooped and weak stalks fell over. Some colors which are normally clear and bright such as oranges took on a dull even dirty look.

The surprise is that rot was not a problem or at least much of one. Virtually none in my plantings. Leaf spot was no greater a problem then normal. Rust made no appearance until mid May.

Finish cutting out spent stalks and dig out weeds which all this late rain encourages. You can clean out dead or diseased leaves, but your plants will “grow out” of leaf spot and rust as the summer warmth finally kicks in. If your soil is light, you should water some. But remember to stop watering at least 2 weeks before you plan to dig them. ❀❀❀ *Joe*

## GARDEN FAIRE

The MBIS is having a booth at the Garden Faire this year on June 26<sup>th</sup>. We will sell rhizomes and pass out iris culture information and promote our Society. We need volunteers to man (woman) the booth and help sell rhizomes. The hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please volunteer. We also need rhizomes from your gardens. Please bring them to the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We also need volunteers to help at a dig at Diane Sampson’s house on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 to noon. We are hoping for good weather this year.

## Open House

The PV Chamber is proud to be a sponsor of the Monterey Bay Greenhouse Growers Open House coming up on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Eight of our local greenhouse growers will open their doors and give the public an opportunity to see where their flowers, plants, vegetables and herbs are grown. A BBQ lunch will be sold at California Pajarosa from 11 A. M.–2 P.M., and products will be available for sale at various sites. Visit the event’s website, below, to see all of the wonderful growers who will be participating, and get details about each site.

Maps are available at the PV Chamber and can also be downloaded at our either of the websites listed below. This event is FREE to the public and will benefit local charities—mark your calendars today for this fantastic event! [www.montereybaygreenhousegrowers.com](http://www.montereybaygreenhousegrowers.com)  
[www.pajarovalleychamber.com](http://www.pajarovalleychamber.com)

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Jim has filled his plate with yummys!

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Tom, Jim, Pat and Joe collected their trophies for the Iris Show

Photo by Fred Valentine



# The Garden Faire

June 26, 2010 • Skypark in Scotts Valley

Rediscovering Our Roots

*A return to a simpler, sustainable, eco-friendly way of gardening*

The 2010 Garden Faire will be held on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in Scotts Valley's Skypark from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The Faire will again be a free admission, educational event.

The first four Faires in Scotts Valley created great times for home gardeners and established an annual event for all who support sustainable gardening and landscaping in the Monterey Bay area. We're doing it again with the same co-chairs, the original commitment to environment-friendly gardening, an updated name and a new host, the California Native Garden Foundation!

Our 2010 theme, "Rediscovering Our Roots," honors gardening that returns us to a simpler way of life in which flowers easily mix with vegetables, plant selection is diverse, water is conserved, waste is composted, and companion planting and integrated pest management are the norm.

Speakers will include Pam Peirce (edible gardening), Thomas Wittman (non-toxic gopher control), Vai Campbell (debuting a new website on conserving water in the garden), Angie Stuart (keeping water in your garden), Denise Ritchie (biodynamic gardening) and more to be announced.

In keeping with our theme, the Faire will include a series of re-skilling demonstrations

This popular event also will include exhibits and plant sales by local garden-related community groups and businesses, the sale of garden-related goods, activities for kids, healthful food and spirited entertainment to add to the festive atmosphere.

For more information, visit [thegardenfaire.org](http://thegardenfaire.org)

## **Directions to Garden Faire**

Take Highway 17 to Scotts Valley. Leave Highway 17 at the Mt Hermon exit. Continue .7 mile on Mt. Hermon Road. Turn right on Kings Village Road. Follow Kings village Road to the end and turn left into Skypark.



## **BLOOMERS**

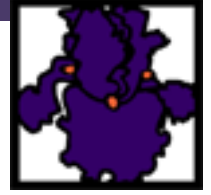
This is bloom season. There is no rebloomer drawing this month! Rebloomer drawing starts again in November.

## **NON-IRIS PLANT EXCHANGE**

Bring your surplus non-iris to exchange. Lay them out on the lawn in front of the Hall. Take what you want and enjoy!



## DOOR PRIZES IRISES



This is the last drawing before our July picnic at which time your winnings of the year will be distributed.

1. **ADRIATIC WAVES**, Keppel, Big ruffled navy blue self.
2. **BEWITCHING HOUR**, Helsley, Wine red, lighter S., red horns.
3. **CHURCH KEY**, G. Sutton, Wisteria blue; blue flounces.
4. **COSMIC CELEBRATION**, L. Painter, S. white, thin purple edge; F. black purple; white starburst.
5. **DEEP CURRENTS**, T. Johnson, White ground, red purple plicating.
6. **EXHIBITIONIST**, Baumunk, S. white; F. lavender, yellow orange hafts.
7. **FASHION MAGIC**, J. Painter, S. mauve pink; F. fuchsia violet.
8. **FLORENCE HILL**, Burseen, S. peach buff; F. violet blue; feathered violet flounces.
9. **HOLIDAY ROMANCE**, Kerr, S. white pink infusion; F. dark pink.
10. **HOO DOO**, T. Johnson, S. mid violet; F. black purple.
11. **INSPIRED**, P. Black, Small flowered dusky pink.
12. **I WOW WOSES**, Burseen, Creamy peach w/layered flounces.
13. **LIVING ON THE EDGE**, Lauer, Yellow w/beetroot band on F.
14. **MAMBO ITALIANO**, P. Black, Lacy rosy claret.
15. **MY BELOVED**, Ghio, Beautifully formed white; coral beards.
16. **OCEAN POP**, Lauer, S. white; F. cornflower blue.
17. **ORBISON**, Kerr, Velvety blackish "flat" formed.
18. **POLKA**, T. Johnson, S. pale violet; F. mid orchid; very ruffled
19. **ROCK & ROLL GIRL**, Lauer, Pink; orange horns.



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