



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Friday, 21, 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



Joe at the Christmas Party

From The Prez



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We concluded 2010 with a pleasant repeat of our familiar holiday party at the good old Green Valley Grill. Good gardeners and good friends!

We now proceed into another year of enjoying our irises and helping others to appreciate their colorful contributions to gardens and floral displays. We can look back on a successful year and look forward to new opportunities to learn about irises and other aspects of gardening, and to share our knowledge with our fellow gardeners. treasurer, and its only honorary member to date.

As we review 2010, we also mourn the loss of two of our valued members: Leo Linck and Marguerite Hartman. Marguerite was a charter member of the MBIS, the society's long-time treasurer, and its only honorary member to date.

As I mentioned briefly during our party, we all appreciate the many good works of our members during the year. Volunteering in service to the society benefit the organization, of course, but it also enriches the experience of the volunteer.

For that reason, I encourage all members to help out when the occasion arises. Each member can bring energy to the routine tasks that combine in a smooth and effective operation, unique talents for raising our standards of quality, and fresh ideas for launching us into interesting new directions.

Our first meeting of 2011 will gather as usual at 7:00 and convene at 7:30 for a brief business meeting. We are still working on the program for that meeting, and will announce it with an Iris Alert a few days before the meeting.

I'll see you there!

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2009 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, January 21 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Elana & Barbara

Regular Meeting

Friday, February 18 7:30 P.M.

TBA

Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 18 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Brenda & Larissa

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 15 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall May 6 to May 7

Set up

Friday, May 5 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 20 7:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck



CULTURE TIPS

WITH THIS FAIRLY MILD WINTER, the irises haven't died back as much as is normal. During the first week of January there is already signs of new growth developing which is like a month earlier than normal. Whether this portends an early season is still too early to tell. One of the important things to do is to fertilize in early February as the new growth really gets underway. Use a balanced fertilizer like 10-10-10 or triple 12. Also if you have been planting in the same beds for years, it is also wise to put in some gypsum which helps neutralize salt build up and loosen up your soil. Once fertilizer (and gypsum) have been sprinkled on, scrape it in. At this time of the year, the natural moisture in the soil and the rains are enough to get the fertilizer to the plants. But if you soil dries some watering would help get the good stuff to where it helps the plants best.

Fertilize all types of irises in February. But on the Pacificas make the application much lighter than what you give to other type. A rule of thumb is a big handful per clump and about half as much on the Pacificas.

As the new growth gets going in February, leaf spot can make its appearance. The dormant spray you use on your newly pruned roses and fruit trees is good to also spray the irises at the same time. It will help some keeping leaf spot down somewhat. ❁❁❁ Joe

REBLOOMERS

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

S F Spring Flower Show

March 23-27, 2011, San Mateo

Members interested in volunteering for a shift at the American Iris Society booth are encouraged to call Carolyn Craft at 408-266-0945. Volunteering gets you free admission. Call right away as volunteer positions fill up fast.

DUES ARE DUE

MBIS membership 2011 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. If you want your newsletter by mail, add \$5 to your membership. Please pay at the January 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



Jim, Jack, Tom and Charley at the Christmas Party

EVENTS FOR 2011

Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

Date	Event	Activity	Location	Time
January 21	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
February 18	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
March 18	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
April 15	Meeting	Mini-show	Native Son' Hall	7:30 P.M.
May 6	Iris Show	Set-up	Capitola Mall	8:00 P.M.
May 7	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-8:00 P.M.
May 8	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-6:00 P.M.
May 20	Meeting	Pizza Potluck	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 17	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30P.M.
June 25	The Garden Faire	Iris Promotion & Sale	Skypark, Scotts Valley	9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
July 16	Summer Picnic	More Irises	Harvey West Park	11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
August 4	Iris Dig for Sale	Prepare for Sale	Joe's Ranch	9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
August 6	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Deer Park Center	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 13	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Aptos Farmer's Mkt	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 19	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
September 16	Meeting	Beardless Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
October 21	Meeting	Pacific Coast Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
November 18	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
December 16	Holiday Party	Celebration	Green Valley Grill or ???	6:00 P.M.

Monterey Bay Rose Society

Pruning Clinic

10 a.m. Jan 22, ProBuild Garden Center, 235 River St., Santa Cruz

Meeting

Special Viewing of BBC Documentary with host Bill Grant, "The Quest for the Rose." A program about the history and origin of the rose.

6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Dr. Aptos

Orchid Society

Show and Sale

9a. m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 29 and 10 a.m. To 4 p.m. Jan. 30
Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel.

Dalia Society

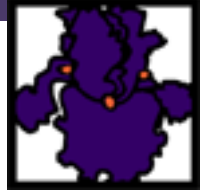
Tuber Sale

9 a.m. Saturday, April 2, Deer Park



DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **BOUNDLESS**, M. Sutton, S. yellow; F. white w/violet band.
2. **CORAL COVE**, M. Sutton, S. peach; F. plum, orange sunburst.
3. **DODGER BLUE**, Schreiner, Peacock blue self, ruffled.
4. **EL GRECO**, Baumunk, Gold and violet luminata.
5. **FALLALERY**, B. Johnson, Very lacy bright yellow.
6. **HAUNTED HEART**, Keppel, Superformed grey-pink.
7. **MAGIC ACT**, Ghio, Pink with deep pink shoulders.
8. **MAGNIFICENT MASTERPIECE**, Nicodemus, Neglecta: S. purple; F. velvety black purple.
9. **MOCHADOODLE**, L. Johnson, S. mocha; F. lavender w/mocha band.
10. **MOONGLOW**, Baumunk, S. cream; F. red-violet; luminata.
11. **ONE MORE NIGHT**, Duncan, Velvety purple black bicolor.
12. **ONLY IN DREAMS**, Kerr, Neglecta: S. lavender blue, F. red violet.
13. **PAGEANT'S GOWN**, L. Painter, S. lavender; F. deep violet.
14. **SAMMIES JAMMIES**, Burseen, Orange, violet lines on F.
15. **SHARP DRESSED MAN**, T. Johnson, Neglecta: S. purple; F. purple black, red beards.
16. **SINGLE MALT**, Baumunk, S. gold; F. brown, yellow hafts.
17. **SMOKY SHADOWS**, Tasco, S. brownish brick; F. golden buff.
18. **SPLURGE**, Ghio, Pink, violet L&S on F.
19. **SUN SHINE IN**, Keppel, Lemon gold glaciata.
20. **TUNNEL VISION**, Keppel, mulberry plicata over cream.



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