

June, 2011

Next meeting      Friday, 17, 2011  
 Doors open            7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting                7:30 P.M.  
 Place                    Native Sons Hall  
                               239 High Street, Santa Cruz

## 2011 Calendar

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

Friday, June 17..... 7:30 P.M.

**Program**

Dirt!

**Refreshments**

Ann & Carolyn

**Garden Faire**

Sky Park, Scotts Valley June 25 Saturday  
 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

**Annual July Picnic**

Saturday, July 16.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.  
 Harvey West Park  
 Potluck and Auction

**Annual Sale**

**Dig**..... Joe's Ranch  
 Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>... 9 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

**Sale**.... Deer Park Shopping Center  
 Saturday, August 6.... 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

**Sale**.... Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt  
 Saturday, August 13.. 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting**

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

TBA

**Refreshments**

Volunteers Needed

*Garden Faire!*

*June 25th 9am-4pm.*

*Iris & help Needed!*



This is the Official Region 14, 2012 Convention Iris. Sib. to Center Ice and Engagement Ring. Name contest detail will soon be available

## From The Prez

**O**UR JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING will happen just a few days before the end of spring and the beginning of summer. Can you believe how the days have flown by?

We will have out trophies at this meeting, all engraved for awarding to the winners of the annual iris show. They received their paper awards and cash prizes during the May meeting, so there are no surprises, just recognition of their cultivation and presentation of outstanding specimens.

We have enjoyable events coming up. This first is the opportunity to promote interest in irises (and to sell a few, as well) on Saturday, June 25th, when will have a booth at The Garden Faire in Scotts Valley. During our June meeting, we will recruit volunteers to help for a couple hour at the booth, so check your calendar to know your availability on that day. This is a good occasion to share your appreciation of irises, meet fellow gardeners, and also enjoy other activities at the Faire.

The following events include our Summer Picnic (July 16th) and our Iris Sale of two days, August 6th at Deer Park and August 13th at the Aptos Farmers' Market.

The program for our June meeting with a screening of the award winning documentary, dirt! The Movie. Here are promotional comments: "Dirt! The Movie is an insightful and timely film that tells the story of the glorious and unappreciated material beneath our feet. [It] takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from and will later return to."



You can learn more about it by visiting [www.DirtThe-Movie.org](http://www.DirtThe-Movie.org).

This documentary runs just eighty minutes, but we will stop mid-way to vote to decide to (a) continue, (b) screen the second half at another meeting, or (c) just stop!

We'll convene as usual at 7:00 and meet at 7:30.  
I'll see you there! 🌸 Tom

## CULTURE TIPS

**W**E HAD A VERY EXTRAORDINARY spring—I know, so what's new! Dry and warm early on, then that just became a memory as the weather seems to turn cool and wet by speers. This caused the bloom season to be extended which was a good thing since our show was a week later than usual. Here it is the first week of June and some bloom is hanging on and new stalks are showing up as some increase turns into bloomstalks which is a result of the cool and relatively damp last several weeks.

If you have reblooming irises and want to promote bloom, it is best to plant them together so you can give them special attention. Now would be the time to give them a light application of a balanced fertilizer and water regular to get the growth going.

Other bearded irises it is okay to keep giving them some water especially if your soil is light and sandy. But always cut off watering at least two weeks before you plan to dig your irises for replanting.

This is also the time finish tiding up you irises—cut out the spent stalks and if you want trim off the diseased part of the foliage but not as far back as you would trim foliage when replanting. 🌸 Joe

## GARDEN FAIRE

The MBIS is having a booth at the Garden Faire this year on June 25<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 8:30 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 iris and volunteers to help at a dig. We are hoping for good weather this year.

## Christmas party

Art spoke to the manager of the Green Valley Grill and was told they are changing locations. Their last day in the old location is July 16th and it does not appear that the new building will have banquet facilities. We there for need to find a new location and suggestions and nominations are welcome. This will be a subject of the next meeting. If you have a suggestion and will not be attending please let Elena know your nomination.

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Charley present Henry with his winning ribbons including a blue for best novice artistic arrangement.



# The Garden Faire

June 25, 2010 • Skypark in Scotts Valley

## Celebrating Abundance

The 2010 Garden Faire will be held on Saturday, June 25<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 five 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, and hosted by the California Native Garden Foundation!

Our 2011 theme, "Celebrating Abundance," acknowledges how fortunate we are to be gardeners in a place and time that abounds with healthful fruits and vegetables, and refreshes our spirits with beauty in the garden. .

The faire provides speakers and expert demonstrations on aspects of sustainable gardening. 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!



### Regional Planning Meeting

For all those interested in taking part in planning next spring's regional, there will be a planning meeting Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cummins house. It will be a potluck starting at 6. Among the issues covered will be busses, badges, T shirts, maps, and lunches. This is a great way to help the club and get to know other members. You can help along the way as the time gets closer, but this is a good time to start! Email Jim if you need driving directions.

### Member's News

Joan Scanlon and Jack Alvis both had heart surgery just prior to the May meeting. We missed them both, but were happy to hear that they both were improving.



Lisa won Best in Show for her Artist Arrangement and the bronze metal.

### Home Gardening Boot Camp

Cabrillo College Horticulture Department & the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners present a Home Gardening Boot Camp. This is a day of basic and advanced gardening classes taught by expert horticultural instructors. Keynote Speaker is Cynthia Sandberg, farmer and educator from the Love Apple Farm. Classes in Landscape design, organic gardening practices, integrated pest management, biology of healthy, productive soil, garden tree care and pruning, bees and chickens in the urban garden, and aquaponics and more! Saturday June 25, 2011. Call 831.427.2255 or go to [www.montereybaymastergardeners.org](http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org).



## **DOOR PRIZES IRISES**

This is the last drawing of the season and a bit abbreviated since we are running low. Remember you must pick up your winnings at the July Picnic.

1. DODGER BLUE, Schreiner, Peacock blue self, ruffled
2. HOLLYWOOD STAR, Ghio, Deep pink self
3. MAGNIFICENT MASTERPIECE, Nicodemus, Neglecta: S. purple; F. velvety black purple
3. MOCHADOODLE, L. Johnson, S. mocha; F. lavender w/mocha band
4. MURANO AMBER, L. Johnson, Deep orange self
5. ONE MORE NIGHT, Duncan, Velvety purple black bicolor
6. POLISHED PEACH, Hager, S. white; F. white overlaid w/peach
7. SINGLE MALT, Baumunk, S. gold; F. brown, yellow hafts
8. SMOKY SHADOWS, Tasco, S. brownish brick; F. golden buff
9. STAN COATES, L. Painter, White, turquoise wash
10. SUN SHINE IN, Keppel, Lemon gold glaciata



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