



# MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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September, 2011

Next meeting Friday, 16, 2011  
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



Double Platinum, Ghio, 2012

Photo by Jim Cummins

## From The Prez

**O**UR AUGUST MEETING included a screening of "Dirt: The Movie," which raised our awareness of ways in which commercial agriculture compromises the natural quality of our soil. This DVD is available for any member to borrow for home viewing or screening for a group. Contact me if you are interested.

Our September meeting will focus on beardless irises. If you have limited your interest in the genus *Iris* to the very popular tall bearded irises, you owe yourself the opportunity to learn a bit about the related species of beardless irises.

The beardless irises are rhizomatous, i.e., they grow from an underground stem, just like the bearded irises. (The genus *Iris* consists of three sub-genera: bearded, beardless and reticulate-bulbed irises.)

Here is some information from Wikipedia:

- ☒ Beardless rhizomatous iris types commonly found in the garden are the Siberian Iris (*I. sibirica*) and its hybrids, and the Japanese Iris (*I. ensata*) and its hybrids.
- ☒ "Japanese Iris" is also a catch-all term for the Japanese Iris proper (*hanashōbu*), the Blood Iris (*I. sanguinea*, ayame) and the Rabbitear Iris (*I. laevigata*, *kakit-subata*).

## 2011 Calendar

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

**Regular Meeting**  
Friday, September 16 ..... 7:30 P.M.  
**Tall Beardless Refreshments**  
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**Regular Meeting**  
Friday, October 21 ..... 7:30 P.M.  
**PCIs Refreshments**  
Volunteers Needed

**Regular Meeting**  
Friday, November 18 ..... 7:30 P.M.  
**Program..... TBA Refreshments**  
Valentines

**Annual Holiday Dinner**  
Bruno's BBQ  
230 Mt Hermon Rd, Scotts Valley  
Friday, December 16 ..... 6:00 p.m

*The location of the Christmas Dinner has been moved to Bruno's BBQ in Scotts Valley. The day is still Friday the 16th of December. Gather for cocktails at 6, dinner will start at 7! Dinner will be a buffet dinner with more or less the same menu. Hope to see you there!*



- ☒ *I. unguicularis* is a late-winter-flowering species from Algeria, with sky-blue flowers blotched with yellow, produced (in the Northern Hemisphere) from November to March or April.
- ☒ Yet another beardless rhizomatous iris popular in gardening is *I. ruthenica*, which has much the same requirements and characteristics as the “tall bearded” irises.

We will convene as always at 7:00 for the ceremonial rolling up of the segmented floor covering. After thanking the volunteers who take on this task, we will have our business meeting, which will include brainstorming about “The Contributions of the AIS Regions,” so think about that topic before the meeting.

We will also get an update on the AIS-14 Fall Regional (October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>), a progress report on the AIS-14 Spring Regional and our ever-popular refreshments.

I'll see you another interesting meeting of the MBIS. 🌸🌸 *Tom*

## CULTURE TIPS

**A**FTER A VERY COOL SUMMER—wonderful weather to work in, we should be getting our hottest weather of the year shortly, normally our hottest weather occurs between Mid-September to Mid-October. If your soil is sandy, deeply water once a week. Newly planted irises should be watered weekly until 4 full leaves develop. At that point you can water less frequently.

Finish planting your bearded irises now for best results come spring. All type of irises can be dug and replanted this month. Remember that beardless irises are not tolerant as the bearded about being out of the ground for long periods. If you don't replant them immediately hold them over in a bucket of water until you are ready to replant them. Wet wrapped in plastic beardless irises can be held over for several weeks in your refrigerator. The only side effect we have noticed is that those held over in this method begin blooming earlier in the spring than normal.

If you haven't watered your Pacificas all summer as I do, begin watering them regularly by mid-September. This is especially important if you plan to dig and replant them in October. The later you replant them in October the better the success rate. 🌸🌸 *Joe*

## Garden Tour

Monterey Bay Master Gardeners garden tour in Carmel on Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 to 4. The price is \$20.00.

January through May a new class for Master Gardeners starts, for more information & tickets contact [montereybaymastergardeners.org](http://montereybaymastergardeners.org).

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## Ghio 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 1 Hour Sale

Saturday, September 17, 9-10 am, 1201 Bay Street; Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Some of the newest and best from leading hybridizers such as Schreiner, Keppel, Blyth, Ghio will be available at \$5 each. A limited number of 2011 introductions will be available at \$10.00. This year a large selection of the Blyth irises, including the newest, will be featured. Limited numbers: Last year's sale sold out in 10 minutes. Also a selection of organic vegetables and interesting pumpkins and gourds will also be available as an added plus.

## Nominating Committee

This is the month we start the process of getting our set of officers for 2012.

The President appoints the chair and two additional members are voted on from the floor. The Committee will report at the October meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor and the election is held at the November meeting. The new officers are installed in December.



# BEARDLESS IRIS



Louisiana iris



Japanese Iris



Several types of Japanese Iris



Collection of Tall Beardless, Spuria, Wyoming Cowboy, Siberian, & Roy Davidson



## **Bloomers**

Bring your rebloomer to share! First drawing goes to those who have brought blooms. Rebloomer drawing starts in August and goes until February.



## **The Fall Regional**

The fall regional is coming up! Keith Keppel will be the speaker. We need donations for the basket to be raffled off at the regional. Please bring items to Brenda this next meeting as the regional is a week before our October meeting.

## **Door Prizes**

The club has purchased some beardless iris for the drawing.

Also, through the past years a wide range of beardless have been given away by the Club. It is more than time to dig and replant them (or at least thin them out). Bring the surplus to share as door prizes. Also any last bearded are welcome for sharing as door prizes.



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