



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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October, 2011

Next meeting Friday, 21, 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



Power Center, Ghio, 2012

From The Prez

FULL MEETING FOR REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY was, as always, an information-packed session.

We will have a full report in the Region 14's Fall Bulletin, which is due on November 1st (or soon thereafter), but from my point of view at least the highlights of the meeting focused on the region's Bulletin and the website.

The important news is that the Executive Board has agreed that the Bulletin should be posted on public side of Region's website. This is a major shift from the traditional treatment of the Bulletin as a benefit of membership to treating the Bulletin as the Region's major channel of information to the interested public as well as the members. This is consistent with the mission of the AIS and Region 14, which focuses on education of the public about the genus iris, and encouraging the cultivation and development of the genus.

The discussion stopped short of limiting further the categories of information on the website that should be limited to members. There was general agreement that contact information for individual members should be posted only with the permission of the individual member. Also, the national policy of the AIS requires that names, pictures and contact information for minors are to be limited to the members-only section of the website. The control of other information, e.g., corpora-

2011 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, October 21 7:30 P.M.

PCIs

Refreshments

Carolyn Craft & Rosanna Kennedy

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!



tion bylaws, minutes of Board meetings and financial summaries, were discussed only briefly and no conclusions were reached.

On the local level, the MBIS is due to select office and board positions for 2012. The schedule for this process snuck up on us (although it was mentioned in last month's Bay News), so we will need to play "catch-up" at our October meeting.

Our meeting on Friday will be full of interesting topics, so please join in the discussion. As usual, we will convene at 7:00 and meet at 7:30. I'll see you there! ❀❀ Tom

CULTURE TIPS

AS THIS PIECE IS BEING WRITTEN, a strong storm with wind and lots of rain is building outside. We rarely get heavy rains this early in the fall. Ideally if you have pre-emergent you applied just before this rain is due. This will control your weeds through the winter. But remember to read the label. Pre-emergents are weed specific and are only effective against the weeds they list. Choose a brand that gets the most weeds you are having problems with.

What happens after 3 or 4 years you will find a weed that wasn't a problem, now is. The reason is that its competitors have been eliminated and they can now flourish with abandon. This is why you must switch brands every 3 or 4 years. Change to a brand which will control the weed(s) that are now causing problems. Pearlwart has become a problem. Chipco XL controlled it, but it is discontinued and I'm still looking for an acceptable replacement.

Finish up replanting any beardless irises as soon as possible. Pacificas are ideally replanted this month through early November. Make sure the plants show new white roots before planting them. If they don't, place them in a bucket of water until the new roots show, usually in 5 to 7 days. Keep plants well watered until the winter rains take over.

October is also the month to get iris seed planted. The winter rains and cold help stratify the seed and promote germination. Most germination will take place 2 to 3 months after planting. So have patience. ❀❀ Joe



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.



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Ghio Seedling



AIS Emembership

The AIS announces a new membership service - Electronic Membership. Emembership is separate from the normal AIS membership. Emembers do not receive printed copies of the AIS Bulletins. Instead, they have access to online AIS Bulletins using an easy to use viewer. Emembers also have access to online viewing of The Basic Iris Culture booklet and automatic access to irisregister.com, the online iris registration database. Additional services may be made available in the future.

Click on Join Emembership to become an Emember online. Current subscribers to irisregister.com will automatically be made AIS Emembers after they work through a few glitches. Emembers will need the Adobe Flash Player to view the online publications. The Flash player is free and may be downloaded from <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>

DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Add \$5 if you want the newsletter by mail. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer, Charley Kearns, Post Office Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA .

Spring Regional

Jim Cummins reports that there will soon be another Spring Regional meeting so keep a look out for that! Also, we are still looking for pictures of our members in their gardens. please e-mail photos to Jim Cummins at jcummins@pacbell.net. So far he has had very little response. As your garden comes into bloom, keep this in mind and get out your camera and take a photo!



Costanoa

Door Prizes

Pacificas have been ordered from Bay View Gardens and will be given as door prizes. Also if you have surplus to share, please bring them.

New Member

We have a new member! Please welcome Rosanna Kennedy of Los Gatos. She has volunteer to be on the Refreshment committee this month so be sure to say "Hi!" Rosanna_kennedy@yanoo.com



Open Eyes



Identity





CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual party will be at a new location, Bruno's BBQ in Scotts Valley. The menu will be similar to prior years. No Host cocktails, 6 P.M. Dinner, 7 P.M. Reservations are a must and need to be in by Monday, December, 13th. Payment for the party needs to be made in advance. Pay at the meeting (with dues!) or send to Charley Kearns at P.O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031. Price of the dinner is \$15.00 for members (Club picks up the balance); Full price to non-members, \$30.00. Bruno's is located at 230 Mt Herman Drive, near the King's Village Shopping Center.

Bloomers

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



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