



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Friday 20, 2012
 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



Our three Regional garden hosts do last minute iris check

From The Prez



IT'S MEETING TIME!

We will convene as usual at 7:00 at the Native Sons Hall. We'll have a progress report and discussion of any remaining issues for the Spring Regional at 7:30.

This is our last meeting before the Spring Regional, on April 27-29.

The planning has been proceeding well. Here's re-run of my previous call for registrations:

I encourage all MBIS members to register for the 2012 Spring Regional. It will be a fine occasion, and a great bargain because as a local member you need not have the cost of lodging. Register **now** to gain the best price, and to help the planning committee to plan a good experience for everyone.

Registrations from elsewhere in Region 14 and parts beyond have been impressive. That's a tribute to our good reputation from seven years ago, the appeal of the Santa Cruz area, and of course our high-quality planning.

Lastly, if we have time during the April meeting, we will also view an AIS slide presentation of 2011 introductions.

I'll see you there! 🌸 Tom

2012 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held in Native Sons Hall unless otherwise stated

Regular Meeting

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

Program

Regional Planning

Refreshments

Art, Pat & Barbara H.

Regional

Aptos Seacliff Inn..... April 27 to 29

Registration

Friday, May 27 3-6 P.M.

Garden Tour and Dinner

Saturday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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

Pizza Potluck

Last chance to register for Regional and banquet!

This meeting is a Regional Planning session. Come and help out

Not a re-bloomer Month! Iris are blooming

Take a photo of yourself in your garden. Send it to Jim.



CULTURE TIPS

WE ARE ON THE VERGE of one of the best bloom seasons ever. The growth is fantastic with bloom stalks forming. Just the right weather conditions this winter made all this possible. Actually the dry winter with swings of temperatures stressed the plants which make them perform. If you fertilized (as you should!) in early February, just the right amount rains came when it should which pushed growth that we now see. This is all the more welcome since we are hosting the Region 14 Convention this year and rarely if ever do the right combination of factors come together as they have this year.

Disease such as rot and rust are minimal though leaf spot is around, but this is no big thing. The plants will out grow it as the weather dries and warms. The late rains which are welcome for the growth we are having does tend to cause more leaf spot than usual, but the trade off is worth it.

The Pacificas normally peak here about April 5, but this year the bloom is a bit delayed which translates to the TB probably being a bit on the late side in peak bloom. But with our prolong bloom season this is not a serious problem. There is plenty of extended bloom from early April well into mid May and beyond.

When the soil dries some, get in your plantings and get rid of pesky weeds that you might have missed earlier. If aphids are around, spray with a systemic insecticide and that will take care of the problem through the bloom season.

Also check you labels and charts that your irises are correctly labeled. Mistakes happen! With digital cameras, it is easy to take pictures of your blooms. This helps to record and correct identification. Once mistake is found, correct it if possible or at least note the error and see if someone can help correctly identify it. 🌸🌸*Joe*



Cummins garden ready for the Regional

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Regional Schedule

Friday, April 27

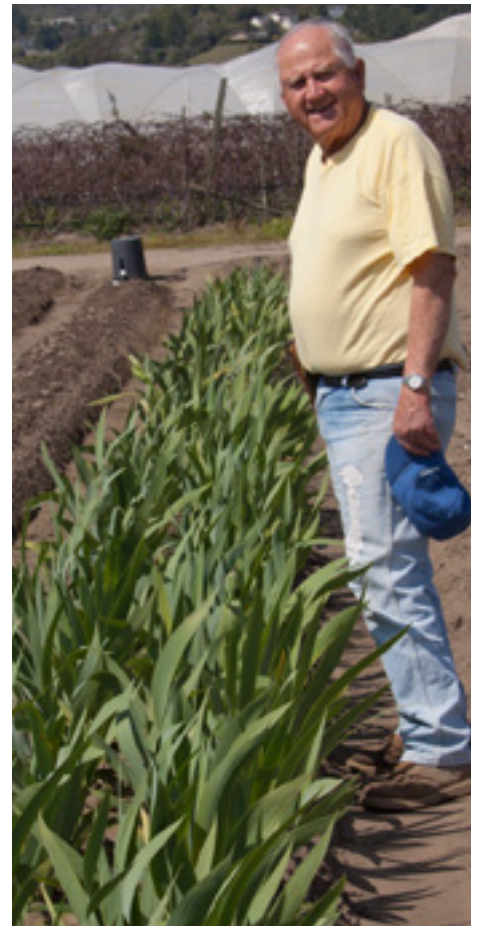
- 3:00 P.M. Registration begin
- 7 P.M. Regional and TBIS Board meetings.
- 7 P.M. Digital Slide show by Riley Probst—bring slides you would like to share on a portable drive
- 8 P.M. TBIS general meeting
- 8:30 P.M. Region14 General Meeting

Saturday, April 28

- 8:00 A.M. Load buses
- 8:30–9 A.M. Travel
- 9–10:30 A.M. Garden 1
- 10:30–11 A.M. Travel
- 11a.m.–1 P.M. Garden 2 and Lunch
- 1–1:30 P.M. Travel
- 1:30–3 P.M. Garden 3
- 3–3:30 P.M. Travel back to Sea Cliff Inn
- 4–6:00 P.M. Region 14 Auctions and Raffle
- 4–6:00 P.M. No-Host cocktails
- 6–8:00 P.M. Dinner
- 8 P.M. Joe Ghio Speaker
- TBIS auction after program

Sunday, April 29

- 10 a.m. Judges Training at Joe Ghio's house—must have own transportation.
- Open Gardens Looking for members to open their gardens
- Sunday for drop ins



Joe with the row of Day on the Bay ready for digging



Brenda Wood in her garden entry

Regional Update

We held our next to last planning meeting last Saturday and did a test run for the buses, Everything is coming together nicely. We have over 100 registrations. 36 or more from TBIS. I would like to encourage all members to come to the meetings Friday night to make our guests feel welcome as well as to the banquet on Saturday, Hurry and get your registration in, they need a final count for the banquet next week!!!

Joan Scanlon is asking for anyone who can spare some Iris for decorating to bring them to the Motel on Friday morning, She would like to put vases in several locations around the lobby.

We could also use more cookies, contact Karen Valentine. There is no such thing as too many.

Also we need your donations for the basket that Phillipa is making up, We need these items at our next club meeting for her, she has suggested a theme of “a picnic at the beach” So anything you would care to donate will help, We give this basket to the region to raffle off to raise funds, most clubs make the same sort of donation. Last fall we donated a basket that was mostly garden related. Also any other items you might like to donate for the regional fundraiser would be greatly appreciated. The region uses these fundraisers to support the region. It is their main source of income.

Thanks, *Jim and Irene*



DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **ACTION PACKED**, P. Black, S. buff, webbed deeper; F purple black
2. **ANGEL WITHIN**, Kerr, Pink with hint of lavender
3. **BANDED ROSE**, Aiken, Copper-rose, deeper band of F, BB
4. **BLACKBIRD LANDING**, Burseen, S blue; F black; gold beards
5. **BLUSHING**, P. Black, S light butter; F white, yellow margin
6. **CARDINAL RULE**, Ghio, Claret rosy red
7. **CHARISMATIC**, M. Sutton, S light peach; F ivory
8. **CHENILLE**, Keppel, Grey pink; long red orange beards
9. **COLD CREEK**, M. Sutton, S white; F white over-veined w/blue, RE
10. **EDGE OF THE WORLD**, M. Sutton, S. lavender tan halo; F black, RE
11. **EXOTIC NOTIONS**, Burseen, Peach, streaked violet on F
12. **FRENCH LAVENDER**, J. Painter, Antique lavender purple
13. **GLIMMER**, Burseen, White ground plicata; violet edges; blue horns
14. **ILLUSIONIST**, Ghio, Peach pink; mauve band on F
15. **PATCHWORK PUZZLE**, T. Johnson, S white, yellow halo; F purple, white veins ½ way down
16. **PERCEPTION**, Ghio, White, blue band on F; gold beards
17. **QUEEN'S ROBE**, Kerr, S. pink; F pink, light blue band
18. **REVISION**, Keppel, White, blue band of F; large yellow beards
19. **SUBTLE BEAUTY**, Tasco, S greenish yellow; F violet
20. **TANGO TO THE MOONLIGHT**, B. Johnson, S warm white; F lavender, plum rim



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