

June, 2012

Next meeting Friday 15, 2012
 Doors open 7:00 P.M.
 Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 Place Native Sons Hall
 239 High Street, Santa Cruz

2012 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held in Native Sons Hall unless otherwise stated

Regular Meeting

Friday, June 15 7:30p.m.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Henry & Lisa

Garden Faire

Sky Park, Scotts Valley

June 23, Saturday.. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 21.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00P.M.

Harvey West Park

Potluck and Auction

Annual Sale

Dig..... Joe's Ranch

Thursday, August 2nd.. 9 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center

Saturday, August 4th . 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M

Sale.... Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt

Saturday, August 11.. 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M

Regular Meeting

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

TBA

Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Pizza Potluck!

*Bring veggies sides, salads,
or fruit! Maybe a desert!*



Flower arranging 101

photo by Jim Cummins

From The Prez

NOW THAT WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE to catch our collective breaths following the 2012 Spring Regional Meeting, we can think ahead to our upcoming events.

After our regular meeting on June 15th (coming soon!), we are planning to participate in The 2012 Garden Faire, which will be held on June 23rd, at Skypark, in Scott's Valley. We will have our regular information booth, and hopefully some irises to sell (I recall that Shirley Trio offered to provide some rhizomes). We will welcome a couple hours of your time to attend the booth and share your appreciation of irises with the gardeners who come to The Garden Faire.

Then, on July 21st, we will have our traditional Summer Picnic at Harvey West Park, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This event has consistently provided a good time for our members and any guests they choose to bring along. Remember it is a potluck occasion, so plan your culinary gift to the group!

Our annual Rhizome Sale will again be on two weekend days: Saturday August 4th at Deer Park Center and Saturday, August 11th at the Aptos Farmer's Market. We will also have a rhizome dig at Joe's Ranch on Thursday, August 2nd. Your help will be welcome on one or all of those occasions, as well, so please mark your calendar.

There's more MBIS activity planned during the balance of 2012, but that's enough for now.

If you haven't yet had the pleasure of providing refreshments for our meetings, please contact Pat Lindstrom and take a turn. Your help would be appreciated in August, October or November.

I'll see you at our regular meeting on Friday, June 15th. 🌸 Tom



CULTURE TIPS

WE HAD A VERY LONG AND LATE BLOOM SEASON, but one of the best ever. Growth was good, stalks plenty, and large more colorful blooms than usual. Visited the gardens in Oregon during their peak, but the problem was the Oregon weather. The stalks as tall and blooms as large as I haven't seen since my first visit there so many years ago. The problem this time is that it rained and was windy which caused stalks to snap or fall over from the weight of water in them. Many stalks in full bloom were laying on the ground. Keppel was snapping them off and discarding them. Not a pretty sight.

The thing to do now in the garden is to cut out or snap out the spent stalks, clean out weeds, and if your soil is light and sandy, continue watering weekly until about 2 weeks before you plan on digging up your irises. If you have reblooming irises (any many "non-rebloomers" often repeat in our climate), a light fertilization with a balanced fertilizer now pushes the growth and is more likely to give you some bloom later on. Also water them regularly in the summer to improve the chances of rebloom. 🌸🌸*Joe*

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!

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The Garden Faire

June 23, 2012 • Skypark in Scotts Valley
Growing Your Change

The 2012 Garden Faire will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, 2012, 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 6 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 2012 theme, "Growing Your Change," will explore the importance of individual actions toward building health of ourselves, our community and our planet, implementing new ideas and techniques that will assist and enhance the growth of plants, while sustaining our earth and our environment, resulting in organic/holistic food for body and spirit.

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

GARDEN FAIRE

The MBIS is having a booth at the Garden Faire this year on June 23rd. 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. We are hoping for good weather this year.

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.

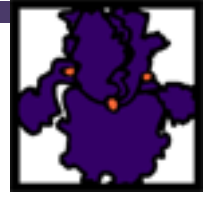




DOOR PRIZES IRISES

This is the last drawing of the season. Remember to pick up your winnings at the July Picnic.

1. **ANCIENT CHARM**, Kerr, S apricot; F maroon; gray band
2. **CARIBEAN CRUISE**, Burseen, Creamy peach; blue horns
3. **CATWALK QUEEN**, T. Johnson, S yellow; F lilac, gold band
4. **CHOCOLATTE**, L. Painter, Chocolate brown plicata
5. **CINQUE TERRE**, Schreiners, Henna, deeper band around falls
6. **COSMIC ELEGANCE**, Kerr, S pink taupe; F light red lavender
7. **DEFINITION**, M. Sutton, S. chartreuse; F white violet-blue, RE
8. **FAMOUS LAST WORDS**, Ghio, S pink; F white; pink band
9. **FATHERLAND**, Schreiners, Neglecta; S lilac; F plum purple
10. **GLAD**, Schreiners, Blue-violet pronounced red beards
11. **GUARDIAN LIGHT**, Kerr, White, wide deep blue band on F
12. **IMPERTINENT**, Filardi, Tan plicata, BB
13. **LOVING YOU**, L. Painter, S pink; F orchid lavender
14. **MAD WORLD**, M. Sutton, Orange S. darker
15. **POLAR MIST**, T. Johnson, White, violet tint; beards soft tangerine
16. **POLITE APPLAUSE**, Ghio, S pink; F pink over-laid pink
17. **RUM & COKE**, J. Painter, S cream, brown bleeding lines; F black plum
18. **SATIN AND LACE**, P. Black, Orange-peach
19. **SUBTLE BEAUTY**, Tasco, S greenish yellow; F violet
20. **TRICK OF LIGHT**, Filardi, Rosy violet



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