

October, 2012

Meeting November 16, 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, November 16 7:30 P.M.
 Program TBA
 Refreshments
 Irene, Joan & Pat W.

Annual Holiday Dinner

Bruno's BBQ, Scotts Valley
 Friday December 21 6:00 p.m



The location of the Christmas Dinner is Bruno's BBQ in Scotts Valley, the same as last year. The day is Friday the 21th 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 as prior years. We will have a free for all gift exchange the same as last year! Bring a gift! Hope to see you there!



MBIS Members attend the Fall Regional

Photo by Mikey Lango

From The Prez

OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL FOCUS as usual on Pacific Coast Irises. Joe Ghio will provide divisions to share, and discuss cultivation of these favorite native plants. Our November meeting will focus on Social Media, with an overview by John Stremel. Several MBIS members have commented on iris-related messages on Facebook and Twitter, as well as on websites with information helpful in the selection and cultivation of irises. Bring your own experiences on the Internet and your curiosity as well. We'll ready to learn!

This meeting also will include the election of officer and board member for 2013. We have several excellent candidates for open positions, as follows:

- Vice President/Programs Riley Probst
- Secretary Brenda Wood
- Treasurer Charlie Kearns
- Newsletter Ann Pike/Joe Ghio/All club members
- 1 year Directors Fred Valentine
- Phillipa Alvis
- Joan Scanlon
- 2 Year Directors Wayne Crabbs
- Hospitality Shirley Trio

You will notice that we do not yet have a nominee for President! MBIS has several members who could provide leadership in the coming year, but all who

have been asked to date have reported a full schedule of activities and declined the assignment.

So, we will welcome a self-nomination, either by email to me tom@karwin.com or by a raise of hand at the meeting. Please don't be concerned about the workload: MBIS members have demonstrated consistently their readiness to volunteer their services when needed by the organization.

We will also review briefly the fall regional meeting in Roseville, and plan for our Holiday Party. (You might want to start planning your contribution to this year's White Elephant Gift Exchange!)

I'll see you at our meeting! 🌸🌸 Tom

CULTURE TIPS

AFTER A VERY DRY YEAR, the dry weather continues. Some minor amount of rain has fallen, but not enough to do much good. The plus side is that the weeds haven't begun germinated either. So this is the last opportunity to clear out whatever weeds you may have. I can emphasize enough how helpful pre-emergent use is. It prevents weeds from germinating and saves that back-braking weeding in the late winter and early spring. You can get Preem at half price at the Twice as Nice store at the Corner of Mission & Van Ness in Santa Cruz.

If we don't get significant rain soon and your soil is sandy and loose, do some watering. This is also the last chance to replant any beardless irises you want to move. Remember compared to the bearded irises, beardless irises must not be allowed to dry out when you dig them. If you don't plant them immediately, put them into a bucket of water until you are ready to replant them.

Also if you made some crosses or collected seed now is the time to plant it. They need the cold and rain of the winter to stratify the seed and get it germinated. It takes 6-10 weeks for seed to germinate from the time of planting. 🌸🌸 Joe

DOOR PRIZES

The Door Prize Irises for this meeting and the next year are published as an insert in the mailed paper. If you get your newsletter on line, it is a PDF file named 2012-2013doorprizes.pdf. Keep a print out for reference and for keeping track of your winnings. Please note the vvery large amount of wonderful iris. Thanks Joe for getting these irises!!

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.

Bloomers

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

Board of Directors 2011

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Auction Basket

Photo by Philippa Alvis

Regional Auction Basket

Carolyn Craft is the chair for the Regional Fund Raising committee, and was also selected by MBIS members to create an Italian Dinner themed basket to send to the Regional for the raffle. She was still in Montana on Regional weekend with her daughter, Cosette, and two grandchildren, and was unable to carry out any of these responsibilities.

Philippa Alvis volunteered to put the basket together with able contributions from MBIS members: Charlie Kerns donated a bottle each of red and white wine, a wine bottle opener, two bags of pasta, a jar of pesto, a jar of olive spread; Shirley Trio and Riley Probst donated a huge jar of artichoke hearts and another huge jar containing a medley of green olives, as well as a very large basket to hold all of the goodies; Joan Scanlon donated a package of biscotti; Rosa Radicchi added a bottle of Italian virgin olive oil, and a jar of Italian spaghetti sauce; Philippa and Jack Alvis contributed a package of four burgundy red candles to round out the table setting for the Italian feast. Joann Alvis of Cold Spring, New York, visiting daughter of Jack and Philippa, donated her artistic skills in packing the gourmet basket with green, red, and white excelsior—the colors of the Italian flag—and assisted Philippa to enwrap the entire gift basket in literally yards of clear cellophane tied with red, green, and white satin ribbons. Rustic raffia was used to attach a tag listing the contents of the basket as well as the name of the donating Monterey Bay Iris Society.

This particular basket was one of the most coveted items in the raffle line-up. The finished offering was a feast for the eyes as well as a feast for the lucky winner of the raffle who was Mikey Lango of Clara B. Rees Iris Society.



White Elephant Gift Exchange

For the first time ever, MBIS members will be having a White Elephant Gift Exchange at our Christmas party this year. If you want to participate, bring to the party either a gift with a value of no more than \$15 OR a White Elephant Gift (in good condition). Either gift should be wrapped amazingly and without anyone's name on it.

Place your anonymous gift in the designated area and then draw a door prize number (the same way we do at the meetings). When your number is called, you may either go pick and unwrap a gift, OR if someone ahead of you has already picked and opened a gift, you may steal that person's gift. The person whose gift you stole will then either go pick a wrapped gift or else steal someone else's gift and so on. A gift may be STOLEN TWICE before it becomes "frozen" and cannot be stolen again.

The person whose number was chosen first will have the last opportunity to either steal from the open gifts or be satisfied with what they have chosen. That is how the game ends. If you bring a guest and the guest wants to participate, you will need to have another gift to put into the mix.

Gifts are typically geared towards Irises or gardening, but feel free to use your imagination. Creative and funny gifts could provide a delightful and memorable gift exchange.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual party will be at last year's 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, 10th. 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.



2012 Officers Board Slate

The President shall preside at all meetings of this society, and shall have general superintendence of the affairs of the society. Writes letter in newsletter, coordinates affiliation, and chairs meetings.

President Most Wanted

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. Finds speakers for meetings.

Vice President Riley Probs

The Treasurer shall collect the dues, maintain a current membership roster, keep the financial records of the society, pay the bills and keep proper records of all receipts and expenditures.

Coordinates show committee

Treasurer/Show Chair Charley Kearns

The Secretary shall keep the record of the proceedings of this society and shall conduct its correspondence. The Secretary shall have charge and custody of society books and papers pertaining to his office.

Secretary	Brenda Wood
Librarian	Larissa Daniel
Hospitality	Shirley Trio
Newsletter and Advisor	Joe Ghio
Webmaster	Ann Pike
1 Year Board	Fred Valentine
	Phillipa Alvis
	Joan Scanlon
2 Year Board	Wayne Crabbs



DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **ART FESTIVAL**, Aitken, Orange, violet influence in S.
2. **BOULEVARD JAZZ**, Blyth, 09/10, S. white; F. purple, white starburst.
3. **BOY GENIUS**, Ghio, Luminata: gold ground, mahogany black overlay, BB
4. **BRAINSTORM**, Duncan, S. white, gold halo; F. yellow, lined & dotted purple
5. **BRONZE WARRIOR**, Kerr, Topaz & pink-lavender blend
6. **COLOR STROKES**, Schreiner, S. white, F. red, yellow sunburst.
7. **DIPPED IN DOTS**, Black, S. tan, deeper edges; F. white, violet dots overall
8. **DOUBLE PLATNIUM**, Ghio, Shell pink, deeper edge on F.
9. **DRAGON DANCE**, Blyth, 10/11, Rosy brown w/violet blaze in F.
10. **ENTER THE DRAGON**, Blyth, 09/10, Apricot, lavender, tan blend; chocolate beards.
11. **GREET THE SUN**, Burseen, S. chrome yellow; F. orange; horns
12. **HONOURABLE LORD**, Blyth, 09/10, S. tinted blue; F. rosy purple
13. **IN THE MIX**, T. Johnson, Blue & pink blend, deeper at shoulders
14. **JOVIALITY**, Keppel, Yellow amoena, white hairline rim around F.
15. **JUDGE'S SPECIAL**, Burseen, White, blue rim on F.
16. **LET IT RAIN**, J. Painter, S. lavender blue; F. white, lower 2/3 black purple
17. **PACIFIC CREST**, M Sutton, S. deep yellow F. pale yellow red purple band, RE
18. **RASPBERRY ICE**, Keppel, Raspberry plicata, SDB
19. **ROCK CLIMBER**, Filardi, Lilac, gold shoulders
20. **SPENDTHRIFT**, Keppel, Salmon-viole luminata



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