

January, 2013

Next meeting Friday, 15, 2013
 Doors open 7:00 P.M.
 Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 Place Native Sons Hall
 239 High Street, Santa Cruz

2013 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, February 15 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mushrooming, Barbara Hanson

Refreshments

Shirley Trio

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 15 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Need volunteers

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 19 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Need volunteers

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall..... May 3 to May 5

Set up

Friday, May 3 9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–8:00 P.M.

Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.–6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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

Pizza Potluck



Emblematic, Ghio, 2013 TB Introduction

Joe Ghio

From The Prez

Plans for laying out and planting our Pacific Coast Iris demonstration garden at UCSC Arboretum are proceeding one meeting at a time. The two plots are about 800 square feet. We will plant seeds and transplant them when mature. So far, Joe Ghio, Lisa Ayala, Gary Knipes and Steve Yamaguchi have volunteered to help Tom Karwin, who is spearheading this project. Anyone else care to volunteer with this stellar group?

Last meeting I called for input on what we like and what we might want to see more of at meetings and special events. Your ideas for this new year included setting up and using a FaceBook page, putting a button on our website to download membership information, as well as outreach to elementary schools by offering to open our gardens for field trips, create a study guide, and coloring book. Other possibilities suggested were to furnish bouquets of iris at open studios at First Friday venues with club information and applications, go on casual field trips to our own members' gardens, and do some "cross pollination" with other groups such as the Dahlia and Rose groups locally, sharing special event notifications and mutual garden visits. Sounds like a lot of fun is in the offing — who wants to help??? We can decide on our priorities this coming meeting and start some committees on one or two of these ideas now.

My focus this is to bring in new members, and when they attend, set up a buddy system with current members, as well as provide them with iris growing information and our beautiful Iris recycled shopping bags.

We will be busy!

Join us at this February meeting to meet our MBIS Scholarship winner when she accepts her award! 🌸 *Barbara*





Core Values, Ghio, 2013

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Platinum Jubilee, Ghio, 2013

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EVENTS FOR 2013

Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

Date	Event	Activity	Location	Time
January 18	Meeting	Mid American Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:00 P.M.
February 15	Meeting	Mushrooming	TBA	7:30 P.M.
March 15	Meeting	to be announced	TBA	7:30 P.M.
April 19	Meeting	Mini-show	TBA	7:30 P.M.
May 3	Iris Show	Set-up	Capitola Mall	8:00 P.M.
May 4	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-8:00 P.M.
May 5	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-6:00 P.M.
May 17	Meeting	Pizza Potluck	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 21	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 22	The Garden Faire	Iris Promotion & Sale	Skypark, Scotts Valley	9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
July 20	Summer Picnic	More Irises	Harvey West Park	11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
August 1	Iris Dig for Sale	Prepare for Sale	Joe's Ranch	9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
August 3	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Deer Park Center	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 10	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Aptos Farmer's Mkt	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 16	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
September 20	Meeting	Beardless Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
October 18	Meeting	Pacific Coast Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
November 15	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
December 20	Holiday Party	Celebration	Bruno's BBQ or ???	6:00 P.M.



Wilder Ranch, Ghio, 2013, PCI

Joe Ghio



DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **AMI DANIEL**, Filardi, S. lavender pink; f. blue white, peach shoulders.
2. **AUTUMN BREEZE**, M Sutton, S. white; F. white, marbled blue, RE.
3. **BRANSON BLUES**, Nicodemus, Very ruffled blue white.
4. **CINNAMON BELLS**, Blyth, 10/11, Cinnamon orange, S. darker
5. **DARK DESIGN**, Keppel, Red purple plicata., SDB
6. **DARK WONDER**, Tasco, S. dark blue violet; F. black purple, BB
7. **FLIRTINI**, M Sutton, S mauve pink, F. white, pink edge, blue tipped beards
8. **GLIMPSE**, Ghio, S. white; F. blue, deeper blot in center, BB
9. **HONOURABLE LORD**, Blyth, 09/10, S. tinted blue; F. rosy purple
10. **ITALIAN MASTER**, Blyth, Apricot, F. washed red; red shoulders
11. **LIKE WOW**, Schreiner, S. white, F. red violet, lighter toward centers
12. **MOON SPIRIT**, Kerr, All petals have slate centers w/yellow edges
13. **SATIN ACCENT**, Keppel, Rich cream, blue beards, SDB
14. **SCANDINAVIAN GAL**, T. Johnson, Green gold, blue in center of F.
15. **SEA CRUISE**, Keppel, Blue amoena
16. **SHOW YOUR COLOURS**, Blyth, 10/11, S. apricot, F. tan, rose, pink blend.
17. **SILKEN TRIM**, Schreiner, Claret-wine bitone
18. **SUNRISE ELEGY**, Schreiner, S. yellow; F. white w/yellow band
19. **TEASING TIGER**, L. Painter, Orange; F. lined with purple, RE
20. **URBAN RIOT**, Burseen, Apricot with falls overlaid & lined brown.



CULTURE TIPS

AFTER A RAINY END OF 2012, we have had a very dry and relatively cold—at night—2013. The cold is particularly good since irises appreciate some cold in the wintertime and it helps cut down on pests later in the year. With the soil fairly dry and the afternoons generally warm, it has been perfect conditions to clean up your beds of weeds and dead foliage. Also winter pruning should be pretty well completely by now. It is wise to spray your fruit trees, roses, and even irises with a dormant spray. This also helps cut down of pests and diseases later in the year.

Also this month—right now!—is the time to fertilize your irises. Use a balanced fertilizer (10-10-10), triple 12, whatever is cheapest.

Sprinkle a generous handful around established clumps or lightly cover the bed. Getting some in the clump won't hurt it. Lightly scratch in the fertilizer. Usually the soil is still wet enough or rains will come that you need do nothing else. However, if your soil is sandy or just plain dry, some watering will be necessary after you apply the fertilizer. This February feeding is the most important (and here only) fertilization for irises and most dormant plants.

Also beardless irises should be give a light (lesser amount) then you give your bearded irises. We give the Pacificas the lightest amount of fertilizer than any other type. Remember they will begin blooming in about 6 weeks.

We have found aphids to be hardly a problem so far this year—thanks to the cold. A dormant spraying may be all that is necessary. The old remedy, sulfur, is being used more and more for fungal diseases. It is also a good dormant spray. And it is organic. 🌿 Joe

S F Spring Flower Show

March 21-25, 2012, San Mateo

Members interested in volunteering for a shift at the American Iris Society booth are encouraged to call Carolyn Craft at 408-266-0945. Volunteering gets you free admission. Call right away as volunteer positions fill up fast.

REBLOOMERS

Bring your reblooming irises now through March for show and tell and to drawing for first choice of door prizes.

Final Call for Dues

MBIS Dues for 2013 are due. Members not renewing will be dropped from the roster. We don't want to lose anyone, so please remember to renew. Pay at the January meeting or mail to Charley Kearns, P. O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031.

Dues for a single membership are \$10; two or more at the same address \$15. Add \$5 if you want the newsletter mailed to you, otherwise you can download it from the MBIS website.

