

March, 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

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society



Robin Salsburg this year's scholarship winner expresses her thanks for the award

From The Prez

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD to a new venue for our Spring Iris show—the Louden Nelson community room. There will be good light, water and assistance with publicity. The UCSC Arboretum project is coming along, and the Spring Regional will be in April. Busy time for iris is SOON. The San Francisco Garden show will be from March 20th to the 24th. Who wants to help man the booth?

There may be still time here on the coast for fertilizer (10-10-10) and fungicide. Riley and Shirley already are seeing blooms in the valley.

Our scholarship winner, Robin Salsburg, got her check when Charley returned from Mexico, and she wrote: "It was a pleasure meeting you all at your monthly meeting and learning more about your group's activities. Thank you for your generous scholarship. This financial gift will help defray a significant portion of my schooling costs and is vital to supporting my on-going studies, Thank you again, Robin." We wish her continued success in her new career.

St. Pattie's day corned beef sandwiches will be featured at our next meeting—Brenda says, "Come hungry!" The March Meeting Program will be a preview of the 2013 Regional hosted by the Sacramento Iris Society in Roseville, CA. The program will be a digital slide show of most of the guest irises. There will be views of MaryAnn Horton's Horton Farm Garden in Loomis, CA and Ruth Ostroff's garden in Rio Linda, CA—the two guest gardens for the regional. ❀ Barbara

2013 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 15 7:30 P.M.

Program

Spring Regional Preview, Riley Probst

Refreshments

Brenda & Larissa

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 19 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Diane S. & Pat W.

Annual Iris Show

Louden Nelson, SC..... May 3 to May 5

Set up

Friday, May 3 7-9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 7:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.

Sunday..... 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 17 7:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck

Regular Meeting

Friday, June 21 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Rosanna & Ann

Refreshments

Come hungry! Brenda and Larissa are doing a St Paddy's Day spread of corned beef!



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January Meeting!

Thanks to Shirley Trio we had a hearty feed on a cold January night and started the year off with a warm celebration.

Thank you Shirley!



CHILI NIGHT! CHILI FEED!





DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **AFTERLIFE**, M. Smith, S. Icy lilac; F. cool violet, lavender rims, BB
2. **BEACH PARTY MOON**, G. Sutton, S. yellow, F. white, yellow band
3. **BOSSMAN BILL**, Burseen, Neglecta: S. light violet blue; F. blue.
4. **BROUHAHA**, Ghio, S. peach, F. white rosy purple band, RE
5. **CHOCOLATE HALO**, Kerr, Strong yellow with chocolate halo around F., RE
6. **DEMONIC**, G. Richardson, Frilly garnet purple
7. **DEVILICIOUS**, Blyth, 10/11, S. peach; F. lilac, violet wash.
8. **FIDDLIN' AROUND**, Schreiner, Blue purple, white dusting around yellow beard.
9. **FLUTES ALFRESCO**, Blyth, 09/10, S. cream; F. rose, white around beards.
10. **FRILLED TO BITS**, Blyth, 10/11, Very frilly lemon
11. **GREAT SMOKY DAWN**, Schreiner, S & F. violet with tan band.
12. **HEARTY BURGUNDY**, Keppel, Blackish burgundy self
13. **IDOLIZE**, Burseen, S. gold; F. maroon, tan edges.
14. **MONTEFIORE**, Ubinati, S. orange; F. dark red purple; orange sunburst
15. **OPPOSITES**, Trio, S. White, F. Grape, white sunburst
16. **RIVULET**, Keppel, Light blue self, MBD
17. **SHIMMERING VEIL**, Filardi, Yellow plicata, slight brown dotting.
18. **SOFTLY WAITING**, Blyth, 10/11, Pastel: S. creamy peach, F. soft lavender
19. **SUNSET PLAZA**, Blyth, 08/09, S apricot-orange; F washed in violet
20. **SUPERHERO**, Ghio, S. white, gold halo; F. black maroon, gold sunburst



CULTURE TIPS

AFTER A VERY WET November and December, 2013 so far has been the driest on record (Santa Cruz records go back to 1875). This is not bad for the irises since the evenings have been relatively cold. These conditions make the irises thrive. Growth is well underway now. If you fertilized in January the effect is really kicking in now. TB bloom is just six weeks away and the early Pacificas and dwarf irises are just 2 or 3 weeks away.

If it doesn't rain much in the next few weeks, you should water your irises some. Depending on the weather and your soil conditions, about once a week with a good deep watering. If the rains do finally come, they will do the job for you.

Keep on top of your weeds, they sap the nutrients from your irises. Watch for aphids, a systemic insecticide will do the job for up 3 to 4 weeks. In the good old days, I would cultivate the beds before bloom time. It aerates the soil making watering easier and making nutrients more available to the plants. 🌱 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.

NOT a REBLOOMER Month!

Irises are now blooming. It is March, so there is no Rebloomer drawing. You can still choose to bring iris!

2013 Spring Show

Planning is underway for our Spring Show for May 4th and 5th. We were delivered a setback February 28th when new management at Capitola Mall informed us that the mall would not be available to us. I notified the MBIS board immediately and venue ideas started coming in. A committee was formed to aggressively search for the best option. The committee met on March 5th to select the most viable venues, and make contact. We concluded our search on the 8th deciding on the Loudon-Nelson Community Center at 301 Center Street, Santa Cruz. More details will be provided at the March meeting.

I have sent in our application to AIS for show approval. Ann is busily working on the 2013 Show Program. Joe has retained the judges. Pat Lindstrom will be in charge of the artistic section this year and will have more information soon. If you are interested in entering, call her at 831-688-4304. And, we are still planning to have the mini-show at the April meeting. Thanks to all those involved in planning the show and finding a venue. "The Show WILL Go On"

Charley Kearns, Show Chairman