



April, 2013

Next meeting Friday, 19, 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

From The Prez

SO SPRING IS DEFINITELY SPRINGING. I had ‘Cause for Celebration’ up in my garden first, and indeed, I celebrated. Riley’s slides of new introductions last month brought out note takers and apparently, shoppers, eager to capture the latest iris. Great show, Riley! Brenda and Larissa’s corned beef also scored a solid hit as we celebrated St. Paddie’s Day, too.

Our upcoming Iris Show at Loudon Nelsen the first weekend in May is coming along, with the theme of Oz and Rainbows in the Artistic division. Pat Linstrom challenges us to remember the words of Oz, the Great and Powerful “You are capable of more than you know!” Join us Over the Rainbow, and amaze yourself!

Joe Ghio will be helping us at this Friday’s meeting at 7:30 in learning to choose and prep and display our iris for the show. Ann has done some beautiful fliers and postcards—they are worthy of framing! Be sure to get some and help us get the word out so we have good participation for the show.

Shirley Trio as volunteered to chair the Spring Garden Faire on June 22 in Scotts Valley and we are looking for volunteers to help her. One time job—who wants to ensure we are staffed and ready?

Surprise pizza meeting location next month—the Cummins’ house in Scotts Valley. Should be lovely in the Garden. Don’t miss it!. ❀❀ Barbara

CULTURE TIPS

AFTER VERY WET NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, we had 3 months of almost not rain. The evenings were cool, even cold. Dry conditions and cold really are to the irises liking and they are showing it now. Growth is fantastic. Rhizomes are already very large and bloom-stalks are coming along quickly on the TB’s. Last year was a great bloom year, but late. This year seems like it will be another super bloom season, perhaps a bit on the early side. But the Pacificas which normally peak April 5–7 are just coming into bloom, so they are a bit on the late side, however.

We’ve had light rains in the last week which is just what the irises and all plants needed. If we get no or little rain in the next 3 weeks, the irises will appreciate some water. This will help the growth and stalk and bloom formation. So far the plants have been relatively disease free, but aphids have been thriving. A spraying with a systemic insecticide will take care of the problem through bloom season.

As the irises bloom check your labels and charts to make sure they are correctly marked. Digital cameras are a godsend to help to identify something that you are not sure of. ❀❀ Joe



2013 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 19 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Diane S. & Pat W.

Annual Iris Show

Loudon Nelson, SC..... May 3 to May 5
 Set up

Friday, May 3 7–9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 7:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

Sunday 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 17 7:30 P.M.

Jim & Irene Cummins’ home

Pizza Potluck & Show wrapup

Regular Meeting

Friday, June 21 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Rosanna & Ann

Mini Show

This month’s program is the mini show. Be there around 7:00 P.M. to stage your irises. Joe always gives a great talk about how to stage your flowers. For this show enter and learn. A grower may enter a maximum of two flowers per category. Our experienced exhibitors will be available to give advice. Categories for the MINI-SHOW are:

1. Tall bearded—Novice (never won more than 3 blue ribbons in a regular show before)
2. Tall Bearded—Advanced (all who aren’t novices)
3. Bearded, other than Tall
4. Beardless, any type
5. Seedlings, any type

The winners in each category and Best in Show will have first choice of the door prizes.

May Meeting Announcement

Jim and Irene offered to have the May meeting at their Garden, It will be Pizza night so we could have a potluck of sides along with the awards, Barbara asked to have a board meeting prior to the regular meeting so she would like the board at 5:30 and to eat between 6:30 and 7. Jim and Irene will be there all day so anytime you want to show up is OK. The bloom should be worthwhile.

Rescheduled Garden Tour

A mention should be made the the Stephanie Mills garden tour has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 21. Reconfirm your intend to attend with Brenda Wood, woodbrenda@aol.com We are limited to 16 from MBIS. Another 16 are for MBDS members.

Artistic Division Rules

- 1 One or more irises must be used in each design must provide the dominant interest.
- 2 The exhibitor need not have grown irises and other materials.
- 3 The emphasis is on fresh plant material. Accessories are permitted. Dried or other natural materials (rocks, shells, etc.) must be used in categories where called for. The use of artificial/plastic flowers or foliage is **NOT** permitted.
- 4 Each design must be the work of only one person—the exhibitor. The flower portion must be constructed at the show. The foundation may be made elsewhere.
- 5 Exhibitors may enter only one design in each section they are qualified to enter. .
- 6 Entries are limited to four (4) each in class. Youth classes may have 6 entries.
- 7 Containers, bases, mats, etc are permitted, but must be provided by the exhibitor.
- 8 Entries should be registered by April 30th with Pat Lindstrom (831) 688-4304 or email pat@plindstrom.net.. If not registered in advance, entries will be accepted if space is available and in the order of arrival.
9. An entry card (provided) must accompany each entry. Exhibitor writes their name on the back.
10. Entries will be received between 8 and 10:45 A.M. on Saturday May 4th. Judging will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. Entries must remain in place until the close of the show.
11. If you accidentally bump or touch someone else's design, you *must* tell the design creator *prior* to judging so that they can make necessary repairs. Please note that *only* the Artistic Show Chair is allowed to move designs. The person who created the design is allowed to move only their own design.

The Monterey Bay Iris Society will not be held responsible for any loss or breakage.

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Satin Accent, on of the door prize iris that Jim reports are starting to bloom

J. Cummins

Show Info

Our show will be located at the Louden Nelson Community Center on May 4th & 5th. We meet for set up at 7:00 P.M. Friday May 3rd.

Entries for the Show will be received from 7:00 a.m. to 9:45 A.M. Saturday, May 4th. Tear down is Sunday, May 5th at 5:00 P.M. We will have an horticultural and an artistic section. See more information about the artistic section on page 4 of this newsletter.

We need volunteers for all shifts to be on hand to distribute literature and answer questions. We especially need help with the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning shifts. The sign up list will be at the April meeting. If you can't make the meeting, call Charley Kearns at 408-315-1520 or email to kcf@verizon.net to indicate the shift you can work.

All members are encouraged to volunteer as much time as possible during our show. Participation goes a long way in making our show a success and introducing the public to our club. And—It is great fun “Sharing the Joy of Iris” with people oooing and ahing over our gorgeous blooms.

Ann Pike has created a beautiful flyer and postcard announcing our show. Please help as much as you can in distributing these among the community. They should arrive from the printers about April 15th. If you can distribute some, email Ann at avpike@cruzio.com or leave a message at 831-426-8855. They will also be available at the April 19th meeting.



WORK INCENTIVE

Once again, we will have a drawing of some of our door prize irises among those who help for at least 1 shift during the show. Workers get 1 chance for each 2 hour shift worked. The more you help, the greater your chance of getting some of these beauties.

1. **BOULEVARD JAZZ**, Blyth, 09/10, S. white; F. purple, white starburst.
2. **COMES THE DAWN**, Blyth, 09/10, Subtle apricot, red beards
3. **IDOLIZE**, Burseen, S. gold; F. maroon, tan edges.
4. **LET IT RAIN**, J. Painter, S. lavender blue; F. white, lower 2/3 black purple
5. **MAGNANIMOUS**, Ghio, Mulberry orchid self.
6. **OPPOSITES**, Trio, S. White, F. Grape, white sunburst.
7. **ROMANTICO**, Blyth, 10/11, S. white; F. white, blended blue violet edge.
8. **SEA CRUISE**, Keppel, Blue amoena.
9. **SHIMMERING VEIL**, Filardi, Yellow plicata, slight brown dotting.
10. **SMILE AT THE WORLD**, Burseen, S. blue white, F. dark violet blue; bronze shoulders.
11. **SUNRISE ELEGY**, Schreiner, S. yellow; F. white w/ yellow band
12. **SUNSET PLAZE**, Blyth, 08/09, S apricot-orange: F washed in violet
13. **URBAN RIOT**, Burseen, Apricot with falls overlaid & lined brown.
14. **YIELD**, Black, Bright gold, red brown lines at hafts.



During the April 2011 “mini show” Joe schooled members on showing iris. Bring your iris for this year’s mini show!



DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **BABY I LOVE YOU**, Black, S. oyster white; lines, oyster band and starburst on F.
2. **BEYOND BORDERS**, Tasco, White; F. blended blue edge.
3. **BOSSMAN BILL**, Burseen, Neglecta: S. light violet blue; F. blue.
4. **BOY GENIUS**, Ghio, Luminata: gold ground, mahogany black overlay, BB
5. **BRANSON BLUES**, Nicodemus, Very ruffled blue white.
6. **CINNAMON BELL**, Blyth, 10/11, Cinnamon orange, S. darker
7. **COLOR STROKES**, Schreiner, S. white, F. red, yellow sunburst.
8. **DIPPED IN DOTS**, Black, S. tan, deeper edges; F. white, violet dots overall
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. **FRIENDLY ADVICE**, Keppel, Pinkish grey white
12. **GALLANT SONG**, Kerr, Large: S. pink lavender, F. bishop violet
13. **GEODE**, M. Smith, Amethyst like its namesake
14. **GLORIAFIED GLENN**, Burseen, S. white, gold halo; F. white, over-layered w/red purple lines.
15. **HEARTY BURGUNDY**, Keppel, Blackish burgundy self
16. **HONOURABLE LORD**, Blyth, 09/10, S. tinted blue; F. rosy purple
17. **ITALIAN MASTER**, Blyth, 08/09, Apricot, F. washed red; red shoulders
18. **KIMBERLY MY LOVE**, Van Hook, S. pink; F. orchid
19. **LIKE WOW**, Schreiner, S. white, F. red violet, lighter toward centers.
20. **PRESIDENTAL**, Filardi, S. white; F. white, veined overall purple.
21. **RUBY MOON**, M Sutton, Yellow, small violet rim around F.
22. **STRAWBERRY SHAKE**, Keppel, Creamy strawberry pink self
23. **SYRIAN HILLS**, Schreiner, S. peach, F. violet-red; big red beards.
24. **WATERLINE**, Keppel, Pale blue, deeper blue rim around F.
25. **WINNING HAND**, Ghio, S. apricot; melon orange.



Artistic Division

We're all holding our breath for those iris buds to form and pop! With one month to go, we anticipate a wonderful show in our new venue, Loudon Nelson Center. In keeping with our theme, Spring Rainbows, the Artistic Division is taking you to the land of Oz for adventures in floral creations to enhance our show.

Please let Pat Lindstrom know by Tuesday, April 30th which sections you'll be entering. We will have a sign up at the April meeting and you may call (831) 688-4304 or email-pat@plindstrom.net. See sections below for details.

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Section A—EMERALD CITY: A contemporary design of asymmetrical form.

Section B—LOLLIPOP LAND: Using the Wizard of Oz theme, arrangers choice. For youth under 12 years.

Section C—THE WIZ: Design uses some expression of magic or wizardry. Style designers choice. For youth 13–19.

Section D—TINKERING AROUND: Arrangement incorporates a metal container. As Tin Man says, "It takes heart!" Open to men only.

Section E—ASIAN FANTASY: Drawing on spare, elegant Oriental style, arranger may use either low container showing water, or tall, cylindrical vase.

Section F—THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD: Design features yellow to gold palette, of either traditional or modern style.

Section G—HOME SWEET HOME: We're back in Kansas! A free style design using a basket as container. Open for those who have never won an Artistic blue ribbon.

Two very important rules—the greenery portion of the design may be done at home. The flower portion of the design **must** be done at the show. A complete listing of the exhibition rules will be available at the April meeting.

In addition to the judged competition, Karen Valentine has volunteered to conduct a "just for fun" class in the kitchen area during the judging period. This will provide an activity for volunteers while the judging of the show is in progress. Karen will explain more at the April meeting.

TROPHIES

Show time is coming on fast. If you won any trophies, Clean and polish them and bring them, with their bases, to the April meeting.

We **MUST** have them for display at the show May 6th & 7th.