



MONTEREY BAY
IRIS SOCIETY

BAY NEWS

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Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

January, 2014

Next meeting Friday 17, 2014
Doors open 7:00 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Place Native Sons Hall
 239 High Street, Santa Cruz



Joan and Virginia at the Christmas celebration

From The Prez

DECEMBER—BRRRR! Now we have January in the 70's—go figure! Hope your iris are nice and safe in the ground, prepping for a glorious Spring bloom!

John Pesek RVP, Barbara Pesek, President of Clara B Reese Society and Kathleen Sonntag, new editor of the AIS bulletin and the Region 14 bulletin, were at our November meeting. All are also members of MBIS. It was instructive to hear from John Pesek about all the ways the Region helps the affiliates.

Joan Scanlon and Wayne Crabbs and several others furnished treats and they were much enjoyed by all. Our club is blessed with so many good cooks!

Our Christmas party at Bruno's was a great fun event as usual. Fun gifts were exchanged (and also stolen!) I hope you got what you will cherish.... ❁❁ Barbara

DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at the same address, \$15. Add \$10 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 .

2014 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

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

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Shirley & Riley, Chili & cornbread

Regular Meeting

Friday, February 21..... 7:30 P.M.

Program

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Refreshments

Phillipa & Carolyn

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 21..... 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Brenda & Larissa, St. Patrick's Feast

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 18..... 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall..... April 26 to April 27

Set up

Friday, April 25..... 9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 0:00 a.m.—6:00 P.M.

Sunday..... 11:00 a.m.—6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 16..... 7:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck.



2014 Officers Board Slate

Election held and the following board elected.

President Barbara Hanson
Barbara begins second year of a two year term

Vice President Riley Probst
Riley begins second year of a two year term

Coordinates show committee

Treasurer/Show Chair Charley Kearns
Charley begins 18th year of a 50 year term

Secretary Brenda Wood
Brenda begins 30th year of a 50 year term

Librarian Larissa Daniel
Hospitality Shirley Trio

Newsletter and Advisor Joe Ghio

Webmaster Ann Pike

1 Year Board Jim Bottini, Wayne Crabbs &
Rosa Radicchi

2 Year Board Jim Cummins, Fred &
Karen Valentine

Thanks to everyone that assisted.

Shirley Trio Probst

S F Spring Flower Show

March 19-23, 2014, 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. For more information about the flower show, see their website at <http://www.sfgardenshow.com/>.

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1 Year Board

Jim Bottini

Wayne Crabbs

Rosa Radicchi

2 Year Board

Jim Cummins

Fred Valentine

Karen Valentine



Cindy, Brenda, Larissa, Joe and Elena gather at the Christmas party



While Fred examines his prize toilet paper bird house,



Virginia opens her package containing a hummingbird feeder

EVENTS FOR 2014

Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

Date	Event	Activity	Location	Time
January 17	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
February 21	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
March 21	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
April 18	Meeting	Mini-show	Native Son' Hall	7:30 P.M.
April 25	Iris Show	Set-up	Capitola Mall	7:00 P.M.
April 26	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	10A.M.–6:00 P.M.
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May 16	Meeting	Pizza Potluck	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 20	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30P.M.
June 21	The Garden Faire	Iris Promotion & Sale	Skypark, Scotts Valley	9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
July 19	Summer Picnic	More Irises	Harvey West Park	11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.
July 31	Iris Dig for Sale	Prepare for Sale	Joe's Ranch	9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
August 2	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Deer Park Center	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.
August 9	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Aptos Farmer's Mkt	8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.
August 15	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
September 19	Meeting	Beardless Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
October 17	Meeting	Pacific Coast Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
November 21	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
December 19	Holiday Party	Celebration	To be decided	6:00 P.M.



DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **AMBERTIME**, B. Blyth, 11, Amber, yellow, apricot blend
2. **BEEFY**, T Burseen, Space Age red
3. **CAFE VIVA**, B. Blyth, 10, S. white; F. red purple; white starburst
4. **COW PALACE**, T Burseen, S. lt. Violet; F. bronze yellow, violet edges
5. **DANCE QUEEN**, F Kerr, S. orange; F. cherry maroon
6. **DANCING DAYS**, Keppel, S Oyster; F. violet, very ruffled
7. **DOWNTOWN BROWN**, Schreiners, Ochre brown blend
8. **I'M ALL SHOOK UP**, P. Black, S. purple, yellow edge; F. violet, deeper toward heart
9. **JAZZ QUEEN**, B. Nicodemus, S, white; F. deep purple, fuchsia edge
10. **LOVE OF LIFE**, J. Ghio, Ruffled pink; light pink self
11. **LYNN WILLIAMS**, F Kerr, S. dark blue; F. lt. Blue, tangerine beard
12. **MARY CONTRARY**, F Kerr, "All Falls" flat: lt. blue to ochre edge, ochre styles
13. **MAYFAIR MELODY**, B. Blyth, 10, S. pink, F. deep lavender
14. **MY LADY'S MANOR**, Remare, Blue-white, ruffled, great form
15. **PINK POSITIVE**, L Painter, Late blooming deep pink
16. **PLATINUM PASSION**, B. Blyth, 11, Silvery blue
17. **POINT TO THE SUN**, G Sutton, S. yellow; F. white, white horns
18. **SCARY**, T Burseen, violet amoena; yellow horns
19. **VISIGOTH**, M. Smith, Tall black
20. **YOURS TRULY**, J. Ghio, Yummy yellow & white



CULTURE TIPS

WE JUST COMPLETED the driest year of record. I remember a couple other dry Decembers especially the year of the great drought years of 76–77. After a week of very cold weather the first week of December (while I was in Puerto Vallarta of all places!), we have been having weeks of very dry and very warm daytime temperatures. The cold gave the irises the chill they need to perform in the spring. The dry warm weather gives us humans the perfect work to do our winter chores in the garden under pleasant circumstance: No cold and mud to endure while working outside.

We have completed the cleanup and weeding the irises, pruned the roses, and finishing pruning the last of the fruit trees. Get these things done now that the weather is so cooperative. And remember to fertilize the irises in early February as the new growth begins. Use a balanced fertilizer—10-10-10 or triple 12. Sprinkle generous handfuls—a cup or so—around your clumps. Scratch it in and this is all you have to do if the rains return. If they don't you will have to water it in.

The best bloom I ever experienced was during the drought years of 1976–77. Nothing has equaled those years since. The conditions then leading up to that fabulous bloom of those years were very similar to this year. Hopeful this will happen again this year. Irises and plants in general perform at maximum performance when under stress such as a drought.

🌸 Joe

Refreshments

The hospitality person, Shirley Trio Probst will bring the club's hospitality box every month irrelevant of who is bringing snacks and refreshments for the month. The club will provide all of the paper goods, napkins, plates, cups, eating utensils etc. at every meeting. Also the hospitality person will bring hot coffee, ALWAYS DECAF unless asked to change. Hot water will also be provided by the hospitality staff. There will be at least one drink that will be juice, soda or something other than tea or coffee. In the winter months there may be hot chocolate packs and/or cider packs. If at any time someone has an idea of something additional that the club should provide PLEASE call Shirley or e-mail shirleytrio@clearwire.net.

Also, if for any reason the person/s volunteering to bring food cannot do so, or cannot attend the meeting, PLEASE call Shirley so she can pick up the snacks. In order to be at the meeting by 7:00 P.M. Shirley and Riley must leave home by 3:30 P.M. so call before then.

*Shirley Trio Probst
Hospitality Chair*

Bloomers

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