



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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November/December, 2016

Meeting date November 18, 2016
Doors open 7:00 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Place Simpkins Swim Center
979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society



All By Design, Ghio, 2016

From The Prez

NOVEMBER IS USUALLY THE TIME of year to find a few rhizomes “lying around” that were misplaced or forgotten in the mad rush of Summer planting. Karin and I have found several that are now stuffed into pots or the corners of iris beds already full. Despite the late planting I have been assured that they will grow and flower as normal. The recent spate of warm weather has started spikes in several of Karin’s rebloomers and we hope for blooms in the next two weeks. ‘Pure as Gold’ was my pick for the best rebloomer this year. The vibrant color and nice form was a pleasure to see in our garden and I have declared it a “keeper”

Sadly, I have now come to the conclusion that not all iris are created equal and will have to make the choice of which to keep and which to release next year. Our beds are overflowing and I now have seedlings to plant in vain hopes of something that will be beautiful and possibly be introduced.

That’s all for now, see you at the meeting! ❁❁ Craig

2016 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held in Simpkin Swim Center unless otherwise stated.

Regular Meeting
Friday, November 18 7:30 P.M.

Pruning Fruit Trees
Refreshments
Barabara Hanson & Rosa Radicchi

Annual Holiday Dinner
DeLaveaga Lodge Restaurant
Friday December 16 6:00 p.m

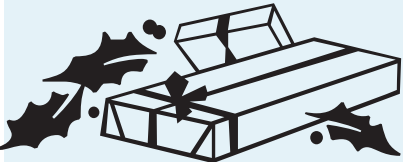
Regular Meeting
Friday, January 20 7:30 P.M.
Program..... TBA
Refreshments—Chili night
Shirley, with a second volunteer needed

November Birthdays
Cindy Schuete Nov 18

December Birthdays
Joan Scanlin Dec 9
Jack Alvis Dec 10
Philippa Alvis Dec 22



This years Christmas Party is a buffet at DeLaveaga Lodge. Payment due by December 7th



CULTURE TIPS

THIS OCTOBER we had very untypical rain; lots of rain. In Santa Cruz we had over 5 inches from mid month to October 31. This really affected the normal routine for the month. This is the month, seed is planted and Pacificas replanted. Well, we couldn't get to it with the soil very wet, weeds germinating. It is impossible to till soil this wet and the rest of the chores done. We did tarped the seed bed to keep it sort of dry so we could plant the iris seed between rain spells.

Filling Pacificas orders was difficult and replanting them impossible. Finally November 6th, we began replanting the Pacificas starting with the 2017 introductions. Our clay soil was still very wet and the weeds were growing particularly annual bluegrass. Finally we tried something radical—we sprayed the newly germinated weeds with Roundup. In one bed it was just a couple hours before I began planting. The dahlia growers who planted their dahlias at my ranch and were ag chemical salespersons, sprayed Roundup just before they planted their baby seedlings. They said Roundup breaks down rapidly, almost instantly, after application with the weeds absorbing it upon contact. Their dahlias established just fine. So I'm trying it on my irises replanting since I really have no alternative since it is getting late to replant. If successful, you will hear me cheering, if a failure, you will have to put up with my bitching for years.

The newly replanted bearded irises are doing one last blast of growth before going dormant (or as dormant they will ever get in our climate) in December and January. Those are the two months to get you irises cleaned and weeded as weather permits. ❀❀ Joe



Rebloomers

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

DOOR PRIZES

The Door Prize Irises for the November meeting and the next year will be mailed to those getting their newsletter by mail. Those receiving their newsletter by email can go to the website and download the list. It is a PDF file named 2016-2017doorprizes.pdf. All iris are TBs and 2016 introductions unless otherwise noted. Also on the website there is a second file containing photos of all the doorprize. This file is named 2017doorprizephotos.pdf. Downloading and printing these 2 files will be a handy reference for you to use when selecting the iris you want at the meetings. Please note the very large amount of wonderful iris. Thanks Joe for getting these iris!!



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November Meeting

Our November meeting on Friday the 18th will feature Peter Quintanilla, Landscape Pruning Instructor at Cabrillo College. Peter is a gardening coach, specializing in aesthetic pruning of ornamental and fruit trees, shrubs and container plants. He will speak on pruning fruit trees. Invite any one you know that might be interested in this topic.

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, Larissa Daniel, 520 San Miguel Canyon Road, Watsonville, CA, 95076.



2016–17 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 Craig Tarr

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

Vice President Barbara Hanson

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.

Treasurer Larissa Daniel

Coordinates show committee

Show Chair Charley Kearns

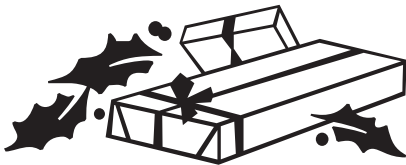
The Secretary shall keep the record of the proceedings of this society and shall conduct its correspondence. The Secretary shall have charge and custody of society books and papers pertaining to his office.

Secretary Brenda Wood/Jim Cummins

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Front of the Line, Ghio, 2016



Exploding Galaxy, Ghio, 2016



Chivalirous, Ghio, 2016



DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **ALWAYS & FOREVER**, Schreiner, S. biscuit; F. white, deep purple plicata edge
2. **ANOTHER SUGGESTION**, Keppel, Milky blended peach pink
3. **AURA OF GLAMOUR**, Blyth, 14, Very ruffled lemon yellow
4. **BEQUEST**, Blyth, 13, S. yellow; F. white, yellow rim, some tan dots
5. **BLAME IT ON RIO**, Sutton, S. melon; F. white starburst; multi bands of plum, violet, tan
6. **BLUSH HOUR**, Schreiner, Soft pink; deeper standards
7. **FRONT OF THE LINE**, Ghio, Rusty mahogany red luminata
8. **GIVE IT AWAY**, Lauer, S. white, cream halo; F. white, magenta-rose lines
9. **GRAFFITTI ART**, J. Painter, Heavy marked red-purple plicata
10. **I AM**, Schreiner, S. light blue; F. white, light blue plicata edge
11. **IDLE RICH**, Keppel, S. aster violet; F. Chartreuse
12. **LOOKING GLASS**, L. Painter, White-pink, pinker heart. Very bubbled
13. **MAYAN SUNRISE**, T. Johnson, S. violet; F. green-gold, lighter in center
14. **MOLOKINI**, Sutton, S. tan; F. violet blue, tan band
15. **NINJA WARRIOR**, L. Miller, S. Rosy violet; F. Black; brick beards
16. **OVER DRINKS**, Schreiner, S. cream, purple midribs; F. blended red-purple
17. **POPPED WHITE**, Schreiner, White with red beards
18. **ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK**, Baumunk, 15, Pink & lavender luminata
19. **RUBIO**, M. Smith, S. white, pink lace; F. blood ruby
20. **SIGNAL BUTTE**, Tasco, Violet self, black signal, Aril
21. **SULTRY ATTIRE**, Nicodemus, S. rose orchid; F. burgundy brown
22. **TABLE FOR TWO**, Schreiner, S. tawn; F. black-red
23. **VALLEY OF DREAMS**, Blyth, 13, S. blue-violet; F. copper-orange



CHRISTMAS PARTY—HO HO HO!

It is hard to believe that our Holiday Party is only a month away, on December 16 at a new location, DeLaveaga Lodge Restaurant. The menu will be a buffet table. No Host cocktails, 6 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m.

Reservations are a must and need to be in by Monday, December, 7th. Payment for the party needs to be made in advance. Pay at the meeting (with dues!) or send payment to Larissa Daniel, 520 San Miguel Canyon Road, Watsonville, CA, 95076. Price of the dinner is \$25.00 for members (Club picks up the balance); Full price to non-members, \$50.00.

Directions to De Leavega Golf Club: Take North Branciforte Ave. north to the hills; The first and only road on your left, turn about 1 miles to the Club House.

From Hwy. #1, take Morrisey Blvd. turn off to Pacheco Ave which ends at Prospect Heights Ave. Turn left about half a mile. De Leavega will be the first road you see on your right. Turn right up the hill to the golf course and Clubhouse.



Once again this year, MBIS members will be having a Gift Exchange at our Christmas party. If you want to participate, you must bring to the party either a gift with a value of no more than \$20 OR a White Elephant Gift (in good condition). Gifts 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. Last year's was so much fun and Joe Ghio did a terrific job!

A special thanks to Kathy Hartman for once again arranging for our party venue and buffet. She puts together a great party!

