



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Friday 17, 2017
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



Who Did It, Ghio, 2017 Tall Bearded Introduction

From The Prez

FEBRUARY 2ND WAS GROUNDHOG DAY. While not yet a national holiday, it is the time to begin to prepare the garden for rapid growth and Spring bloom. As the legend goes, if you see your shadow on this day, then winter will last another six weeks. If the day is cloudy, then expect an early Spring. Either way, many “informed” Irisarians claim that Valentine’s Day is the day to fertilize your iris to get maximum results at the end of April.

It is also the time to be awestruck at the fantastic iris that you acquired the year previous. I find it very satisfying to observe all the new blooms and then compare them to the older ones that I already have. Karin and I planted around 150 “New” iris last year and are eagerly awaiting bloom time. Many are recent releases, but some Historics found their way into the garden also. I am looking forward to ‘Pheasant Feathers’, ‘Whole Cloth’ and ‘Quaker Lady’ in particular.

Please remember that our Spring preshow judging and regular meeting in April is on Thursday the 20th. While inconvenient for some, I have been informed that it works out very well for those attending the Region 14 Spring Regional which starts Friday the 21st. ❁❁ Craig

2017 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, February 17 7:30P.M.

Program

Historic Iris

Refreshments

Potluck, meat and cake provided, members bring sides

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 17 7:30P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Brenda & Larissa, St. Patrick’s Feast

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 20 7:30P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Finger Food Pot luck

Annual Iris Show

Louden Nelson..... April 29 to April 30

Set up

Friday, April 28 7:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 1–6:00 P.M.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.–6:00 P.M.

February Birthdays

Craig Tarr Feb 2

Karin Tarr Feb 8

Riley Probst Feb 11

Pat Lindstrom Feb 23



MEETING NEWS

February Meeting Program

Historic Iris Through the Ages: Some Old Iris and Some Less So

The Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS) defines an historic iris as one that was introduced at least 30 years ago. Gesine Lohr and Jean Richter will give a presentation on their favorite historic iris through the ages—from the 17th century to the 1980s.

Gesine Lohr first grew to love iris through the flowers in her mother's garden, and started growing them herself in the 1990s after rescuing some plants from the family home after her mother passed away. She has spent 15 plus years photographing old iris, and spent eight years as editor of ROOTS, the journal of HIPS. She is currently layout editor for the Region 14 newsletter. Gesine is particularly fond of iris introduced before 1940, especially the introductions of 'Grace Sturtevant'.

Jean Richter caught the iris virus from Gesine, and has been growing iris of various types and eras for the last 15 years. She is particularly fond of the iris of Lloyd Austin, especially his space-age introductions. She has held several officer positions in HIPS and Region 14, and is the president of the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society.

Jean Richter

Refreshments

There will be pot luck at this meeting. Rosa will bring the green salad, and Shirley will be bringing a pork loin roast. Pot lucks are fun and filled with wonderful tastes and aromas. Any questions call the hospitality person, Shirley at 209-551-6323 or e-mail shirleyjtrio@gmail.com.

Decaff coffee and hot tea will be provided by the hospitality team. Shirley will bring lemonade. Other drinks are welcome. The dessert will be birthday cake provided by Wayne

For March we are looking forward to our annual corned beef blast. Brenda will be cooking and Larissa will be helping. A complete Irish dinner will be served right down to the Irish butter and Irish Soda bread. Brenda goes to a lot of work and it takes all day to prepare this feast so let's all be sure to give both Brenda and Larissa a thank you hug. Members may bring desserts although the monthly birthday cake always seems to be enough.

The April meeting will be a finger food pot luck.

As always we need volunteers to help with refreshments.

*Shirley Trio-Probst
Hospitality*

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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 Rd., Watsonville CA. Phone: 831 724-9162.

April Meeting Important Meeting Memo

The April meeting will be held on Thursday night. Yes, that is right, Thursday. The April meeting. We were unable to secure the meeting hall for the third Friday, so we are holding the meeting on Thursday. The program will be the mini show.



When Goes Love, Ghio, 2017 Tall Bearded introduction

photo J. Ghio



DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **BLIND AMBITION**, Keppel, S. yellow; F white, yellow band; blue beard
2. **BEE MY HONEY**, Schreiner, Red brown plicata over gold
3. **COCONUT SNOW**, J. Painter, White, sound form
4. **COLOURS OF THE WIND**, Blyth, 14, S. pure white; F. cream with violet L & S
5. **DIAMOND BROKER**, Blyth, 14, Frilly lemon-cream S; creamy-white F.
6. **ENRAPTURED**, Schreiner, S. blue-purple; F. fawn pink
7. **ESPIONAGE**, Keppel, 15, S. light blue; F. blue with tan shoulders
8. **FLASH OF BRILLIANCE**, Sutton, S. white, yellow base; F. deep blue, yellow sunburst
9. **FLIP**, Schreiner, S. mauve; F. red-rose
10. **HERE FOR YOU**, Schreiner, Blue-purple plicata
11. **INFIDEL**, M. Smith, S apricot-orange; F red black, red beards
12. **INFUSION**, Sutton, S. White, yellow infusion; F. orange-tan blend, yellow rim
13. **LAST TANGO IN PARIS**, Baumunk, Pastel lavender & pink; lacy
14. **METEORITE**, Sutton, S. gold; F. red, violet band, white starburst
15. **MIXED SIGNALS**, Keppel, S. Sliver, tan band; F. purple, white blaze
16. **OPEN OCEAN**, Schreiner, Azure blue self
17. **PEGGY DAY**, Baumunk, S. gold; F. white; tan purple dots, gold band
18. **READ BETWEEN THE LINES**, T. Johnson, S. pink, deep at mid rib; F. peach with plum lines
19. **SERGEY**, T. Johnson, Yellow & blue reverse bicolor
20. **UNDER MY SPELL**, Tasco, S. Rich chocolate; F. velvety red black
21. **BUT DARLING**, Schreiner, S. apricot; F. rich violet; bubbled
22. **CYPERGRAPE**, Schreiner, Blue-purple neglecta
23. **HELLO BEAUTIFUL**, Blyth, 13, Ruffled lavender amoena; gold rim & shoulders
24. **IT'S OUR TIME**, Lauer, S. orange-pink; F. white, orange rim & shoulders
25. **TRIVIAL PURSUIT**, J. Painter, S. apricot; F. lavender-pink to solid edge. Rose shoulders

CULTURE TIPS



THE RAINS KEEP COMING. Here it is the beginning of February and already an inch of rain has fallen with more predicted. We had about a week break with clear even warm weather. This gave the opportunity to clean up and weed most of the irises. Repaired some of the erosion. But last night's rain re-eroded again.

Held off applying fertilizer since with more rain predicted, much of it would be washed or leached away. But the most important thing you **MUST** do this month is fertilize your irises. Watch the weather reports and apply the fertilize when there is an extended dry spell predicted.

For years we have used a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10, triple 12 or whatever is cheapest. The higher the number, the less you use. A handful scattered around the clump. Scratch it in and usually that is all you have to do since the ground is often wet enough. If it isn't or you have sandy soil, you may have to water it in. Ideally you apply it just before a light rain. 🌸/Joe

Re-Bloomers

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

Spring Regional Basket

This from Carolyn Craft: It is time to start thinking of what kind of basket your society could put together for the Spring Regional basket raffle. It is always such a fun raffle. If you start early with a theme, members can donate things to go into the basket over the next two months. Another idea is if someone has a treasure they wish to donate and you fill in around it making it the center of your basket.

We are also accepting all iris and garden related items for the silent auction.

And, of course if you have not made plans yet for attending the Spring Regional do so soon! The registration form is on the Regional Website.