

**October, 2010**

Next meeting      Friday, 20, 2010  
 Doors open            7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting                7:30 P.M.  
 Place                    Native Sons Hall  
                               239 High Street, Santa Cruz

**2010 Calendar**

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

**Regular Meeting**

Friday, October 15..... 7:30P.M.

PCIs

**Refreshments**

Crafts & Barbara Hanson

**Regular Meeting**

Friday, November 19 ..... 7:30 P.M.

Program..... TBA

**Refreshments**

Charley and Rosa

**Annual Holiday Dinner**

Green Valley Grill

Friday December 17.....6:00 p.m

**Regular Meeting**

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

Tall Beardless

TBA

Elena & Barbara Wiley

**Regular Meeting**

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

TBA

**Refreshments**

Volunteers needed



PCI, Going Bananas, Ghio, 2010 Introduction

Photo by Joe Ghio

**From The Prez**

**O**UR OCTOBER MEETING will focus on Pacific Coast Iris, with Joe Ghio's annual presentation on varieties and cultivation of this native California favorite.

We will also have an update on plans for the 2012 Fall Regional. This event might seem a long way off, but early preparation supports full attention to important details...and a leisurely pace contributes to the enjoyment of the process.

Our discussion with AIS Region 14 Vice President Jeanne Plank during our last meeting helped to clarify some key points and ensure that MBIS is on the same page with the regional leadership.

RVP Plank took that occasion to sell raffle tickets for the AIS 2011 Convention (May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Victoria, British Columbia). The attractive grand prize is two full registrations to the Convention and five nights of double occupancy at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

During our September meeting, we appointed Brenda Wood to head our 2010 Nominating Committee. Rosa Radicchi and Ann Pike volunteered to serve with Brenda and were duly elected by the members. All members should consider serving on the board and may announce their availability to the nominating committee.

The Committee will report its nominations during the October meeting. At that time, members may nominate additional candidates, including themselves. We will vote during the November meeting and install our new officers in December.

We have 2 board actions in the works, for discussion and approval at this meeting.



First, we will consider an amendment to Article XI of the MBIS by-laws, as discussed during the September meeting. Article XI now reads as follows:

#### XI: Officers

Section 1. Officers of this society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Editor and Show Chairman.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected for one year each.

Section 3. The officers shall not hold office for more than four one-year terms consecutively except for the Editor and the Show Chairman who can be re-elected indefinitely. The President, on expiration of his term as President, shall automatically become an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors through the term of his successor.

Here is the proposed amendment:

*Section 4. Notwithstanding the limitation defined in Section 3, club members may extend the two year limit of an elected position, one year at a time by a majority vote of those members present at a club meeting. Notification to members shall be in accordance with XII: Elections.*

Second, we will discuss and act on a recommendation to the AIS-14 Executive Committee regarding a revision of AIS-14 Standing Rule #13 to encourage societies to host regional events. Rule #13 now reads as follows:

13. All fund raising projects held at a Regional event shall be under the direction of the Finance Committee and are subject to the approval of the RVP. When a fund raising event at a Regional event [is] not chaired by the Region's Finance Committee, fifty percent (50%) of all net proceeds shall be remitted to the Region's Treasury.

Here is our board's recommended new version this rule:

*Both the Finance Committee and the host society may conduct fund-raising projects at a Regional event, subject to the approval of the RVP. The Finance Committee shall coordinate all such projects. The proceeds of all fund raising projects shall be pooled and used first to meet fund raising expenses, then to defray the Regional event's expenses not covered by registration fees or sponsorships, and finally divided equally between the Region and the host society.*

We will of course invite discussion of this recommendation.

A full agenda, as usual! I'll see you at the meeting. 🌸 Tom

## **Nominating Committee**

This is the month we start the process of getting our set of officers for 2011.

Brenda Wood, appointed as committee chair, and with the assistance of her committee members, will present the slate to be voted on at the meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor and the election is held at the November meeting. The new officers are installed in December.

## **Door Prizes**

Pacificas have been ordered from Bay View Gardens and will be given as door prizes. Also if you have surplus to share, please bring them.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our annual party will once again be at the Green Valley Grill (off Green Valley Rd near Home Depot) in Watsonville on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. No Host cocktails, 6 P.M. Dinner, 7 P.M. Reservations are a must and need to be in by Monday, December, 13<sup>th</sup>. Payment for the party needs to be made in advance. Pay at the meeting (with dues!) or send to Charley Kearns at P.O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031. Price of the dinner is \$15.00 for members (Club picks up the balance); Full price to non-members, \$30.00.



## **CULTURE TIPS**

**O**ctober is the month to finish up the summer garden chores, get the autumn planting finished up, and get the garden ready for winter. On the bearded irises any you have out of the ground must be planted now. This is the month we hoe out the wells around the newly planted irises, get all the weeds out, and apply pre-emergent (hopefully just before a significant rain waters it in; if you missed the rain, then it must be watered in manually or it will no work correctly). There are many brands of pre-emergents out there, but you will be limited to is accessible to the general public. PREEM has been available at Costco for the last couple of years at a reasonable price. Remember pre-emergents are just effective against the weeds listed on its label. Use the brand that best matches the weeds you are trying to "get".

Pre-emergents brands must to change every few years (3 or 4 years) since the weeds the brand you are using doesn't get every variety of weed. The ones it isn't effective against will begin "taking over" after a few years. This is because their competitors are gone and they can now thrive. We have been using RONSTAR effectively against annual bluegrass, mallow, milkweed, filagree, but it doesn't get pearlywart (low-growing moss like weed) which is now taking over. Chipco XL gets pearlywart but isn't available anymore. And we still haven't found an effective replacement.

This is the time to get the Pacificas replanted. Around here Mid-October to Mid-November is the best (an just about the only time you can successfully) replant them. Be sure the new white roots are showing before setting them in (and never, but never let the roots dry out). If none are showing, put the

rhizomes in a bucket of water. Change the water every couple of days. New roots should appear in 7 to 10 days. Replant them at that time.

If you made crosses or collected seed, this is the month to plant them. If you have just a few crosses, you can plant them in a gallon pot—one cross per pot and be sure it is labelled. Potted seeds need to be watered regularly. Seed will begin germinating in February. 🌱 Joe

## DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer, Charley Kearns, Post Office Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA.

## Bloomers

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

## Domingo

Domingo Rodriques has moved to the Fresno area. His address is 9650 E Shaw Avenue, Clovis CA, 93619-9042. Call him at 559-260-1127 if you are in the area.



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## Glenn Corlew

Some of the memorabilia from Glenn Corlew's estate will be in the silent auction at the Fall regional in Fresno. If you want something to remember him by, come to the Regional ready to bid!



PCI Executive Decision, Ghio, 2011 Introduction

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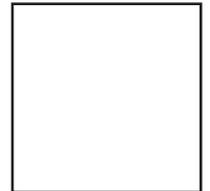


### **Hot News**

Joe was interviewed by the Santa Cruz Sentinel. A copy of the article is posted on our website: <http://montereybayiris.org/news.php>



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## Iris season never ends for Joe Ghio by Jory John

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SANTA CRUZ -- These days, award-winning iris hybridizer Joe Ghio is mostly competing with himself. An American Iris Society award winner, Ghio, 71, is considered one of the top hybridizers in the world. And, when you're at the top, he said, you just have to try to outdo yourself.

"You want to put out stuff that's better than what's on the market," Ghio said. "It's not as difficult because I have lines that are well-advanced. They're an extension of me."

The Santa Cruz native, who has been breeding irises for 58 years, continues to find joy in the work. He is essentially a one-man operation, hybridizing irises as well as occasional roses, zucchini and more in the backyard of his Westside house, and on his seven-acre ranch in Corralitos.

Last week, Ghio held his fourth annual One-Hour Iris Sale, where he put his end-of-the-season surplus flowers up for grabs. Everything Ghio set out sold within 10 minutes, he said. Iris aficionados drove in from as far as Fresno.

Born in Santa Cruz in 1938, Ghio's father was a fisherman while his mother came from a farming background. In 1953, a then-teenage Ghio came across a copy of a catalog featuring the top 10 irises of the year, and was immediately fascinated by the colors, he said. He sent away for a \$5 collection of rhizomes.

After studying up on hybridizing, Ghio began creating his own plants in 1954, and he's never stopped, even while pursuing other demanding lines of work.

A graduate of San Jose State with a degree in business education, Ghio moved to Hayward in 1960, where he took a job as a high school business and history teacher. In 1967, Ghio moved back to Santa Cruz and accepted a teaching position at Harbor High School.

In the mid-'70s, Ghio entered local politics. He was Santa Cruz mayor in 1975, 1977 and 1980. He also served on the city council for three terms.

But it is the iris that has always captured his imagination.

In 1980, Ghio was the recipient of the American Iris Society Dykes Memorial Medal. The medal is the highest honor bestowed by the AIS, given to one iris per year. Ghio said he wants to win that elusive second medal.

While the iris season is over for the year, Ghio already has his sights set on next season.

"I'm basically doing this all myself," he said. "I should be living the lifestyles of the rich and famous by now, but I'm not quite there yet."

### GETTING TO KNOW Joe Ghio

**MOTTO:** 'Set a goal and work for it. It doesn't just happen.'

**CURRENT GOAL:** To win the American Iris Society Dykes Memorial Medal for the second time.

**WHERE THE FIRST DYKES MEDAL SITS:** 'It's nothing fancy. It's in a box.'

**HAS SHIPPED HIS IRISES TO SUCH FARAWAY PLACES AS:** Russia, Australia, Ukraine, Japan and Czechoslovakia. 'It's really cool to see pictures of my flowers in all those different places. Theoretically, they could be out there forever.'

**FOUNDING MEMBER:** Monterey Bay Iris Society; Monterey Bay Rose Society; Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

**MAYOR OF SANTA CRUZ:** Three times, 1975, 1977, 1980; also served on the council three different terms, ending in 1990. 'I loved it. I slowly eased out of teaching to concentrate on politics. And I would continue doing it, but you can't get elected more than three terms.'

**BOUGHT A SEVEN-ACRE RANCH IN CORRALITOS In 1994:** 'The climate and soil were outstanding, but they wanted too much money, so I waited for two-and-a-half years, before they lowered their price.'

**Celebrated his 70TH BIRTHDAY PARTY In 2008:** 'You had to come dressed as a famous person, or thing, from 1938. Costumes included a couple outfits from 'War of the Worlds.' People also showed up dressed as Superman, Charlie Chan, Mae West and Eleanor Roosevelt.'

**ROOTS:** Born at the Hanley Hospital in 1938; went to school at Bay View, Mission Hill and Santa Cruz High School, before receiving a degree in business education at San Jose State.

**FOR A CATALOG OF GHIO'S FLOWERS:** Send \$3 to Bayview Gardens, 1201 Bay St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060.



Joe Ghio - photo by Bill Lovejoy