



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Friday 19, 2012
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



Urban Legend, Ghio, PCI

From The Prez

OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL FOCUS as usual on Pacific Coast Irises. Joe Ghio will provide divisions to share, and discuss cultivation of these favorite native plants. Members who have divisions of named PCIs to share are welcome to bring them to the meeting.

We will also invite your other ideas for future programs. We are still thinking of scheduling all programs for the coming year, as some societies do.

Our October meeting will include the announcement of nominations for the 2912's officers and two board positions. We will invite nominations from the floor at that time as well. We will vote during the November meeting and install the winners during our Holiday Party.

With Sheryl McEwan's coordination, we have completed arrangements for the 2012 MBIS Scholarship Grant with Cabrillo College's Horticulture Department Chairperson Peter Shaw. The application deadline has been set for November 23 (the day after Thanksgiving). We will schedule MBIS approval of the Horticulture Department's recommendation during our Holiday Party. We will invite the grant awardee to receive the MBIS scholarship check at our January meeting or, if that doesn't work out, at our February meeting.

2012 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held in Native Sons Hall unless otherwise stated

Regular Meeting

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

PCIs

Refreshments

Barbara H. & Charley

Regular Meeting

Friday, November 16 7:30 P.M.

Program..... TBA

Refreshments

Irene, Joan & Pat W.

Annual Holiday Dinner

Bruno's BBQ, Scotts Valley

Friday December 21 6:00 p.m

The location of the Christmas Dinner is Bruno's BBQ in Scotts Valley, the same as last year. The day is Friday the 21th of December. Gather for cocktails at 6, dinner will start at 7! Dinner will be a buffet dinner with more or less the same menu as prior years. We will have a free for all gift exchange the same as last year! Bring a gift! Hope to see you there!



AIS-14 members should have received ballots for the election of the Regional Vice President, with two candidates to consider: Rudy Ciuca and John Pesek. The voting deadline is October 17th, so take the time to mail in your vote. The candidates' biographical sketches are posted on the region's website <http://www.aisregion14.org/>.

Reminder: the AIS-14 Region's 2012 Fall Meeting will be on October 27th and 28th, hosted by the Sierra Foothills Iris Society and located in Roseville, California.

I'll see you at our meeting! 🌸🌸 Tom

CULTURE TIPS

AS THE WEATHER COOLS, it is time to plant the Pacificas, the last transplants of the season. If they have had not water all summer, get them growing by watering them ever few days to get the new roots growing. When you dig them replant them right away or put them in a bucket of water until you are ready to set them in. NEVER LET THE PLANTS DRY OUT, even for a shot period of time. You could add a fungicide like SUBDUE and vitamin B-1, if you have some available. Once planted, water them well in and water them regularly until the fall rains take over.

Complete planting any other beardless and even bearded immediately. Glenn Corlew would often plant his TB's (quite dried out) as late as December and got spectacular show stalks in the spring. But he did fumigate the soil and heavily fertilize. More likely late bearded planting will produce ok bloom in the spring and minimal increase.

A find: Thanks to Brenda Wood, I discovered Twice As Nice at the corner of Mission St. and Van Ness Ave in Santa Cruz (a mere 4 blocks from me!). They get many over the leftovers/overstock/damaged returns from Costco which are sold at half price. When I was there they had Sluggo and Preem (the pre-emergent) in a package of 15 lb. plus battery powered applicator (batteries included!) for \$12.50! They had a big stock of it, so it still may be available. They also have a store in Half Moon Bay.

Which brings up the question of pre-emergents. We have been using them for like 30 years and could not live without them. There has been no build up problem in the soil. Preem is an example of one. Read the label and make sure the weeds you have the most problem with are listed on the label. Remember the soil must be clear of weeds when you apply it. It doesn't kill germinated weeds; it stops seed from germinating.

This is also the month to plant any iris seed you may have. It needs the winter cold and rain to stratify it to begin germinating mostly in February-March. 🌸🌸 Joe

Fall Regional

This month's meeting is the last chance to get together with other members to plan the truck to the Fall Regional. We also need items for our club's Regional auction basket.

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War Zone, Ghio PCI



Ghio PCI Seedling

Annual Iris Sale(s)

It was a good year for sales. A major factor in drawing customers was the large article with photos in the Sentinel; and the posters distributed in the area helped a lot too. Brenda Wood did an excellent job in obtaining this advertising for us. Thanks Brenda.

We had a very good turn out of member volunteers to dig, label and sort iris. A generous donation of rhizomes provided a great selection for customers. Several members provided substantial effort that contributed to the success of our sales. Thanks to all who put in long hours. Special recognition to Jim and Irene Cummins for organizing work parties, serving lunches and hauling stuff; Sheryl McEwan for hauling the much needed tables; and Joe Ghio, for again for providing gorgeous prized rhizomes, valuable consulting, and selecting the perfect rhizome for his many fan club customers.

Here are the statistics: Garden Faire in June, \$749. Picnic and Raffle on July 21, \$648, Deer Park sale on August 4, \$2,865. Cabrillo sale on August 11, \$1,480.

For all sales, we took in a total of \$800 more than \$2011. The picnic and raffle were down \$200, but the Deer Park and Cabrillo sales were up \$1,000.

Nominating Committee

Last month we started the process of getting our set of officers for 2012. President Tom appointed the chair and two additional members were voted on from the floor. The Committee will report at this up coming October 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.

DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Add \$5 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 .

Auction Basket

Suggestions for the MBIS Italian Dinner basket for the Fall Regional:

Red & white wine, set of 4 place-mats with wine/grape motif, 2 to 4 wine glasses, not necessarily matching pattern, wine bottle opener, wine glass ID bands, parmigiano-reggiano grated cheese, paper bibs/napkins with wine/grape motif, cutting board, loaf Sourdough bread, bread knife, packaged spaghetti, jar spaghetti sauce, glass ID bands, throw away camera (do they still have those?), candles AND ANYTHING ELSE MEMBERS WISH TO DONATE THAT WOULD FIT THE THEME. I'm sure there are more ideas that would be good!

If you can, e-mail Carolyn at theladygardens@aol.com and let her know what you are donating so everyone doesn't bring the same thing. Of course, duplicates of some of these things would be ok.

You can bring your items to this month's meeting.



Ghio PCI Seedling



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual party will be at last year's location, Bruno's BBQ in Scotts Valley. The menu will be similar to prior years. No Host cocktails, 6 P.M. Dinner, 7 P.M.

Reservations are a must and need to be in by Monday, December, 10th. 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.

Bruno's is located at 230 Mt Herman Drive, near the King's Village Shopping Center.



Bloomers

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

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.



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