



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

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March, 2024

Next meeting Friday 15, 2024
Eating Starts 7:00 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Place Aptos Grange,
2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

2024 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held on the third Friday at the Aptos Grange unless otherwise stated

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 15 7:00 P.M.

Program

Iris Artistic arrangement

Refreshments

St. Patrick's Dinner, bring sides

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 19 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Annual Iris Show

Louden Nelson May 11 & 12

Set up

Friday, May 10 7:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 1-6:00 P.M.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 17 7:30 P.M.

Show wrap & awards

Pizza Potluck.

Bring a good appetite to the March Corned Beef Meeting! Eating starts at 7:00.

March Birthdays

Tom Karwin, March 19

Linda Hood, March 24

Ann Pike, March 27



Share the Love, Ghio, 2019

Mikey Lango

From The Prez

SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER and I am already seeing pictures of blooming iris in San Jose. I have no stalks at the moment and plenty of weeds. While in Idaho recently, I did a drive by past Sutton's when the fields were covered with four inches of snow. Not much growth yet, but they are a month behind us when it comes to bloom. I also made a bunch of door prizes for the meeting while I was there and also enjoyed rain, snow, hail, sleet and something called Snur, which describes a certain kind of snow that is a mixture of all of the above as far as I can tell. While there I also went to a New Years eve party and celebrated Thanksgiving. One in February and the latter in March. They do many things different in that state.....

Word has gotten out that we are planning a day of celebration for our 50 years in operation in 2025. Carolyn Hoover, our RVP is interested and we will invite her for sure and well as all the other movers and shakers in the area iris world. Lots of notifications and parts to be put together, but since most of us will not be around for the 100th anniversary of MBIS I believe it will be time and money well spent.

We have several days of garden tours this year. We have members who have incredible collections of iris that really show off the beauty of the species and also companion plants and landscaping that took an incredible amount of energy to create. April and May are going to be very busy indeed. Do not plan on dieting during these events, snacks and libations are usually provided.

See you at the meeting! 🌸🌸 *Craig*

CULTURE TIPS

We had plentiful rain last year (2023) and this year (2024). Part of the difference is that this year the rain started earlier. The disadvantage is that the weeds got a head-start and really grew strong and tall. The strong winds and heavy rains were abundant and is difficult to clear out weeds. Likely you still have some weeds in your iris plantings. If your plantings still have plentiful weeds and the soil soggy wet, let the ground dry out enough so you don't sink when you try walking in it.

We had some rain that worked the fertilizer in the ground. It gives the irises the nutrients they need to perform well. But, if you fertilized the irises as the new growth began in early February, the rains likely leached away some of the benefits of that fertilizing, so it would be well to give them another light application now. Apply it as you have before and work it into the soil, but if the rains continue that will do the job.

With the weather conditions being what it has been it is difficult to predict when "peak" bloom will be. Normally here on the coast it is end of April to the beginning of May for TB's. Having growing irises for 69 years I have seen how "best" bloom has become more variable and less distinct as to timing. For example spurias definitely didn't start blooming until well after the TB's were pretty well done. Now I find they can begin blooming pretty much at the same time the TB's are in bloom. The "normal" is in flux as changing weather have its affect on plants, irises being no exception. 🌸🌸 *Joe*

Spring Garden tours

We are anticipating an early bloom season. Our garden tours this year will be on Sunday, April 14 and again on May 4th and 5th.

Brenda Wood and Diane Sampson will have open gardens on Sunday, April 14th, 11–4 PM. Only light refreshments will be served.

Then, Jim and Irene are opening on the 4th of May and Sherry Austin and Jo Chisholm are doing the May 5th. Sherry is planning coffee and a light breakfast at 10; then Jo is doing lunch at around 12 or 1.

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At the February meeting, Joe told the MBIS history

M. Lango



Photo by C. Dahout



MARCH MEETING

Artistic Floral Design

Join me at the March meeting for floral arranging in preparation for our spring show. I have taken Ikebana Moribana classes this year and am eager to share my newfound knowledge with you!

The categories for our show this year are:

Pot of Gold—Any type of arrangement featuring the iris flower.

Rainbow Spectrum—A traditional mass arrangement showing the abundance of the iris flower. A limited amount of other flowers may be used.

Spring Duet—A design using two containers. They must show a relationship to each other and the iris flower must be featured.

March Dinner

For March we are looking forward to our annual corned beef blast. Brenda will be cooking and Larissa will be helping. There will also be potato salad. 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 sides that will go with the dinner if they wish. We will also have the birthday cake!



Sherry's award winning arrangement

C Dahout



Frozen Margarita, Burseen, 2015 T. Rush



Little Blackfoot, SDB, Reinhardt, 67 J. Jordan



Bottle Rocket, Sutton, 2010, Dykes winner 2019

Jane Jordan

SPRING BLOOM



Electromagnetic, Sutton, 2019



Autumn Explosion, Tasco, 2013

M. Lango



Sea of Yellow at the Cummins

Jim Cummins



Mammoth Orange, Sutton, 2017



D. Sampson Orange Harvest, Jones, 1986

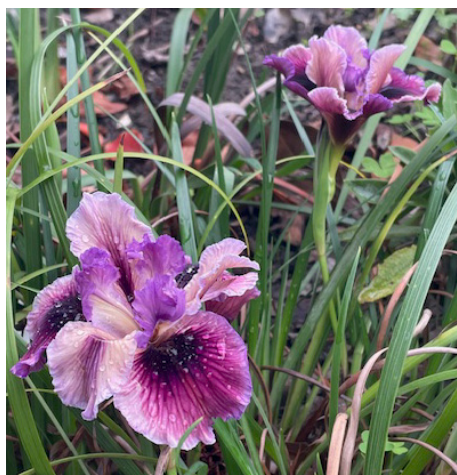
M. Lango



Chocolate Halo, Kerr, 2011 C. Dahout



Velvet Valentine, Tasco, 2015 M. Lango



Premonition of Spring, PCI, Knipe, 2012 C. Dahout

MORE SPRING BLOOMS



Pin Striped Suit, Probst, 2020



M. Edwards Make Mine Magic, Blyth, 2012 S. Austin



Lee Park, SDB, Tasco, 2004 T. Rush



Pure as Gold, Marriott, 1989 T. Rush



Grand Bargain, Sutton, 2014

D. Sampson



Perfect Couple, Ghio, 1984



M. Edwards Boundless, M. Sutton, 2010,

M. Lango



1. A MILLION DREAMS, Johnson



2. APPLE OF MY EYE, Black



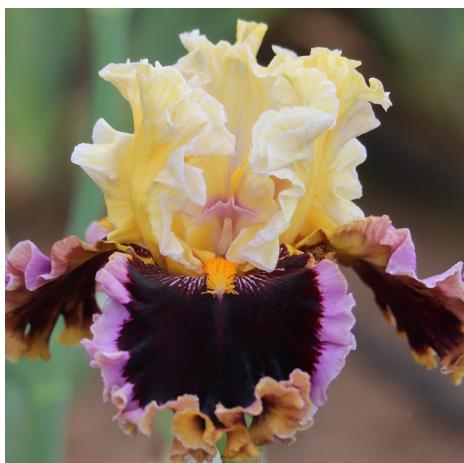
3. BE YOURSELF, Black



4. BERRY DELIGHT, Mego



5. BUTTERSCOTCH LATTE, Sutton, 2022



6. CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU, Johnson



7. DAMSEL IN LACE, Miller



8. EARTH AND SUN, Black



9. ELECTRIFIED, Sutton, 2022



10. FAITHFUL, Sutton, 2022



11. GABBY GIRL, Miller



12. GOD GIVEN, Ghio



13. HERE COMES TROUBLE, Johnson



14. LAVENDER FIZZ, Sutton, 2020



15. MIND BLOWING, Johnson, 2020



16. NAKED BEAUTY, Johnson



17. RED CLIFFS, Sutton, 2022



18. REFINED ELEGANCE, Johnson



19. RUNNING IN CIRCLES, Johnson



20. SEW LITTLE TIME, Schreiner



21. SINGULARITY, Sutton



22. SOUND WAVES, Mego, 2022



STYLE MAKER,
Sutton 2022



24. VAVAVOOM, Miller



25. VIVID SUNSET, Johnson



26. WEB OF LIES, Johnson



27. WELL TO DO, Keppel, 2022



28. WHOA NELLY, Sutton



29. ZERO GRAVITY, Johnson

Not A Rebloomer Month!

Irises are now blooming. It is March, so there is no Rebloomer drawing. You can still choose to bring iris!

DOOR PRIZES IRISES

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| 1. A MILLION DREAMS, Johnson | 16. NAKED BEAUTY, Johnson |
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