

## January, 2025

Next meeting      Friday 17, 2025  
 Eating Starts      7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting              7:30 P.M.  
 Place                  Aptos Grange,  
 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

## 2025 Calendar

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

### Regular Meeting

Friday, January 17.....7:00 P.M.

### Program

It's a wrap—holiday party/2024 + 2025 show items

### Refreshments

Potluck

### Regular Meeting

Friday, February 21 ..... 7:00 P.M.

### Program

The Crysanthemum

Jane Jordan

### Refreshments

Potluck

### Regular Meeting

Friday, March 21 .....7:00 P.M.

### Program

Arboretum: conservation of native plants

Lucy Ferneyhough

### Refreshments

St. Patrick's potluck

## January Birthdays

<i>Rosa Radicchi</i>	<i>Jan 1</i>
<i>Barbara Hanson</i>	<i>Jan 3</i>
<i>Larissa Daniel</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>
<i>Irene Cummins</i>	<i>Jan 10</i>
<i>Mary Helen Chrisman</i>	<i>Jan 11</i>
<i>Mikey Lango</i>	<i>Jan 11</i>
<i>Wayne Craft</i>	<i>Jan 18</i>
<i>Kathy Hartman</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>
<i>Jeff Helms</i>	<i>Jan 30</i>



Craig's last in charge moment takes place at the Holiday Party.

## From The Prez

**T**HE NEW YEAR IS FINALLY UPON US and our society is thriving. We have had several good years of sales, new members and great potlucks. I hope this trend continues. Warm Greetings to All for the New Year!

As we step into 2025, we're excited to reflect on the close of an era and the start of a new chapter for our club. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Craig Tarr for his incredible nine years of service as our club president. His leadership has been invaluable, and we are so grateful for the foundation he helped build. We are so grateful to Wayne Crabbs, Brenda Wood, Jim Cummins, Larissa Daniels, Charley Kearns, Ann Pike, Jo Chisholm, Joe Ghio and to all the board members and regular members who are active with the club! We look forward to the adventures and growth that 2025 will bring, with new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and the small joys that make gardening and this community so special.

New... before the regular meeting start time: For many years, MBIS has scheduled meetings from 7-9:00, with clean up until 9:30. For the first four months of the year, we will be having a MBIS board meeting at the Aptos Grange, at 6:00, before the regular potluck and business meeting. We do need help with setting up chairs and tables! The pot luck starts at 7:00 and the business meeting is at 7:30. We have a busy season coming with the Anniversary Event, Show, and the Arts and Cultural Festival all approaching. Everyone is welcome to listen in at the board meeting. We have many details to talk about.

Also, Artistic Flower Arranging will be offered at 6:00 by our own artistic aficionado, Joan Scanlon. Anyone may join the artistic arranging fun... just bring your own vase, and flowers if you have any to share. Artistic is a division in our iris show, where we vote for a lovely "People's Choice" perpetual artistic trophy. We have four months to learn how to bring better flower arrangements into our homes, and each meeting you may take home your own floral creations!

## Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!

We're thrilled to kick off this year with exciting plans, starting with a very special celebration. Jo Chisholm has generously volunteered her beautiful home to host the Monterey Bay Iris Society's 50th Anniversary Celebration! The event will take place on Easter Day, April 20th, with a gathering filled with fun, memories, and, of course, irises. We'll be holding our Day Before Easter Garden Tour, offering members and the public a chance to visit local Watsonville gardens in full bloom, on the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

## MBIS Iris Show: April 26-27

We're also gearing up for our annual Iris Show, which will be held at the London Nelson Community Center on April 26-27. This is one of the highlights of our year and a wonderful opportunity to share our love of irises with the broader community. The show is free and open to the public—so please invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us!

Setup will take place on Friday, April 25th. On Saturday, April 26th, we'll welcome judges and prepare for an exciting day of showcasing over 200 iris specimens. We'll also be serving lunch to all volunteers helping with the event, so there will be plenty of opportunities for fun and camaraderie as we bring this beautiful event to life. The show continues on Sunday, which maybe a good opportunity for more Iris outreach.

Additionally, I'm working with the Santa Cruz County Arts and Culture Festival to see if we can coordinate an art-and-iris event during the iris show week of April 25-27, 2025. Art and Irises are a natural pairing, and I'm excited to attend the planning meetings to see how we can merge the two worlds to draw even more visitors to our event. Sunday could be a perfect time for local artists to photograph, draw, and paint our lovely irises in bloom, right at London Nelson! The festival features a variety of artistic endeavors and performances, including photography, watercolors, prints, dance, music, and theater—perfect for a weekend of artistic inspiration!

## Regional Convention:

If you've been looking for new ways to deepen your iris knowledge, why not consider attending the upcoming AIS Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting in Santa Rosa?

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This year's theme is Irises, Redwoods, and Wines, and it promises to be a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, explore gardens, and immerse yourself in the world of irises. The convention runs from Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th, with events taking place at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center in Santa Rosa.

We're thrilled to announce that the guest speaker will be Diana Ford of Ford Iris Farm, which is north of Cloverdale off highway 101. Diana has been working with an incredible 4,000 seedlings and specializes in hybridizing irises with vibrant, eye-catching colors. Her expertise is sure to inspire anyone with an interest in iris cultivation.

Registration is \$115, which includes access to the Friday night board meeting, Saturday's box lunch, and the Saturday evening banquet. Garden visits will be available via carpooling, and you'll be responsible for booking your own accommodations (hotels and Airbnbs are plentiful).

## AIS National Convention

The AIS National Iris Convention will be Wednesday, June 4, until Saturday, June 7, at the Billings, Montana, Hotel & Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, Montana 59101, 406-248-7151 [billingshotelmt.com](http://billingshotelmt.com)

GROUP CODE 14716 (\$146 with breakfast). Programs and the Welcome Banquet will begin on Wednesday, June 4, (the optional tours on Tuesday are sold out at this moment.) Full Registration (Includes 3 days of garden tours with lunch, Welcome Banquet, Awards Banquet) \$369.00. A La Carte Registration (Garden Tours, Includes 3 days of tours with lunch) – \$219.00

Big Sky Iris Club has a great website that showcases the National Convention garden tours and programs. Be sure to check it out...<https://bigskyirisclub.com/register-2025/> We hope to see you there!

### Year of Growth & Celebration

As we embark on this exciting year, let's embrace the opportunities ahead and continue to support one another in our shared love of gardening and the beauty of irises. Whether you're volunteering at the iris show, attending a regional convention, or simply enjoying the gardens around you, there are so many ways to get involved and make a difference.

Let's celebrate the 50 years of the Monterey Bay Iris Society and look forward to many more years of blossoming community and friendship. 🌸 Warmly, Diane Sampson

### CULTURE TIPS



AS SEEMS TO BE THE USUAL CASE LATELY, we had plentiful rain early which gets the weeds germinating early. It is better and easier to hoe and remove them when the soil is drier. The irises are dried up as much as they will be for the season. New growth begins showing up in early February. Prior to this growth spurt remove the dead and sick foliage and then fertilize as the new growth begins in February. We fertilize with a balanced fertilizer like 10-10-10 or triple 12, whichever is cheaper. Costco often has similar fertilizer available at this time of the year.

Spread handfuls around your irises and raked in lightly. The wet soil and rain will work it into the soil and the irises will thrive. Interestingly, rust on the irises used to be a major problem here on the Coast. With the climate changes we are experiencing now, it isn't much of a problem anymore. If a variety is likely to "get" the rust, it pretty much disappear as the climate "heats" up as the weather "warms" up. 🌸 Joe

# EVENTS FOR 2025

Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

Date	Event	Activity	Location	Time
January 17	Meeting	Recaps: party & year; this year's show	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
February 21	Meeting	The Crysanthemum, Jane Jordan	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
March 21	Meeting	Arboretum; native plants, Lucy Ferneyhough	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
April 18	Meeting	Mini Show, Joe Ghio & panel	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
April 19-20	Party	MBIS 50 Year Anniversary	Jo Chisholm's Garden	TBA
April 25	Iris Show	Set-up	London Nelson	7:00 P.M.
April 26	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	London Nelson	1-6:00 P.M.
April 27	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	London Nelson	NOON-6:00 P.M.
May 2-4	Spring Regional		Sonoma, CA	
May 16	Meeting	Show Wrap & Awards/Pizza	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
June 2-7	AIS National Convention		Billings, MT	
June 20	Meeting	to be announced	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
July 19	Summer Picnic	More Irises	Cummins'	11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
August 2	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Deer Park	9:00 A.M.-NOON
August 9	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Cabrillo Mkt	8:00 A.M.NOON
August 16	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Cabrillo Mkt	8:00 A.M.NOON
August 15	Meeting	to be announced	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
September 19	Meeting	Beardless Iris?	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
October 17	Meeting	Pacific Coast Iris	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
November 21	Meeting	to be announced	Aptos Grange	7:00 P.M.
December 19?	Holiday Party	Celebration	Pasatiempo	5:00 P.M.



# 2024



Randy gets a bird house. Maybe not ending up with it!



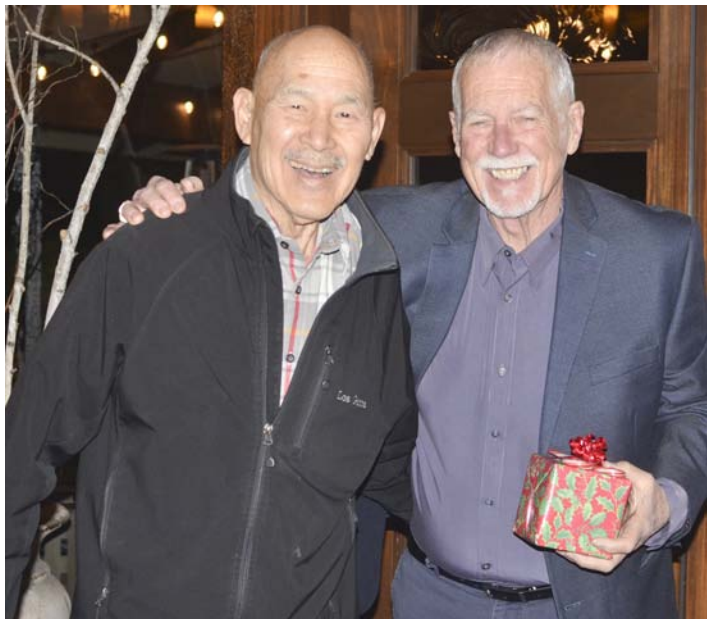
Sam and Elena

Photo D. Sampson



Joe and Larissa

Photo M Lango



Frank and Wayne

Photo M Lango



Dan and Sharon



Lloyd and Jo

Photo D. Sampson



Joe and Brenda

Photo D. Sampson

# HOLIDAY PARTY



Diane and new member Robert Sloan

Photo M Lango



Scott and Linda

Photo M Lango



1. AHH MAY ZING, Burseen, 2023



2. BOUNTIFUL BLOOM, Johnson



3. CANDY COATED, Burseen, 2022



4. CLEVER GIRL, Miller, 2023



5. COAL TAR, Keppel, 2021



6. DARE THE DEVIL, Burseen, 2023



7. EDGING AHEAD, Johnson



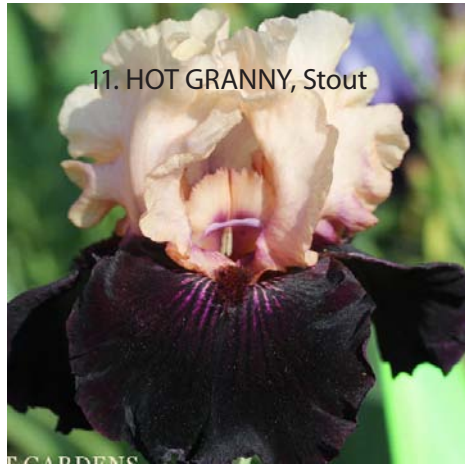
8. FLIP A COIN, Johnson, 2023



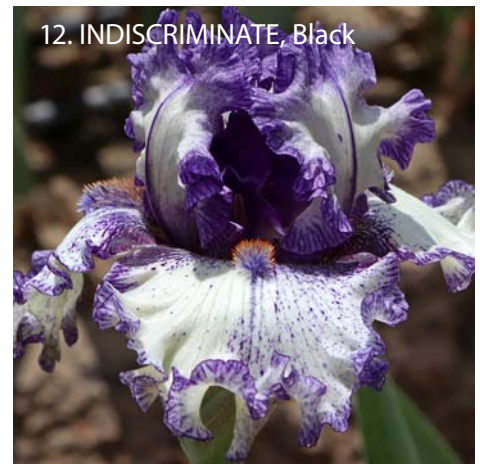
9. FOLLOW MY LEAD, Johnson, 2023



FOR THE AGES, Johnson



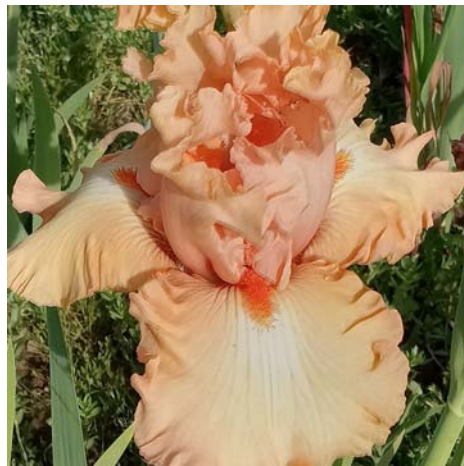
11. HOT GRANNY, Stout



12. INDISCRIMINATE, Black



13. JUST BETWEEN US, Johnson, 2023



14. LUXURIOUS FOLKS, Cummins



15. MAKE UP YOUR MIND, Black



16. MARK MY WORDS, Johnson



17. MOONEETOON, Burseen, 2022



18. MOVING ON, Keppel, 2023



19. NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, Black



20. ONE IN A MILLION, Johnson, 2023



21. RIPPLES IN TIME, Black



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25. SO HAPPY TOGETHER, Black



26. SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, Cummins



27. STREAKING SKIES, Tasco



28. UPSCALE, Keppel



29. WILD ABOUT YOU, Black



30. YUMMYLICIOUS, Black

### 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.

### DOOR PRIZES IRISES

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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 Canyon Road, Watsonville, CA, 95076. Phone 724-9162. Memberships that are not renewed will be dropped.

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21. RIPPLES IN TIME, Black
22. ROMANY ROGUE, Remare
23. SHE'S A PEACH, Sutton
24. SMACK ATTACK, Stout, 2019
25. SO HAPPY TOGETHER, Black
26. SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, Cummins
27. STREAKING SKIES, Tasco
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