



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

June, 2024

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| Next meeting | Friday 21, 2024 |
| Eating Starts | 7:00 P.M. |
| Meeting | 7:30 P.M. |
| Place | Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos |



Judging the show

From The Prez

LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY the peak bloom of iris at home and then travel North or East and find that the iris are at peak bloom in another state. Karin and I have travelled to several different states visiting gardens that bloom a month or more later than our home bloom. Many of the species and hybrids that are available in the iris world do not prosper in the mild temperatures that we enjoy and take for granted. Japanese iris, Siberian iris, as well as SDB's and MDB's seem to bloom much nicer in the colder climates. They also bloom at different times than the iris that we can grow and extend the bloom season for those growers by a month or so. Karin and I have attempted to grow all the different types of iris commonly available but find that we succeed at TBs, BBs and IBs. Louisianas and Spurias also prosper but the bloom does not seem as exciting to us as the bearded types.

We can recommend Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm in Washington for the beautiful Japanese hybrids of Chad Harris. He and Dale Grams have a very nice home and garden that is very much worth a visit during bloom. This year the farm will be a host garden for the 2024 AIS Convention. This is coming up on June 26th through the 29th and Karin and I will be sad to miss it. If you are attending, the display will be a real treat. Chad's 40+ years of working with Iris Ensata has really brought the colors, patterns and shapes of the species a long way. The Payne medal, awarded by the American Iris Society for the best Japanese iris, has been presented to Chad Harris 7 times in the past 12 years. Truly a remarkable achievement.

2024 Calendar

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

June Meeting

Friday, June 21 7:00 P.M.
 Discussion—Diges, Picnic, & Shirley-Refreshments

Potluck

Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 20 ... 11:00 A.M.—3:00P.M.
 Cummins garden
 Potluck and Auction

Annual Sale

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center
 Saturday, August 3rd . 9 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Sale.... Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt

Saturday, August 10th 8 A.M.—12:00 P.M.
 Saturday, August 17th 8 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, August 16,..... 7:30P.M.
 TBA
 Potluck Refreshments

June Birthdays

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| <i>Jane Jordan</i> | <i>June 5</i> |
| <i>Scott Smith</i> | <i>June 12</i> |
| <i>Elaine Fischer</i> | <i>June 14</i> |
| <i>Brenda Wood</i> | <i>June 22</i> |

This year I visited the Sutton gardens again several times and caught it at full bloom. It was very windy in the garden and I was amazed that the iris had not been blown over. 25 mile per hours winds really showed the resilience of the blooms that have good substance and the blooms that do not. Anton Mego introduces his iris with Sutton's and he has some very nice 2024 introductions that I saw. Mego iris grow very well in our Santa Cruz garden and are very reliable bloomers.

Thats all for now. I will miss the June meeting due to a wedding in Idaho, but will see you all at the picnic...
 .. 🌸🌸 Craig

CULTURE TIPS

THE IRISES ARE DONE doing their “showing off” of what beauty they produce for us. Most of us still have the spent stalks left. Now is the time to snap out or cut off the stalks at ground level. Easiest thing to do with the stalks is put them in your green waste can (or cans if you have more than one if your lucky to use all you have. I have three cans). I don't recommend you put them in a compost pile since they might have a disease). If you have a light soil, you can apply a light application of a balanced fertilizer now. You can give them some water during this month but in all cases stop watering at least two weeks before you plan to dig them out for replanting or get rid of. Remember we will need surplus for our sales we have in August.

Beardless irises pretty much can do without water in the summer in our coastal climate. I never water my Pacificas in the summer months. If it doesn't rain I will begin watering them some about a month before I plan to dig them up.

If you have reblooming irises they do appreciate some water in the summer to help them perform and bloom in the late summer month and early fall. In our climate on the Coast some rebloom will occur on varieties that are not likely to rebloom elsewhere. So enjoy our bounty. 🌸🌸 Joe



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Silver Medal

Jeff Bennett—11 Blue

Best Bearded Other Than Tall

Jeff Bennett,—AB, *Omar's Gold*

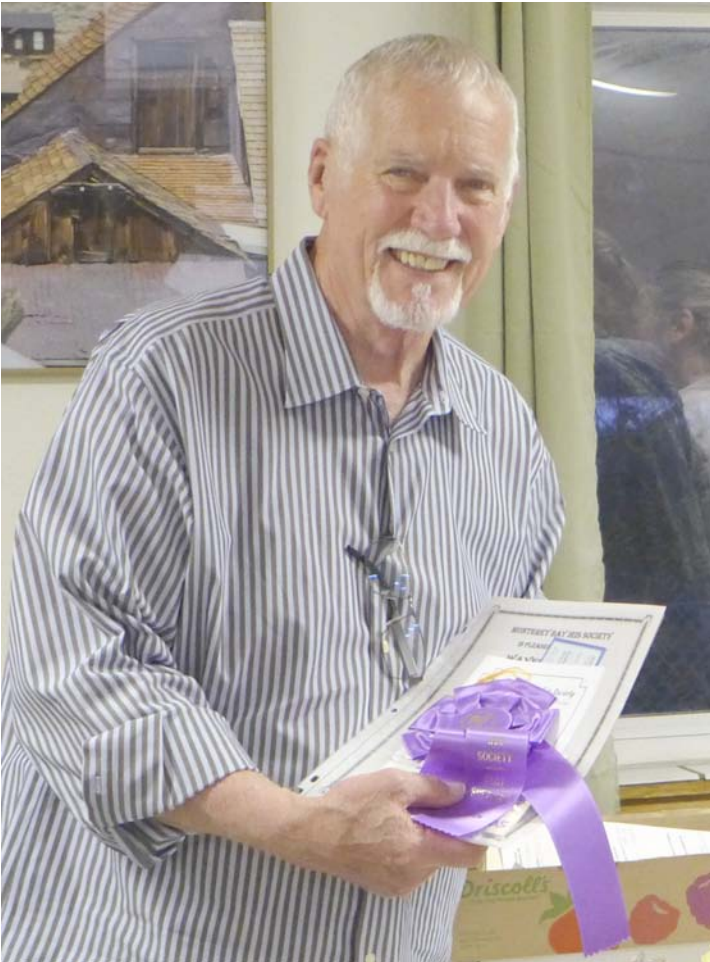
Best Historic

Jeff Bennett,—TB, *Buechley Giant* (1932)



2024 MBIS SHOW





Best Single Blossom
Bronze Medal

Wayne Crabbs—TB, *Gypsy Lord*
Wayne Crabbs—7 Blue



Best Of Show Brenda Wood,—TB, *One Step Beyond*
Best Tall Bearded Brenda Wood,—TB, *One Step Beyond*

WINNERS' CIRCLE



People's Choice Artistic

Elena Laborde—*Pot of Gold*





Ralph Coleman Award (Peoples' Choice)
Kathy Wood—TB, *Marry the Night*



REGION 14 SPRING REGIONAL IRIS SHOW MBIS WINNERS



Best of section winner, PCI Fire Alert, Ghio

Mikey Lango



Carol won best arrangement

Mikey Lango



Brenda won best of section, PCI

Mikey Lango

Shirley Trio-Probst



We are extremely sad to hear of Shirley Trio's passing on May 16th. She was such a presence in Region 14 and all the societies in the region. There is a nice obituary in Mount Diablo's May newsletter. The following is a reprint from the CBRIS newsletter.

A few excerpts:

Born in Merced on June 25, 1943

Married and had three children and adopted her cousin's daughter

She was a registered nurse

She became interested in irises in 1970, joined the AIS and became a lifetime member, operated her own commercial garden, became an AIS judge, eventually becoming a master judge

She met Riley Probst in 1995, married, and moved to Missouri for a few years, was involved in many iris clubs in the Missouri area and served as Convention Registrar before their moving to Modesto

Has been a member of several iris societies in Region 14; served as president, secretary, director, hospitality chairperson, and was a founding member in some of the societies

In Region 14, she has been Finance Chair, Secretary, Director, Bulletin Editor, Membership Director, and Chairwoman of the 2019 AIS Convention

Shirley (along with Riley) operated Fleur De Lis iris Garden in Modesto and has introduced an iris named Opposites.

Shirley attended 25 AIS Conventions

Shirley was always a busy woman. She loved people, was very kind and would give you the shirt off her back. She always had time to lend an ear and give a thought or two. She leaves behind her husband, Riley, four children and six grandchildren. We will miss her. Our deepest condolences to Riley and family.

Carol Dabout, CBRIS Newsletter



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2. BIG AS THE MOON, Schreiner



3. BORN TO PARTY, Johnson



4. BOYSENBERRY DRIZZLE, Black



5. DEVOTED TO YOU, Johnson



6. EARTH AND SUN, Black



7. EVENING STROLL, Johnson



8. FOLLOW MY LEAD, Johnson



9. GABBY GAL, Miller



10. GALA GLOW, Keppel



11. GRACE AND BEAUTY, Blyth



12. HERE COMES TROUBLE, Johnson



13. LAVENDER FIZZ, Sutton, 2020



14. MONET PAINTING, Miller



15. MYSTERY MAN, Keppel



16. POWER BALLAD, Sutton



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Schreiner



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20. SNOW KISS, Keppel



21. SOMEBODY SPECIAL, Keppel



SOUND WAVES, Mego, 2022



23. STYLE MAKER,
Sutton 2022



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Johnson



25. THIS IS CRAZY, Johnson



26. THIS IS ME, Johnson



27. UNDER THE HARVEST MOON, Johnson



28. VAVAVOOM, Miller



29. VIVID SUNSET, Johnson



30. WEB OF LIES, Johnson

Not A Rebloomer Month!

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

Wish List

Elena's wish list—*Dark Energy, Rum is the Reason, Express Yourself, Own the Night, Spiced Up*

DOOR PRIZES IRISES

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