

October, 2024

Next meeting Friday 18, 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, October 18..... 7:00 P.M.
 Aptos Grange, Aptos, CA
 PCIs

Joe Ghio

Refreshments

Potluck

Regular Meeting

Friday, November 15..... 7:00 P.M.
 TBA

Potluck Refreshments

Annual Holiday Dinner

Back Nine Grill & Bar

Inn at Pasatiempo

555 Highway 17, Santa Cruz

Friday December 13..... 5:30 P.M.

Dinner starts at 6 sharp

Bring PCI irises surplus for the Fall door prize drawing. Also any extra beardless irises are welcome for the drawing.

October Birthdays

<i>Elmer Erwin</i>	<i>Oct 06</i>
<i>Jim Cummins</i>	<i>Oct 8</i>
<i>Linda Lomperis</i>	<i>Oct 10</i>
<i>Elena Laborde</i>	<i>Oct 25</i>
<i>Joe Ghio</i>	<i>Oct 26</i>



Story of My Life, Ghio, 2019

S.Taniguchi

From The Prez

ONCE AGAIN THE END OF THE YEAR is rapidly approaching and the holidays are right around the corner. The last and final work in the garden is the Pacific Coast section which I plan to plant in large pots this year. These hybrids seem to be candy to the underground varmint population and they eat the roots, rhizomes and leaves.

Luckily the society has an expert in the club whose devotion to the species has benefited our club and iris lovers everywhere. I scanned the iris wiki to count all the PCNs that Joe Ghio has hybridized but gave up counting after the "A thru E" section and then just tripled the count. Over 300 of them as far as I can guess and just naming that many must have been a challenge.

Many of them are named after local places. 'Madonna Ridge', 'Zayante Creek' and 'La Selva' are just a few examples of this. 'Bedroom Eyes', 'Latin Blood', 'Wandering Eye' seem have story behind them that maybe lost to memory although Joe could probably dredge them up after a glass of wine. Coincidentally, he does have one named 'Wino'! And then he has 'Eye Yi Yi', my favorite of the 10 he has branded with a name starting with "Eye". Seven or eight start with "San" and six start with "Mission." 'Red Light District', 'Take the Red Eye' and 'Red Flag Warning' are a few of the reds. He has some named with different colors also like 'Silver Bowl', 'Black Eye' and 'Blue a Fuse'.

I honestly do not know how he kept track of all this madness in the days prior to computerization. His record-keeping skill must be monumental.

Anyway that is all for now until we get some history from Joe on his Pacific Coast Native talk which I am sure will include enough plants for the members to add to the collection. They do grow well among redwoods and seem to take less sunlight than my greedy TBs.

See you at the meetin. 🌸🌸 *Craig*

CULTURE TIPS

UP TO MID-OCTOBER we experience some of our nicest and warmest weather of the year. After October 15 to early November is the best time to dig and replant the Pacificas. You will have much greater success as well if your irises are sending out new white roots. Our Pacificas get no water all summer. To get new root development, we begin watering them about the end of August-beginning of September. Those in the Pacific Northwest want their irises shipped early in October.

This is the year of the weed that seems to have taken over just about everything. It is FILAGREE. It is the fine foliage plant that can grow to 15–20 inches tall and cover a surprising small area but there are many plants to cover everything—garden beds, lawns, sidewalk cracks. In my very young days there was a plant here and there and that's it. We called it the scissor plant because seed pods were like a sword. We would pick some, punch a hole in one and put the other sword in that hole and WOW, you now had a sword!

This current version is a new variant of it. With the very early rain we had it germinated early so the plantings, lawn and everywhere is coated with it. On the plus side hoeing it out or if your soil is dry and hard you can scape it off and it dries up quickly. 🌸🌸 *Joe*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

At the August meeting, Craig Tarr appointed Jo Chisholm to chair the nominating committee for 2025 officers and directors. Charley Kearns and Rosa Radicchi volunteered to serve on the committee. The nominating committee presents a slate of officers and directors to the membership at the October meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor. The slate is then published in the November newsletter. At the November meeting, the slate is voted on. Officers and directors assume office at the December meeting.

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NOTE!

Holiday Party is December the 13th.

Membership & Christmas Dinner

Do one payment!

For one person, \$10+ 30= \$40.

For two people, \$15 + 30 +\$30=\$75

Make checks out to MBIS

Bring to the October or November meeting.

Holiday Party is on December 13, 5:30 social, 6:00 sharp for dinner.



PCIS

October Meeting

Our October meeting on Friday the 20th will feature Pacific Coast Iris. Pacific Coast Iris are the iris native to our area and are often found wild in our coastal hills. Our speaker is Joe Ghio. He is the expert to hear when you want to learn about these wonderful little iris!



Ghio PCI Seedlings



MORE PCIS

Door Prizes

Once more members need to bring any and all surplus beardless iris plants including PCIs. November is the month the regular door prize drawing returns.



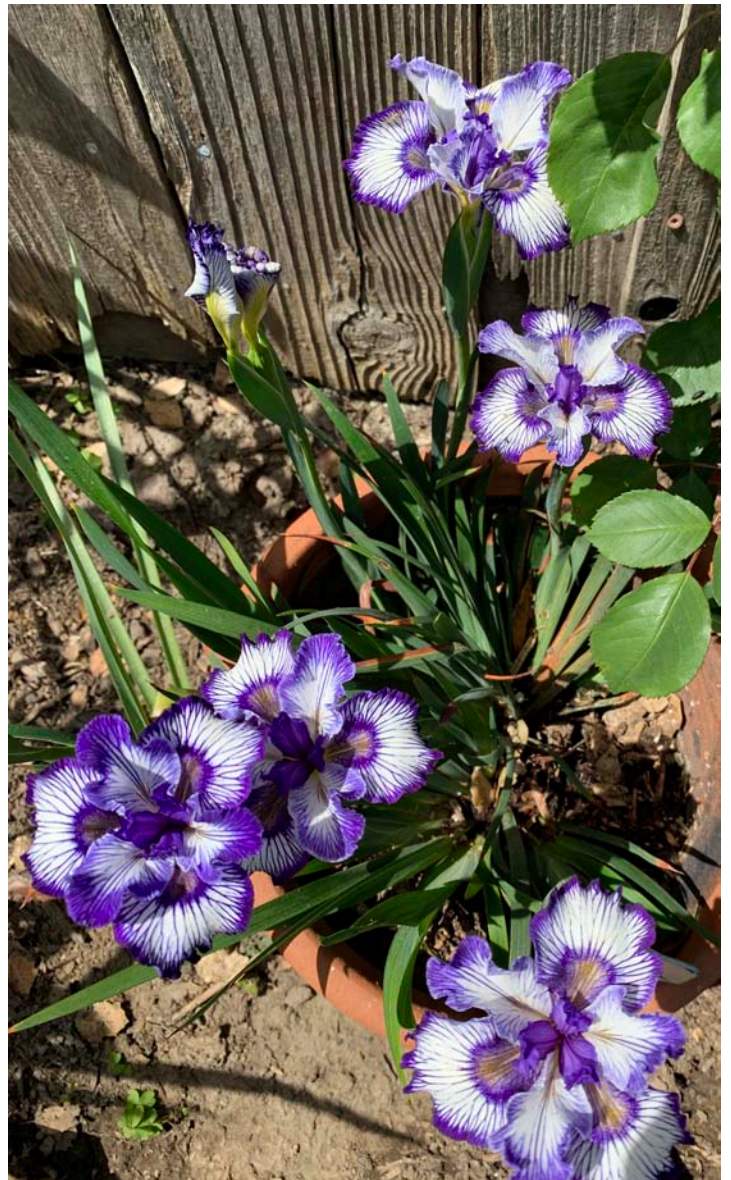
Red Zone, Ghio, 2019

Photo by S Taniguchi



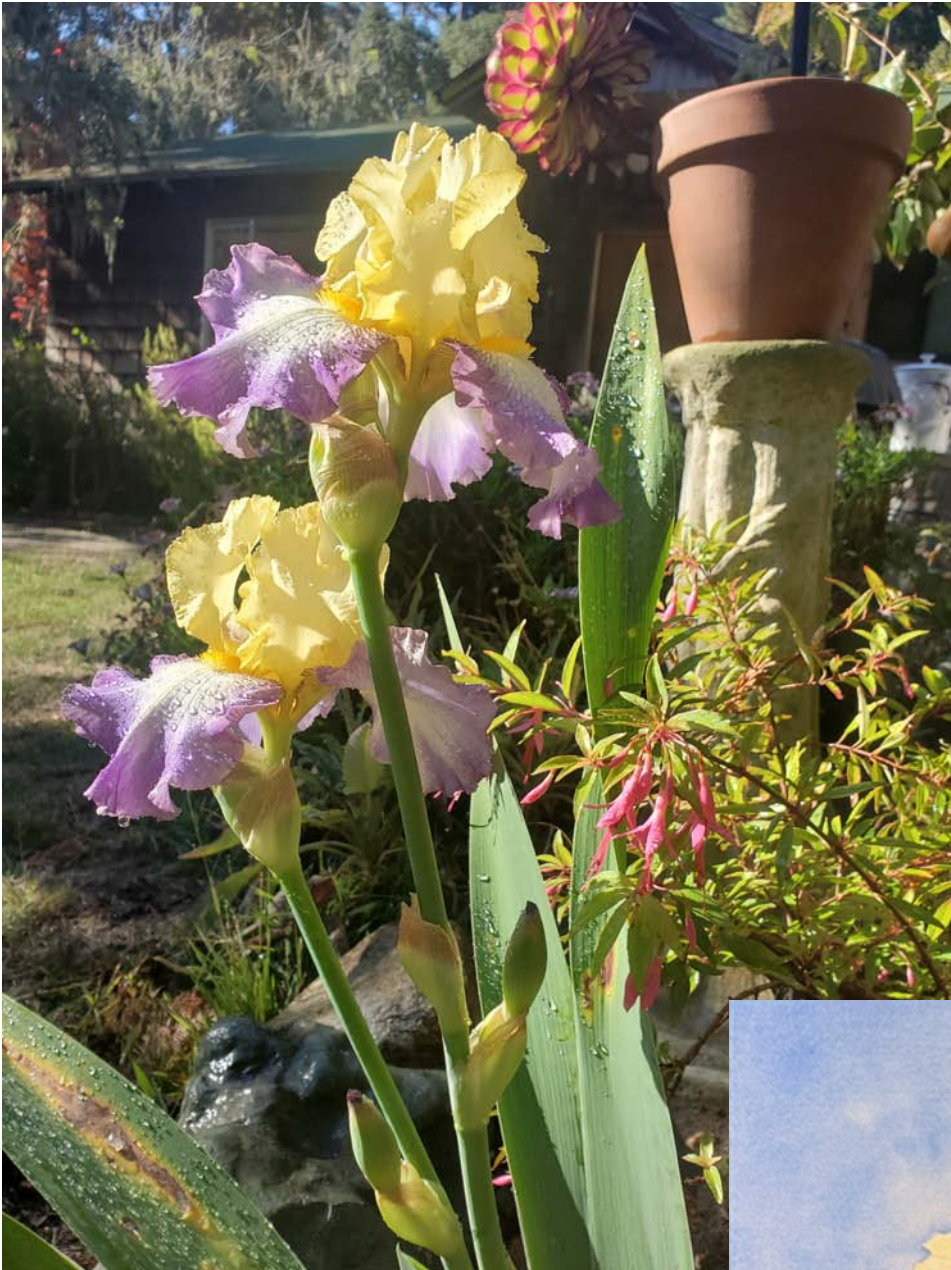
Ghio PCI seedlings

Photo by J. Ghio



Da Vinci Code, Ghio, 2010

Photo by D. Sampson



Gypsy Kisses, Kerr, 2011 | A. Narvaez-Helms



Iris painting by MBIS member Sharon Medler

A REBLOOMER AND A PAINTING!



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MBIS SEPTEMBER MEETING

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