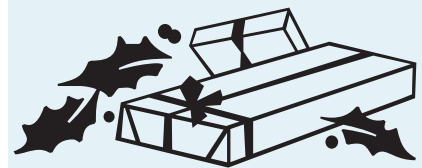


**November–December, 2024**  
 Next meeting      Friday 15, 2024  
 Eating Starts      7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting              7:30 P.M.  
 Place                  Aptos Grange,  
 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

## 2024 Calendar

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

**Regular Meeting**  
 Friday, November 15, ..... 7:00 P.M.  
**Fall Regional & Rebloomer**  
 Riley Probst  
 Potluck Refreshments  
**Annual Holiday Dinner**  
 Back Nine Bar & Grill  
 Inn at Pasatiempo  
 555 Highway 17, Santa Cruz  
 Friday December 13 ..... 5:30 P.M.  
 Dinner starts at 6 sharp



### November Birthdays

*Jo Chisholm*              Nov 02  
*Dave Watson*            Nov 02  
*MpJeanne Erwin*        Nov 05  
*Cindy Schuete*            Nov 11  
*Bruce Harden*            Nov 21

### December Birthdays

*Joan Scanlon*             Dec 09  
*Lupe Allen*                Dec 12  
*Josanna Virene*            Dec 22



Happy New Year, Byers, 1989

M. Lango

## From The Prez

**U**T SEEMS LIKE I HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT of our fantastic club for only a short time. But it actually has been a long time and my commitments are shifting towards family and travel in my “Golden Years”. Although I would like to give myself credit for the success and health of the Monterey Bay Iris Society, it is simply not so. The credit goes to the members of the club that show up to meetings, sales, digs and potlucks. The members that donate time, rhizomes, ideas and knowledge are so beneficial to our prosperity that our club is well known throughout the nation.

Karin and I have traveled around the nation to attend the AIS nationals, been to our region 14 events and traveled to different states just to meet growers, hybridizers and owners of iris gardens. We have stood in pouring rain, survived 100+ degree heat and below freezing temperatures in many different places around the nation while meeting and making friends that share the same devotion to the iris species.

It was through our travels to different states and climates that we developed an understanding of the scope of the iris world. Our Mediterranean climate is great to grow many types, but there are many types that do much better in other climes. Cold weather seems to bring out the best of the Siberians, Japanese and miniature bearded while the humid heat of the southern states makes the Louisiana types thrive. Arilbreds really look fantastic in New Mexico and in my opinion rival tall bearded with their height and vigor.

I became an AIS judge and learned how to hybridize. I took classes and learned from Joe Ghio, Linda Miller, Riley Probst, Shirly Trio, Howie Dash, Dell Perry, Bob Hollingsworth, Rick Tasco, Chad Harris, Robin Shadlow, Anna Cadd, Mike Sutton, Paul Black, Thomas Johnson and many more. Although many of my hybrid crosses have not turned out well, I hold hope that I will make an iris introduction in the future and then brag about it.

I have many fond memories of my time as president. My first realization at a convention was that everybody I met knew of the Monterey Bay Iris Society. Names like Virginia Keyser, Joe Ghio, Riley Probst and Shirley Trio were well known to the people that attended these functions every year and I felt it to be a great honor to represent the society and its members. I met the movers and shakers of the AIS organization and began to understand how the local clubs fit into the regions and how that fits into the American Iris Society. The American Iris Society has a vast website and a wealth of information is available for free to anyone that wants to view and learn about iris and the people that hybridize them. The goal of our club as a non-profit is also to educate the public about the iris species and provide information on how to grow and enjoy them. As a person that likes to talk, I have really enjoyed my time doing this and will hopefully continue to do so down the road at various events.

In closing I would like to mention a few of you who have provided much valuable insight into the society, how it works and operates, and provided me with valuable counsel during my tenure. Charley Kearns; my right hand. Brenda Wood; Best ideas, sterling advice on how the club operates in and around the by-laws, and for the best minutes ever! Joe Ghio; Knowledge of everything. You started the club, grew with the club, donated to the club and maintained a watchful eye on the health of the society all these years. Just amazing. And your iris are pretty nice also! Jim and Irene Cummins; your garden, your energy and your hospitality. Thank You! Rosa Radich; your smile and house parties! Joan Scanlon; your pizza parties! Jo Chisholm; your cooking! Sherry Austin; your garden! See you at the meeting..... 🌸🌸 *Craig*



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## CULTURE TIPS

**I**T IS NORMALLY THE SLOW MONTH for garden work but we had abundant rain in early October that caused the weeds to germinate early and have super abundant growth and are well established and growing rapidly now. If you haven't dug them out yet, you better get to it pronto before they take over your plantings. After rain that is predicted, it is the perfect time to clean up your plantings. As mentioned before the weed of the year is FILIGREE, better known in my younger year (like the 1940s) as scissor plants since we kids made "scissors" with the sword like seed pods. Hoeing or scraping them is a fast way to clean them up, now the days are cooler and shorter. Once scraped or dug out by hand, rake them up and collect them in pile. Put them in your green-waste can or compost pile if you have one. While you are at it, it is a good time to pull off your dead leaves or cut back dead leaf tips.

The other thing you still have time to do is to dig and replant your Pacificas. They will establish quickly now and bloom in the spring. Seems impossible but they will be in full bloom in five months! 🌸🌸 *Joe*

## 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 (along with your payment for the holiday party) or send to our treasurer, Diane Sampson, 7 Cutter Cove, Watsonville, CA. 95076.



*This year's Christmas Party is at the Back Nine Bar and Grill at the Inn at Pasatiempo. Payment due by December 2nd*

**CHRISTMAS PARTY—HO HO HO!**

It is hard to believe that our Holiday Party is only a month away, on December 13 at last year's location, the Back Nine Bar and Grill at the Inn at Pasatiempo, 555 Highway 17, Santa Cruz. We will be treated to a delicious menu where you need pick between three entre choices—Mushroom Risotto, Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Piccata. Let Diane know your choice! No Host cocktails, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, starts at 6 p.m, SHARP! Dinner starts at 6PM

Reservations are a must and need to be in by Monday, December, 4th. Payment for the party needs to be made in advance. Pay at the November meeting (with dues!) or send payment to Diane Sampson, 7 Cutter Cove, Watsonville, CA. 95076,

Price of the dinner is \$30.00 for members (Club picks up the balance); Full price to non-members.

Directions: coming from Santa Cruz on 17, be in the right lane to take the Pasatiempo exit. After exiting, turn left and go over the bridge. Drive straight into the parking lot. If you are coming from San Jose on 17 going south, take the Pasatiempo exit. At the top of the ramp you will see the entrance to the Inn on the right. Restuarant is in the main building past the registration desk.

**Gift Exchange**

Once again this year, MBIS members will be having a Gift Exchange at our Christmas party. If you want to participate, you must bring to the party either a gift with a value of no more than \$20 OR a White Elephant Gift (in good condition). Gifts should be wrapped amazingly and without anyone's name on it. Place your anonymous gift in the designated area and then draw a door prize number (the same way we do at the meetings). When your number is called, you may either go pick and unwrap a gift, OR if someone ahead of you has already picked and opened a gift, you may steal that person's gift. The person whose gift you stole will then either go pick a wrapped gift or else steal someone else's gift and so on. A gift may be **STOLEN TWICE** before it becomes "frozen" and cannot be stolen again. Last year's was so much fun and Joe Ghio did a terrific job!

A special thanks to Kathy Hartman for once again arranging for our party venue and dinner menu. She puts together a great party!

**NOTE!**

*Holiday Party is December the 13th.  
Dinner 6 PM Sharp*



**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.

You need pick between three entre choices—Mushroom Risotto, Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Piccata. Let Diane know your choice!

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

**2025 Officers/Board Slate**

The President shall preside at all meetings of this society, and shall have general superintendence of the affairs of the society. Writes letter in newsletter, coordinates affiliation, and chairs meetings.

President Diane Sampson

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. Finds speakers for meetings.

Vice President Wayne Crabbs

The Treasurer shall collect the dues, maintain a current membership roster, keep the financial records of the society, pay the bills and keep proper records of all receipts and expenditures.

Treasurer Larissa Daniel

Coordinates show committee

Show Chair Needs to be filled

The Secretary shall keep the record of the proceedings of this society and shall conduct its correspondence. The Secretary shall have charge and custody of society books and papers pertaining to his office.

Secretary Brenda Wood/Jim Cummins

Newsletter Editor Joe Ghio/Ann Pike

Past President Craig Tarr

1 Year Board Joanne Abel, Elena Laborde,

Linda Lomperis

2 Year Board Jo Chisholm, Rosa Radicchi,

Kathy Wood

The slate will be voted on by the membership at the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the 2025 Nominating Committee: Jo Chisholm, Chair; Charley Kearns, and Rosa Radicchi

# REBLOOMERS



Double Shot, G. Sutton, 1999

D. Sampson



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D. Sampson



John Skinner



Il Studder, Kanarowski, 2012

Photo by D. Sampson



Il Studder, Kanarowski, 2012

Photo by M. Lango

# NAMED & UNKS



Unknown rebloomer

Photo by J. Skinner



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1. Amazon Sunset, Keppel



Robert Skaggs

2. Apricot Cheese Danish, Skaggs



3. Bonnie's Pleasure, Tasco



4. Born To Party, Johnson, 2023



5. Can't be Denied, Johnson



6. Can't Stop Loving You, Johnson, 2023



7. Canterbury Belle, Keppel



8. Christening, Johnson



9. Coloring Book, Black



10. Desert Chaparral, Keppel



11. Fizzed Out, Sutton, 2023



12. Flip a Coin, Johnson, 2023



13. Found a Love, Johnson



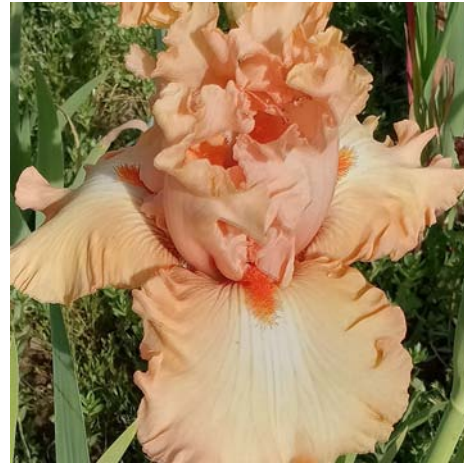
14. I'll Be The One, Johnson



15. Leading Role, Johnson



16. Like A Dream, Johnson



17. Luxurious Folks, Cummins



18. Major News, Johnson



19. Memories of Home, Mego



20. Monet Painting, Miller, 2023



21. Nebraska Dawn, Burseen, 2022



22. On Angel Wings, Johnson



23. Pinch me Pink, Tasc...



24. Running In Circles, Johnson, 2023



25. Smack Attack, Stout, 2019



26. Steady Date, Keppel



27. Take My Hand, Johnson



28. Upscale, Keppel



29. Watching You, Johnson



30. Wintercrest, Keppel

## Bring Reblooms

Bring your rebloomer 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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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Amazon Sunset, Keppel                | 16. Like A Dream, Johnson             |
| 2. Apricot Cheese Danish, Skaggs        | 17. Luxurious Folks, Cummins          |
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| 4. Born To Party, Johnson, 2023         | 19. Memories of Home, Mego            |
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Craig and Riley



Craig and Rosa

# AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Photos by Mikey Lango



Carolyn and Diane



Jim and Joe



Anna