

## September, 2024

Next meeting      Friday 20, 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, September 20 ..... 7:00 P.M.  
 AIS Award Winners, 2024

Jane Jordan

### Refreshments

Potluck

### Regular Meeting

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

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Joe Ghio

### Refreshments

Potluck

### Regular Meeting

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

Potluck Refreshments

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

## September Birthdays

*Sonja Weininger      Sept 3*

*Sherry Austin        Sept 16*

*Wayne Crabbs        Sept 17*

*Kathy Wood            Sept 27*

*Christine Dickinson Sept 29*



Double Shot and I I Stutter blooming in Diane's garden

D Sampson

## From The Prez

**I** FINALLY FOUND THE TIME to replant my seedlings that had been kindly dug up by my puppy saving me the lower back pain that is usually associated with this type of work. The tags and rhizomes were well mixed and "Truman" the puppy/garden terrorist did not seem to remember which were which. If I ever do introduce any one of these, the name will be the same as the dog. Nice and short for writing on the leaves and not taken yet by any other iris as far as I can tell.

After planting my home Iris, I stuffed my suitcase with about 50 rhizomes to take to my brother's home in Idaho. I gave many of them to the neighbors and planted many next to the irrigation ditch which provides a constant water source for six months every year. Every Spring they bloom in a nice display well after our season in California is over with. I have also started to hybridize here. I am attempting to get some flat iris out of 'Rythym'; a historic iris that W. R. Ballard introduced in 1950. Amazingly, this was his one and only introduction and it still is recognizable wherever you see it. It is truly unique! The Fall Regional Meeting is Oct. 11-13th, 2024, "A Harvest of Colors" in Fresno, CA hosted by Region 14. More information is in the Fall 2024 bulletin. The 2025 Spring Regional is May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, hosted by Santa Rosa Iris Society. More information on the Region 14 website.

The 2025 American Iris Society Convention will be hosted by the Big Sky Iris Club in Billings, Montana June 2-7. [bigskyirisclub.com](http://bigskyirisclub.com) is the host website and they seem pretty excited about dragging irisarians out to bear country. Karin and I are looking forward to this one. And bear spray is cheap in Montana. Supposedly it repels bears to go away from you which is all good but the rangers up in that area use shotguns with stun bags which seem more effective.

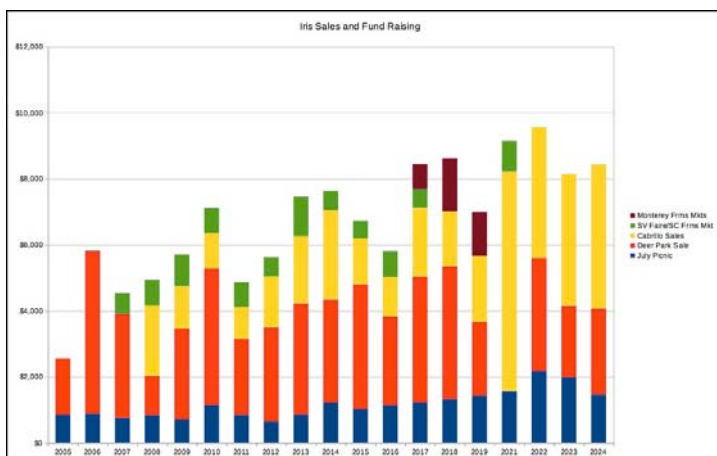
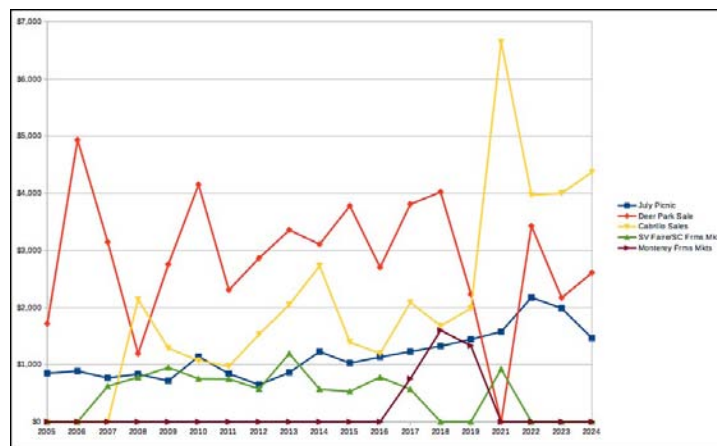
All for now, 🌸 Craig

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Last month we started the process of electing the officers to serve our club for 2025. Jo Chisholm was appointed to chair the Nominating Committee. Then, two more members, Charley and Rosa were added. The three member committee compiles a recommended slate of officers and board members. The recommended slate is announced at the October meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor at that time. The election is held at the November meeting, with the new officers taking office January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## NOTE!

*Holiday Party is December the 13th.*



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position to be filled

### Birthday List

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## 2024 Rhizome Sales

We had a increase in sales revenue in 2024, and added \$8441.40 to our funds, compared to \$8159 last year. Our highest revenues ever were 2022 at \$9,570; and 2021 revenues were \$9,146. Break down of our 2024 revenues: Picnic/Auction was \$1464 (last year was \$1,988); Deer Park was \$2607 (last year was \$2,170); Cabrillo #1—\$2610 (last year was \$2,324); Cabrillo #2—\$1860.40 compared to last year of \$1,677. The credit card capability gave us \$1574.39, and cost us \$54.32, so about 18% of our sales were with credit cards. Members donated a very generous amount of rhizomes and the sales were well staffed. We want to thank Jim and Irene Cummins especially for growing the club irises and providing the tables for our sales for so many years.

Now to get our door prizes planted so we can sell some more next year.

*Diane Sampson*

## September's Program

September's program will be on the 2024 American Iris Society Awards. Each year AIS judges vote on the irises that perform best in the garden. Special medals are awarded in each classification type, one per classification except for the very popular tall bearded class which awards three Wister Medals. An Iris is eligible as a candidate for a special medal the second year after it receives an Award of Merit (AM). All the irises that win a special award are eligible for the Dykes Medal, the highest award of the AIS.

Jane Jordan will present a slideshow featuring this year's award winners and finalists. Join us in recognizing the brilliant hybridizers behind the winning irises, many whom you will recognize from their impressive body of work, as well as up and coming stars to watch.

Congratulations to all the winners and entrants!

*Jane Jordan*



Perry Dyer, 2017, Black, AIS Dykes winner 2024

## CULTURE TIPS

**P**LANTING BEARDED in September and October, you will find the big, tall growth you get from early summer planting won't happen. The growth occurs but it will be much shorter and the increase shows almost immediately. I have found that I get just as much growth and bloom from late planting as from early summer planting.

Be sure you tag your plantings and make a chart of the area with the names of the irises and how many you planted.

Now is also the time to replant your beardless irises—Louisianas, spurias, siberians and any others except for the Pacificas. Wait on the latter to dig and replant them at the earliest mid-October and better yet wait until early November after the weather cools down. Remember these beardless will not tolerate drying out. If you can't replant them immediately, hold them over in buckets of water.

If you haven't watered your Pacificas (like I haven't) start doing so now so they begin developing new growth and roots needed for successful replanting them after mid-October or later.

Other things to do starting in mid-October is to plant seed of any crosses made or seed collected. Also if weeds are or will be a problem is to apply a pre-emergent just before a rainfall which will work the pre-emergent into the soil, stopping germination. 🌱 Joe

## Door Prizes

Once more members need to bring good recent iris, rebloomers and any and all beardless iris plants to share as door prizes. Bring favorite irises for the drawing. Those beardless iris you won in prior years would be good. It is important to have a good selection of iris both for us and for any new members coming to the meeting! Or, any homeless iris you find you have.



MBIS Board meeting at Jo's home



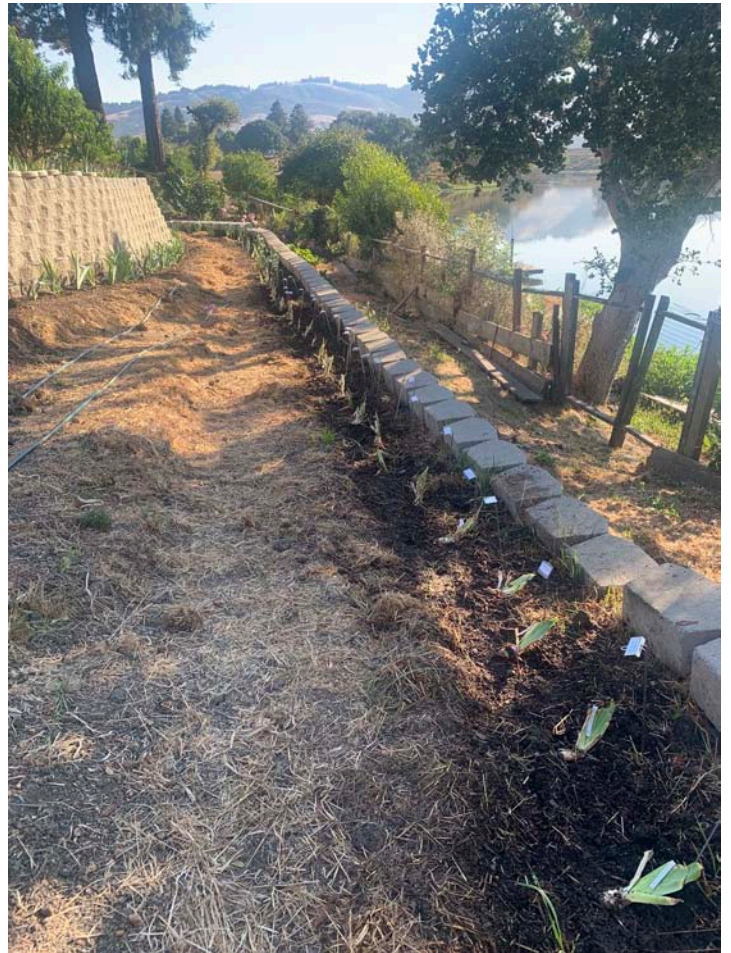
# SALES! AT DEERPARK





# CABRILLO ONE & TWO





## **YOUR DOOR PRIZES**

## **PLANTED**

