MONTEREY BAY IRIS SOCIETY

BAY NEWS

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Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

June, 2025

Next meeting	Friday 20, 2025
Eating Starts	7:00 P.M.
Meeting	7:30 P.M.
Place	Aptos Grange,

2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

Ballroom Belle, Johnson, 2020 Photo by W. Crabbs

From The Prez

IRIS FOLKS HAVE CERTAIN WAYS to see each other's gardens, learn from each other, and see the newest, most expensive irises. New iris hybrids are often $60 the first year, and $40 the second year. MBIS buys these irises, and has an experienced grower cultivate them as door prize irises. If you come to all the meetings during one year, you would get about 10 of these newer irises a year… theoretically about $300–$400 worth of 2 year old, recent irises. Diane was chosen to grow them this year because she has space in her garden. She has about 80 of these "door prize" irises for the 2025 picnic growing in her yard right now. They cost the club about $4800, and members will get them at the July picnic. Any left over from door prizes or a Regional would be raffled off at the picnic.

Regional Gatherings are a yearly event, and clubs rotate the responsibility around the Northern California Region. A Regional is an opportunity for nationally known hybridizes to send their best irises for a bigger, more high stakes audience. The chosen gardens need to accommodate about 125 Iris, and experienced growers get about 18 months to grow the newest, best irises. Perhaps most importantly, the club and growers can keep the irises. So, if we do the regional, we will not need to buy new irises for 2027. This will save the club

2025 Calendar

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

June Meeting
Friday, June 20 ..... 7:00 P.M.
AIS Region 14, 2025 Spring Regional
Riley Probst
Refreshments
Potluck

Annual July Picnic
Saturday, July 19.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00P.M.
Harvey West Park
Potluck and Auction

Annual Sale
Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center
Saturday, August 2nd. 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M

Sale....Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt
Saturday, August 9h .. 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M
Saturday, August 16th 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M

Regular Meeting
Friday, August 15,..... 7:30P.M.
TBA
Potluck Refreshments

June Birthdays

Jane Jordan	June 5
Scott Smith	June 12
Elaine Fischer	June 14
Brenda Wood	June 22

thousands of dollars. The irises would be worth 125 irises, times two gardens, times $60= $15,000. So the irises the club would receive are worth about $15,000 on the open market.

We did a fall regional just a couple of years ago, so it is fairly easy to see what is involved. The additional biggest task is growing the irises. We would need a registrar, a pin, logo, bags, program, auction and hospitality people. The main food would be coffee and doughnuts for Friday Board meeting snacks, Saturday doughnuts for breakfast, a Saturday lunch and a Saturday catered banquet. Someone would need to be the coordinator for the regional, and someone would need to find a venue that can accommodate about 150–200 eating dinner together. Between 100 and 200 people will attend a regional for Region 14 in 2027.
Diane

Door Prize iris D. Sampson

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Strike a Chord, Johnson, 2021 W. Crabbs

Sails At Sunset., Cummins, 2023 J. Cummins

By Your Side, Sutton, 2023 W. Crabbs

Noticeable, Ghio, 2021 J. Cummins

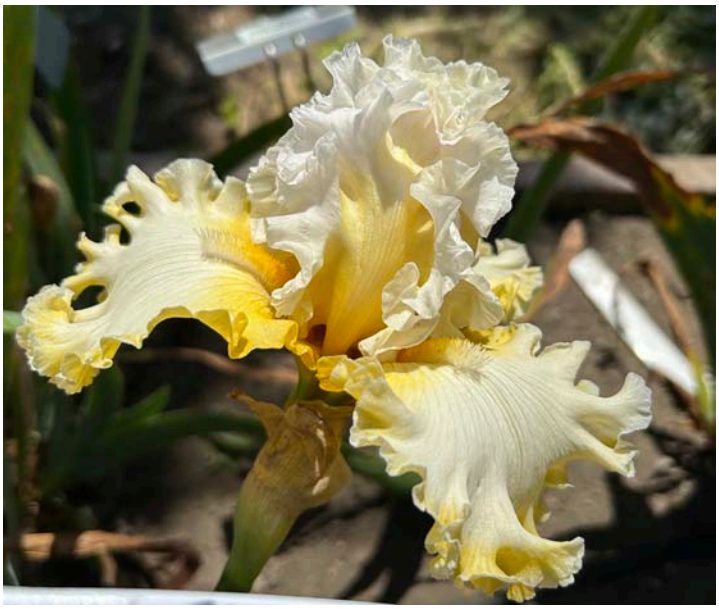
Tobacco Chew, Burseen, 2008 W. Crabbs

Beachy Queen, Johnson, 2021 W. Crabbs

Grape Soda, Annand, 2000
K. Wood

Daughter of Stars, Spoon, 2009
K. Wood

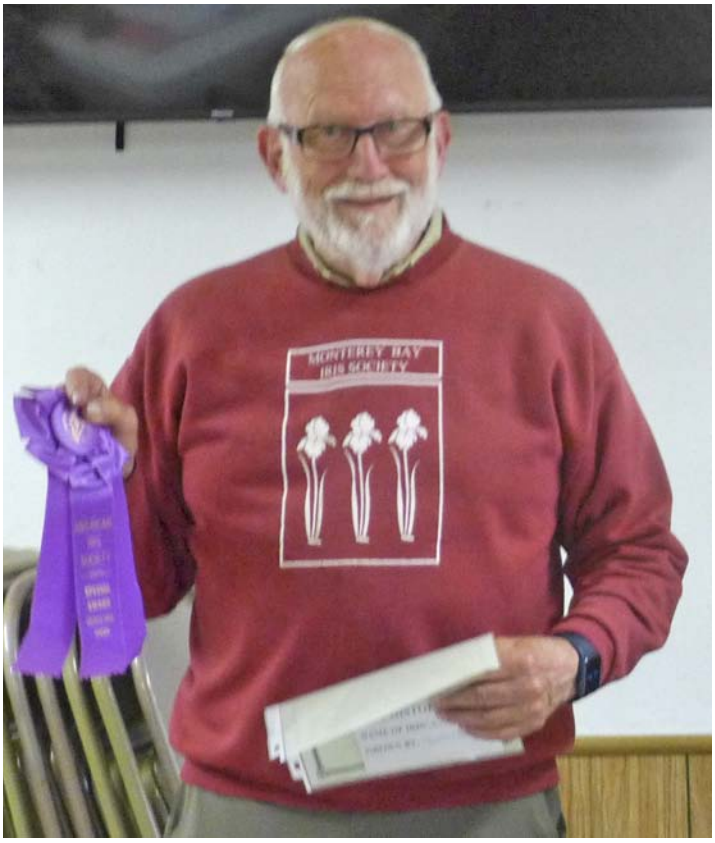
Blushing Grapes, Miller, 2016 J. Cummins



Ease Your Mind, Collins, 2023 J. Cummins

BEST OF SHOW Jeff Bennett,—AB, *Eye of Excellenc*
BEST PCI —PCI, *Hard to Believe*
SILVER MEDAL —18 Blue ribbons

WINNERS' CIRCLE



BEST HISTORIC (1981) Charley Kearns,—TB, *Lady Friend*

BEST TALL BEARDED Diane Sampson—TB, *Brouhaha*
BEST SEEDLING —TB, *Ballarina Tutu*
RALPH COLEMAN AWARD (Peoples' Choice) —TB, *Rocket Fuel*

BEST NOVICE Lloyd Clark,—TB *Jedi Princess*

BRONZE MEDAL Wayne Crabbs—10 Blue

TROPHY & RIBBON WINNERS

Kathy Wood

Brenda Wood

Sharon Medler

Jo Chisholm

Barbara Hanson

SAVE THE DATES

Want Iris?

Diane would like to give members some Ghio iris. If you are interested in this project, she are looking to dig on Wednesday, June 11 and 12 at 9 AM, 7 Cutter Cove, Watsonville, CA. 95076. Text Diane 831-206-1444"

Celebration of Life for Irene Cummins

There will be a celebration of life for Irene on Saturday July 12th from 12 to 4:00 PM at the Cummins' home and Jim would like to invite all members to attend.

Picnic Dig

We will have a big club iris dig at Diane' on Wednesday, July 16, so we have all the irises ready for our picnic on July 19.

Annual July Picnic Diane reserved the Harvey West Redwood picnic area for our picnic, July 19, 10am–5pm. Bring your own plate and silverware. This is the same area we used in decades past, across from the baseball field. Plenty of parking, electricity and BBQ pit included. I also got the alcohol permit, but will need everyone to pitch in to clean up after.

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 then one if your lucky to use all you have. I have three cans). I don't recommend you put them in a compose 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*

DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **AMAZON SUNSET,** Keppel
2. **BORN TO PARTY, JOHNSON**, 2023
3. **CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU**, Johnson, 2023
4. **CANDY COATED**, Burseen, 2022
5. **CANTERBURY BELLE**, Keppel
6. **CLEVER GIRL**, Miller
7. **COAL TAR,** Keppel, 2022, IB
8. **CRASH BANG,** Black
9. **DARE THE DEVIL**, Burseen, 2023
10. **DARE TO BE DIFFERENT**, Johnson, 2022
11. **DESERT CHAPARRAL**, Keppel
12. **EDGING AHEAD,** Johnson
13. **FLIP A COIN**, Johnson 2023
14. **FOLLOW MY LEAD**, Johnson, 2023
15. **HOT GRANNY,** Stout
16. **I'LL BE THE ONE**, Johnson
17. **LEADING ROLE**, Johnson
18. **LIKE A DREAM**, Johnson
19. **LUXURIOUS FOLKS**, Cummins
20. **MAKE UP YOUR MIND**, Black
21. **MARK MY WORDS**, Johnson
22. **MINDBLOWING,** Johnson, 2020
23. **MOVING ON,** Keppel
24. **NEBRASKA DAWN**, Burseen, 2022
25. **NIGHT AFTER NIGHT**, Black
26. **ON ANGEL WINGS**, Johnson
27. **ONE IN A MILLION**, Johnson, 2023, flat
28. **PLOT TWIST**, Johnson
29. **ROMANY ROGUE**, Remare
30. **SATIN RUFFLES**, Keppel
31. **SO HAPPY TOGETHER**, Black
32. **STEADY DATE**, Keppel
33. **SUSPICIOUS MINDS**, Johnson
34. **UPSCALE,** Keppel
35. **WILD ABOUT YOU**, Black
36. **YUMMYLICIOUS,** Black

Not A Rebloomer Month!

Irises are now blooming. It is June, so there is no Rebloomer drawing. Bring your best iris stalks to enter in the mini show.

1. Amazon Sunset, Keppel

2. Born To Party, Johnson, 2023

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

4. Candy Coated, Johnson

5. Canterbury Belle, Keppel

6. Clever Girl, Miller

7. Tar, Keppel, 2022, IB

8. Crash Bang, Black

9. Dare the Devil, Burseen, 2023

10. Dare To Be Different, Johnson, 2022

11. Desert Chaparral, Keppel

12. Edging Ahead, Johnson

13. Flip a Coin, Johnson, 2023

14. Follow My Lead, Johnson, 2023

15. Hot Granny, Stout

16. I'll Be The One, Johnson

17. Leading Role, Johnson

18. Like A Dream, Johnson

19. Luxurious Folks, Cummins

20. Make up your Mind, Black

21. Mark My Words, Johnson

22. Mindblowing, Johnson, 2020t

23. Moving On, Keppel

24. Nebraska Dawn, Burseen, 2022

25. Night After Night, Black

26. On Angel Wings, Johnson

27. One In A Million, Johnson, 2023, flat

28. Plot Twist, Johnson

29. Romany Rogue, Remare

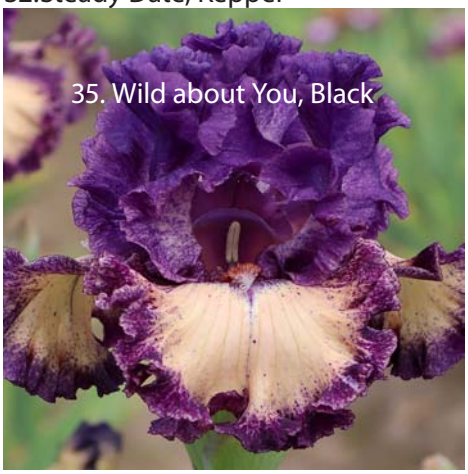
30. Satin Ruffles, Keppel

31. So Happy Together, Black

32.Steady Date, Keppel

33.Suspicious Minds, Johnson

34. Upscale, Keppel


35. Wild about You, Black

36. Yummylicious, Black