

October, 2025

Next meeting Friday 17, 2025
 Eating Starts 7:00 P.M.
 Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 Place Aptos Grange,
 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

2025 Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Friday, October 17..... 7:00 P.M.
 Aptos Grange, Aptos, CA
 All Beardless Iris
 Jane Jordan
 Refreshments
 Potluck

Regular Meeting

Friday, November 21..... 7:00 P.M.
 TBA
 Potluck Refreshments
 Annual Holiday Dinner
 Back Nine Grill & Bar
 Inn at Pasatiempo
 555 Highway 17, Santa Cruz
 Friday December 12..... 5:30 P.M.
 Dinner starts at 6 sharp

Bring beardless irises for the door prize drawing. Also any extra bearded irises are also welcome.

NOTE!

Holiday Party is December the 12th.

October Birthdays

<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>



Valley of Dreams, Blyth, 2013

photo Elena Laborde

From The Prez

WHAT A FANTASTIC WEEKEND it was at the 2025 Fall Regional of the American Iris Society, hosted by the Clara B. Rees Iris Society! Held at the charming Garden House in Los Altos, this year's theme—*Meet Me at the Garden House*—captured the warm, welcoming spirit of the event perfectly.

Iris lovers from across the region gathered to connect, learn, shop and celebrate everything iris. Friday evening kicked off with judges training led by none other than Dr. Kevin Vaughn, a plant geneticist, author, and renowned iris hybridizer. Kevin, who holds a PhD in plant genetics and was knighted in England for his work in horticulture, returned on Saturday as our keynote speaker.

Kevin's passion for beardless irises was truly infectious! These stunning cousins of the familiar bearded iris come in a dazzling range of sizes and colors—from tiny, four-inch dwarfs to towering five-foot blooms with dinner-plate-sized flowers. His acclaimed book, *Beardless Irises: A Plant for Every Garden*, is a must-read for any gardener looking to branch out into this versatile and vibrant group of plants.

Looking ahead to this month's meeting...We're excited to welcome Jane Jordan, who will give a talk on her experience growing beardless irises—especially Japanese, Spuria, and Louisiana varieties—which she grows in pots at her home in San Jose. Jane's hands-on knowledge and beautiful blooms are sure to inspire!

And don't forget the door prizes! We'll have live irises up for grabs, so if you can, please consider donating a rhizome or two. We'd love to see some Pacific Coast, Spuria, Louisiana and Japanese irises on the raffle table this month!

Let's keep the iris enthusiasm blooming! 🌸🌸Diane

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 scrape it off and it dries up quickly. 🌸🌸Joe

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

At the September meeting, Diane Sampson appointed Brenda Wood to chair the nominating committee for 2026 officers and directors. Charley Kearns and Jim Cummins 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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Joe's Party

We will be celebrating Joe's birthday again this year. It will be October 25th starting at 1PM. Pizza will be served. Bring whatever you wish to drink and nothing more. Some have asked about gifts. Not necessary, but a card or something fun would be a cheery thing to do! Contact Jo for directions as GPS is a problem. With limited cell coverage here for some, you could get lost as many have. Jo will put directional signs out starting at San Jose Soquel and Summit Road. Look for them.

Parking will be in Jo's neighbors yard, so come through her gate, drop off your guests and park as directed by the arrows.

Jo's address is 15750 Adams Ridge, Los Gatos (Mountains).

Please RSVP: jo@408-209-5708. If you find that you can come at the last minute, no problem. Just come. Joe will be so happy to see everyone.

OCTOBER BEARDLESS IRIS MONTH

October Meeting

Our October meeting on Friday the 17th will feature tall Beardless Iris and PCIs. Pacific Coast Iris are the iris native to our area and are often found wild in our coastal hills. Our speaker is Jane Jordan. Fall is the time to plant these wonderful iris.

Door Prizes

Once more members need to bring 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. The door prizes we have purchased will appear starting with the November meeting. For this September meeting and for the October meeting you will win iris plants taking them home in your hands. This is a rebloomer month so bring those blooms for a chance to get the first pick of the draw.

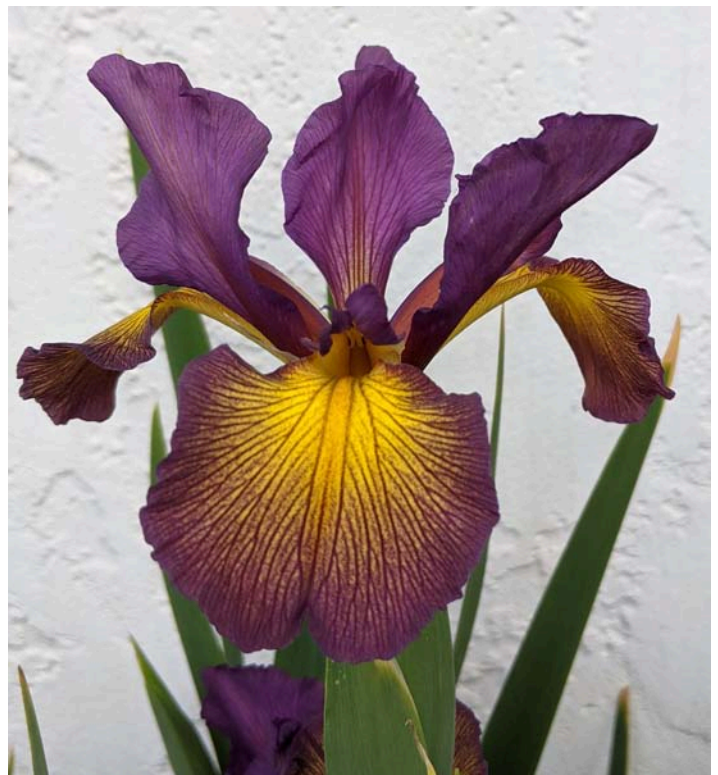
Bring Reblooms

Bring your rebloomer to share! First drawing goes to those who have brought blooms. Rebloomer drawing starts in August and goes until February.



Simple Grace, Harris, 2019, JJ

Jane Jordan



Royal Coat, Aiken, 2016, SPU

Jane Jordan



Night Thunder, Morgan, 2001

Jane Jordan



Jane Jordan photo by J. Fernandes



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MBIS AT FALL REGIONAL



Carolyn Craft with her centerpiece door prize photo by J. Fernandes



Riley Probst, who won the Knopf Cup award for best seedling photo by J. Fernandes



Carol Dahout, president of the Clara B Rees Iris Society photo by J. Fernandes



Jim Cummins

photo by M Lango



Brenda Wood photo by J. Fernandes



Jeff Bennett

photo by J. Fernandes



Dark Spell, Aitken, JI, 2019

A RERUN BEARDLESS IRIS

photos by Jane Jordan

iris top right, Pink Playmate, C. Harris, JI, 2017;
center right, C. Harris, JI, 2012;
bottom right, Tessa Dark Eyes, Aitken, JI, 1995;
bottom right, Enchanted Lake, Payne, JI, 1952

