

May, 2026

Next meeting      Friday 15, 2026  
 Eating Starts      7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting              7:30 P.M.  
 Place                  Aptos Grange,  
 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

## 2026 Calendar

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

### Regular Meeting

Friday, May 15..... 7:00 P.M.  
 Party Talk—all about the Spring Celebration  
 Potluck.

### Regular Meeting

Friday June 19..... 7:00 P.M.  
 Award Presentation Show wrap up  
 Pizza Potluck.

### Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 18.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.  
 DeLaveaga George Washington Grove/40 Thieves picnic area  
 Potluck and Auction

### Annual Sale

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center  
 Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.. 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Sale.... Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt  
 Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.. 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

### Regular Meeting

Friday, August 14..... 7:00 P.M.  
 TBA  
 Potluck Refreshments

### May Birthdays

<i>Lloyd Clark</i>	<i>May 6</i>
<i>Kathleen Harris</i>	<i>May 20</i>
<i>John Weininger</i>	<i>May 20</i>
<i>Carl Harris,</i>	<i>May 21</i>
<i>Charley Kearns,</i>	<i>May 21</i>
<i>Carol Dahout</i>	<i>May 30</i>
<i>Diane Bailey</i>	<i>May 31</i>



From party at Jo's, Jo holding Joe's award, presented by Bonnie Nichols Diane Sampson

## From The Prez

**T**HE SPRING SHOW IS BEHIND US and I would like to thank John Skinner for his effort on the event. Kathy Wood presented a beautiful Spuria, 'Guiseppa', that was voted Queen of Show. Thanks to all for bringing and showing off your iris.

It seems that the bloom this year was very different and the flowers were not in full splendor in many of the gardens. I was only able to muster one stalk with blooms, as many of my clumps had no stalk at all. I was not the only one with this issue and the weather seems to be the culprit.

The Spring Region is in Reno this year, and I will be attending with several others from MBIS. Our monthly meeting coincides with this, so I will miss the meeting, and Wayne will take the reins. We will be pushing back the show update and awards until the June meeting. We also will not have a board meeting in May. All should be back to normal by June.

After the regional is over, I am driving to Idaho to visit Suttons Garden. Mike Sutton is growing some Kasperak seedlings from seeds that surfaced after Brads passing in 2022. Hopefully, I will catch the first year bloom of these hybrids and can get some pictures of the zany patterns that Kasperak was famous for.

Jo Chisholm had a gala at her home and garden on May 3rd. As usual, everyone in attendance gained several pounds from the hearty meal and overabundance of desserts. The club celebrated the presentation of the Sydney B. Mitchell medal for best Pacific Coast Native. Presenting the award was the American Iris Society President, Bonnie Nichols. She flew out from Texas to present Joe Ghio with the award. Joe has now had 21 of his PCN's win this medal since its inception in 1993. Prior to '93, Joe had 11 of his PCN's win the Sydney B. Mitchell award. Truly a remarkable achievement. Thank You, Jo and Lloyd, for making this party day possible.

I would also like to recognize Riley Probst for receiving the American Iris Society Lifetime Achievement Award. This was presented to him at the Clara B Reese iris society meeting by AIS president Bonnie Nichols. We all knew that Riley would be the recipient of this award and wonder why it took so long for him to get it. Riley is a member and regular attendee of many of the regional clubs and a renowned speaker, judge, judges trainer, hybridizer—the list could go on forever. Congratulations Riley!

That is all for now! 🌸🌸 Craig!



## SAVE THE DATES

### Annual July Picnic

MBIS reserved the DeLaveaga George Washington Grove/40 Thieves picnic area for our picnic, July 18, 10am–5pm. Bring your own plate and silverware. Plenty of parking, shade, electricity and BBQ pit included. We also got the alcohol permit. More information to come as we get closer to the event



## Iris and Ink

At the show this year, as part of this year's Santa Cruz Counties "Ripple Effect Events," the Printmakers at the Tannery did a print a card, make a picture demo for iris lovers to take home prints. The prints featured Swerti, Wedding Night and a PCI of Joe's that happened to bloom this spring in my garden. All the printmakers had a great time and expressed thanks to all the iris folks for their willingness to create!



## Board of Directors 2026

### President

Craig Tarr cht2325@yahoo.com 408 425-7207

### Past President

Diane Sampson dianasampson@baymoon.com 831 206-1444

### Vice President

Wayne Crabbs wayne@lomaprieta.us 408 353-4089

### Treasurer

Lloyd Clark Lloyd.clark@comcast.nett 408-406-8584

### Secretary

Brenda Wood woodbrenda@aol.com 831 724-5415  
 Jim Cummins jcummins@pacbell.net 831 438-3360

### Show Chair

John Skinner jks@cruzio.com 831 359-8624

### Newsletter

Joe Ghio ghiobayview@att.net 831 423-3656  
 Ann Pike avpike@cruzio.com 831 426-8855

### 1 Year Board

Jo Chisholm  
 Rosa Radicchi  
 Kathy Wood

### 2 Year Board

Carl Harris  
 Jane Jordan  
 Sharon Medler

## Contacts

### Hospitality & Refreshments

Anna Helms anna93950@yahoo.com

### Membership

Jo Chisholm jochisholm0700@gmail.com 408-209-5708

### Birthday List

Wayne Crabbs wayne@lomaprieta.us 408 353-4089



Kathy running the press to make an iris print

M. Lango





Kathy—what it takes to present the winning iris M. Lango



Cindy—mini show set up M. Lango

## Mini Show Results

As is our custom, we held our Mini-Show at the April meeting. Mikey and Carol were the judges and it was verbalized as to a “Why and Why Not.” What to do and what not to do. Best of show went to *Yours Truly*, 2013, Ghio, entered by Jo Chisholm; runner up and Best other than Tall, *Plantation Belle*, 1996, Dunn, LA entered by Diane Sampson; and in the new mini show category, Single Blossom, *Spine Tingler*, Johnson, 2022, entered by Elena Laborde.

## June Meeting Awards Presentation

This year the presentation of the cash awards, certificates, ribbons and rosettes will be at the June meeting, not this May. That June meeting will start right after the Pizza pot luck. The club purchases the pizza; you bring a side—veggie dish, salad, or anything that will go well with pizza. As usual birthday cake will be provided for desert. Congratulations to this year’s show winners!

## Show Award Winners Horticultural

BEST OF SHOW	Kathy Wood,—SPU, <i>Giuseppe</i>
BEST TALL BEARDED	Jane Jordan—TB, <i>Dusky Challenger</i>
BEST PACIFIC COAST IRIS	Jo Chisholm,—PCI, <i>Corralitos Creek</i>
BEST NOVICE	Kathy Wood,—SPU, <i>Giuseppe</i>
BEST BEARDLESS	Wayne Crabbs,—SPU, <i>Sultan’s Sash</i>
BEST SEEDLING	Jo Chisholm—TB, <i>ZI CI</i>
BEST SINGLE BLOSSOM	Jo Chisholm—TB, <i>Aubriana</i>
RALPH COLEMAN AWARD (Peoples’ Choice)	Jim Cummins—TB, <i>Exposé</i>
SILVER MEDAL	Jane Jordan—7 Blue
BRONZE MEDAL	Wayne Crabbs—5 Blue



Jim—mini show staging an iris M. Lango



1. Accent on Color, Black



2. Angel Falls, Black



3. Batgirl, Keppel, BB



4. Beautiful Mind, Johnson



5. Box of Sunshine, Black



6. Boxing Ring, Johnson



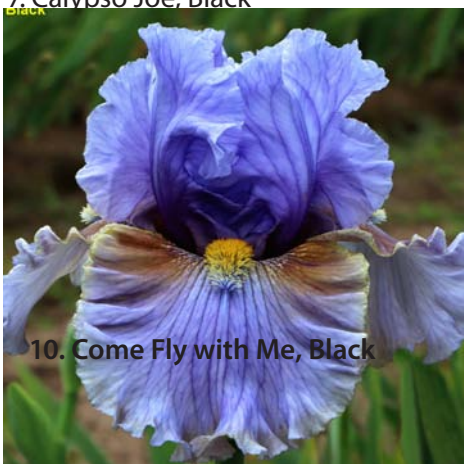
7. Calypso Joe, Black



8. Causing a Commotion, Johnson



9. Challenge Accepted, Johnson



10. Come Fly with Me, Black



11. Falcon Heart, Johnson



12. Getting Some Sun, Black



13. Heard a Rumor, Johnson



14. Ironic Twist, Miller



15. Just Breathe, Sutton



16. Left an Imprint, Johnson



17. Magic is Happening, Black



18. Mak Attack, Sutton



19. Oh Far Out, Johnson



20. Only Imagine, Johnson



21. Party Belle, Keppel



22. Power, Johnson



23. Rooted in Tradition, Sutton



24. Runner Girl, Sutton



25. She Will Be Loved, Johnson



26. Stripes are In, Black



27. Sudden Outburst, Johnson



28. Suggestion, Johnson



29. Sunday's Best Dress, Sutton



30. Thankful, Sutton



31. Vein Ambition, Van Lier



32. Wave of Passion, Johnson



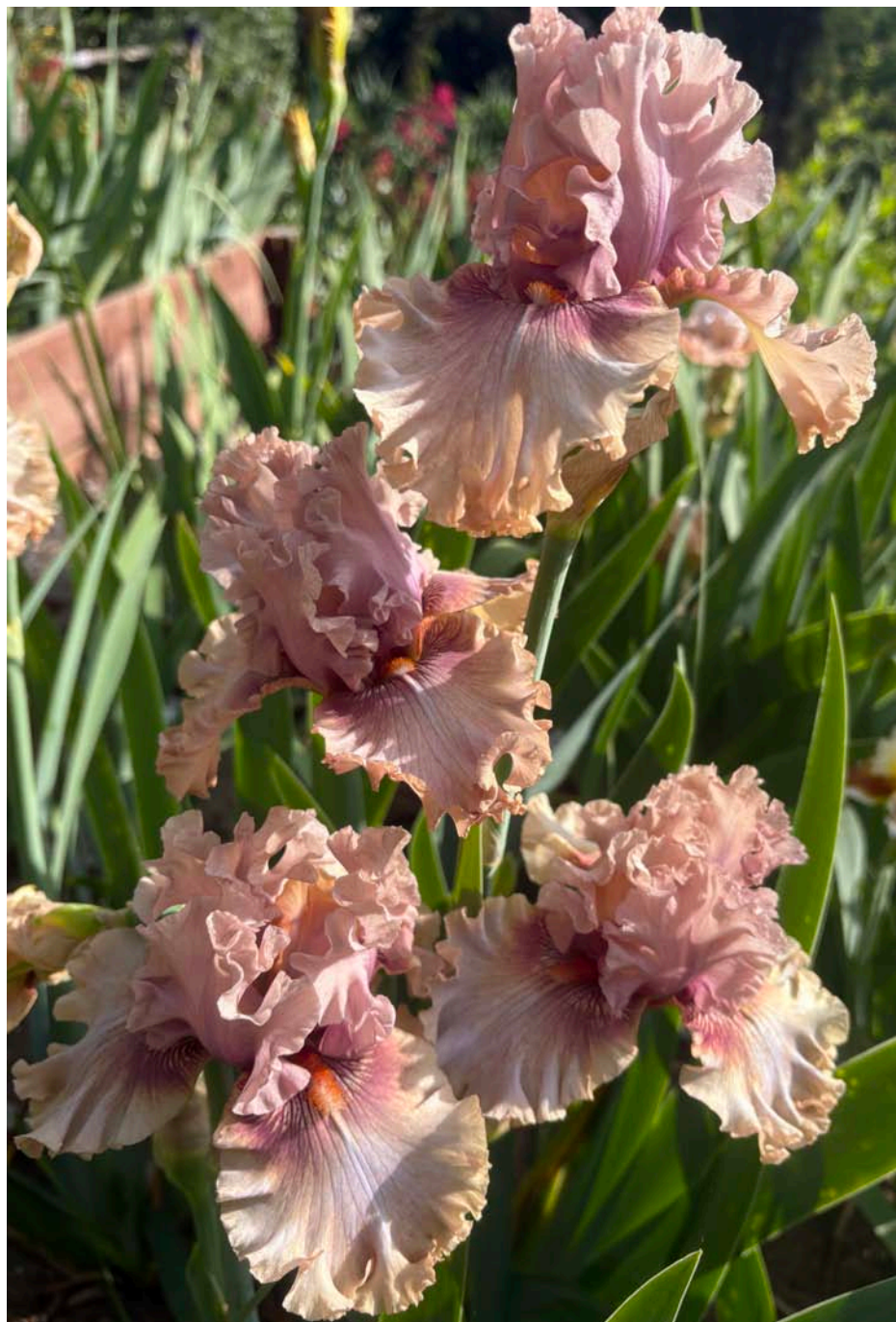
33. Witches Stitches, Black

**Not A Rebloomer Month!**

Irises are now blooming. It is March, so there is no Rebloomer drawing. You can still choose to bring iris!

## **DOOR PRIZES IRISES**

1. ACCENT ON COLOR, Black
2. ANGEL FALLS, Black
3. BATGIRL, Keppel, BB
4. BEAUTIFUL MIND, Johnson
5. BOX OF SUNSHINE, Black
6. BOXING RING, Johnson
7. CALYPSO JOE, Black
8. CAUSING A COMMOTION, Johnson
9. CHALLENGE ACCEPTED, Johnson
10. COME FLY WITH ME, Black
11. FALCON HEART, Johnson
12. GETTING SOME SUN, Black
13. HEARD A RUMOR, Johnson
14. IRONIC TWIST, Miller
15. JUST BREATHE, Sutton
16. LEFT AN IMPRINT, Johnson
17. MAGIC IS HAPPENING, Black
18. MAK ATTACK, Sutton
19. OH FAR OUT, Johnson
20. ONLY IMAGINE, Johnson
21. PARTY BELLE, Keppel
22. POWER, Johnson
23. ROOTED IN TRADITION, Sutton
24. RUNNER GIRL, Sutton
25. SHE WILL BE LOVED, Johnson
26. STRIPES ARE IN, Black
27. SUDDEN OUTBURST, Johnson
28. SUGGESTION, Johnson
29. SUNDAY'S BEST DRESS, Sutton
30. THANKFUL, Sutton
31. VEIN AMBITION, Van Liere
32. WAVE OF PASSION, Johnson
33. WITCHES STITCHES, Black



Beachy Queen, Johnson, 2021

W. Crabbs

## **EXCITING DAY ON THE MOUNTAIN!**

On Sunday May 3rd Jo Chisholm and Lloyd Clark hosted the MBIS and fellow irisarians of Region 14 to one of their special garden tours and fabulous luncheons. It was a special day to honor Joe Ghio with AIS president Bonnie Nichols presenting him with two prestigious AIS Sydney B. Mitchell awards for his Pacific Coast Iris named Ocean Blue and Wilder Ranch. She flew in from Texas to present the awards to Joe because he was unable to go to the AIS convention in 2025 in Montana. He was completely surprised and delighted. She also acknowledged Riley with the American Iris Society Distinguished Service Award. Eighty guests enjoyed Jo and Lloyd's fabulous hospitality, spectacular garden, gorgeous views and a gourmet lunch. We also had a sale of potted iris and garden stakes donated by Jo, Jim Cummins, Diane Sampson and Wayne Crabbs and it netted the club's coffers \$450.



Craig addressing the gathering

D. Sampson

# JO'S PARTY TIME



Jo and Lloyd, the party hosts

S. Medler



Bonnie Nichols presenting Joe with AIS award

M. Lango



Joe Ghio

M.Lango



Bonnie Nichols with Riley and the AIS Distinguished Service award

M. Lango



Party helpers, Josie Mattos and the neighbor ladies

M. Lango





Craig and Karin

M.Lango



Gail and Dave

M.Lango



Sharon and Dan

M.Lango



Frank and Brenda

M.Lango



Larissa and Joe

M.Lango

# MAY IRIS



Chivalrous, Ghio, 2016

W. Crabbs



Lavender Breeze, Johnson, 2019

W. Crabbs



Just Witchery, Blyth, 2012

W. Crabbs



Hello Romance, Blyth, 2019

W. Crabbs