



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

www.montereybayiris.org

November 2008

Next meeting Friday, 21, 2008
Doors open 7:00 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Place Native Sons Hall
239 High Street, Santa Cruz

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

NOVEMBER—DECEMBER EDITION



Fixation, 2009 Ghio Introduction

Photo by Joe Ghio

From The Prez

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WILL FEATURE a talk by Joe Ghio on hybridizing irises. We'll have a digital slide show of images of Joe's recent hybrids.

This presentation was made possible by Fred Valentine and Jesse Bush, who installed our new projection screen. They exhibited a lot of patience in gaining access to the facility and did great job. It looks very good and certainly will be a real convenience.

I am please to announce plans for our Annual Holiday Party, which will be on Sunday, December 14th, at the Green Valley Grill in Watsonville, 40 Penny Lane, Watsonville (off of Green Valley Road, not far from Home Depot. The ticket price will be a very reasonable \$15 for members, after a contribution from the Society. We'll announce the menu choices at our meeting, but the short story is that we have the same popular options as in previous years! Elena Laborde made our reservation with the Green Valley Grill after we realized that that important task had been overlooked. Thanks, Elena!

2008 Calendar

Regular Meeting

Friday, November 21 7:30 P.M.
Program..... Joe's 2009 Intros
Refreshments
Valentines

Annual Holiday Dinner

Green Valley Grill
Sunday December 14.....6:00 p.m

Note!

The Annual Party has a change in date. More information about Holiday Dinner on page 2.

Treats

Did you know that the club pays \$10 to each of the two individuals providing treats? Please consider being a future treater! Coffee, cream, sugar, cups, tableware, plates, napkins and table cover are provided by the Hospitality Chair and not the treat providers.

Newsletter Deadline!!!

Please get submissions in by Friday January 2nd. Please do not turn material in late!



The agenda for our November meeting will include the election of board members and officers for 2009. We have three vacancies on the Board of Directors: Fred Valentine and Jesse Bush are nominees, and there is one additional position still open. If you would like to participate on the board, please make your availability known to Carolyn Craft, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, before or during our November meeting. Karen Valentine has been nominated for the position of Hospitality Chairperson. Those elected will assume their roles during our Holiday Dinner meeting.

Many thanks to those who are leaving the board: Irene Cummins, Carolyn Craft, and Diane Harrison.

Come to the meeting. We'll start convening at usual at 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 21st! 🌸🌸 *Tom*

CULTURE TIPS

THE RAINS HAVE COME relatively early this year. With the soil still a bit on the warm side, conditions are perfect for weed seed germination. Preemergents are a blessing at controlling them. BUT they have to be applied before the seedlings emerge from the soil. Ideally preemergents are best applied just before a rain and before the seed germinates. If the seed has germinated, it must be cleaned out before its application. Look at the label to see what weeds the material controls. Preemergents are weed specific so select the brand that best matches the weeds you are trying to control.

Mulches are not recommended for use around your irises. They do hold weeds down but they also hold moisture which can foster rot problems especially in the spring.

Finish replanting your Pacificas now. The cooler weather and rain is very helpful at helping them get re-established. We rushed and pushed and got our replanting done just before the rains came. This rarely happens and will assure for minimal losses.

Also this is the last call to get any iris seed you have planted if you want germination in the spring. 🌸🌸 *Joe*

CHRISTMAS PARTY—New Date!

Our annual party will once again be at the Green Valley Grill (off Green Valley Rd near Home Depot) in Watsonville on Sunday, December 14, 2008. No Host cocktails, 6 P.M. Dinner, 7 P.M.

Reservations are a must and need to be in by Monday, December, 8th. Payment for the party needs to be made in advance. Pay at the meeting (with dues!) or send to Charley Kearns at P.O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031. Price of the dinner is \$15.00 for members (Club picks up the balance); Full price to non-members, \$30.00.

Board of Directors 2008

President

Tom Karwin tom@karwin.com 426-5981

Past President

Diane Sampson debsampson@baymoon.com 728-1339

Vice President

Sheryl McEwen sherylmcewan@pacbell.net 212-5861

Treasurer/ Show Chair

Charley Kearns kcf@gte.net 408-353-4567

Secretary

Jim Cummins jcummins@pacbell.net 438-1369

Hospitality

Irene Cummins jcummins@pacbell.net 438-1369

Librarian

Brenda Wood woodbrenda@aol.com 724-5415

Newsletter Editor

Joe Ghio ghiobayview@surfnetUSA.com 423-3656

Webmaster

Ann Pike baynews@baymoon.com 426-8855

1 Year Board

Irene Cummins jcummins@pacbell.net 438-1369

Carolyn Craft the ladygardens@aol.com 408-266-0945

Diane Harrison dlauer@illudere.com 464-1415

2 Year Board

Larissa Daniel larissa_paniza@hotmail.com 724-9162

Marie Devery Deveryinc@aol.com 722-1886

Brenda Wood woodbrenda@aol.com 724-5415



Psychic Reader, one of this month's door prize iris

Photo by Joe Ghio

JOE'S 2009 INTROS!

Dec. Program

Joe will show Barry Blyth's photos of his new iris. Two Ghio 2009 intros are shown on this page. Photos were taken last spring of both Joe's seedlings and his new introductions.

DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer, Charley Kearns, Post Office Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA.

DOOR PRIZES

The Door Prize Irises for this meeting and the next year are published as an insert in the mailed paper. If you get you newsletter on line, it is a PDF file named 2008-2009 iris list. Keep a print out for reference and for keeping track of your winnings. Please note the large amount of wonderful iris. Thanks Joe for getting these iris!!



Round of Applause

Photo by Barry Blyth



Star Appeal

Photo by Barry Blyth

REBLOOMERS

Bring your reblooming irises now through March for show and tell and to drawing for first choice of door prizes.

Judges Training Session

April 11th, 2009

Probst/Trio Garden

2701 Fine Ave

Modesto, CA

Contact Phone 209 551-6323

Shirley Trio, Instructor, Awards and Ballots 2 hours

Riley Probst, Instructor, Tall Bearded Iris 2 hours (garden training)

Fee \$15.00

Send check by February 15th, 2009, payable to Region 14;

Kathy Braaten, JT Chair Region 14; 10288 Kenwood Dr, Grass Valley, CA 95949; email, katbrat@cebridge.net; and phone, 530 477-2811.

Put your name, address, phone and email with your check.

Schedule: Awards and Ballots, 2 hours 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Mexican Luncheon and socializing, 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Tall Bearded Garden Training, 2 hours from 1:30 P.M. until

3:30 P.M. Come out and enjoy a great day at the Probst/Trio garden and pick 3 irises of your choice to be sent to you at their digging time.



DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **BETTY CUNNINGHAM**, D. Spoon, Lacy intense yellow
2. **BETWEEN DREAMS**, F. Kerr, Black; slightly lighter standards
3. **CHEYENNE SKY**, Schreiner, Peachy apricot w/shrimp overlay on F.
4. **DELEON**, F. Kerr, Sky blue self
5. **DIALECT**, T. Johnson, Rosy orchid wine luminata
6. **DRIVE MY CAR**, L. Lauer, S. blue; F. violet, copper shoulders, white whiskers at beards
7. **ENAMORED**, J. Ghio, Very broad orchid bitone
8. **GENTLEWOMEN**, M. Smith, Peachy pink glaciata
9. **KENNADI'S ANGEL**, B. Nicodemus, Icy white self; light yellow beards
10. **KICKAPOO KANGAROO**, Kasperek, S. lavender; F. red purple streaked white
11. **LEGERDEMAIN**, Keppel, Pale blue w/parchment blending on F.
12. **MONSOON MOON**, Keppel, Approaching green
13. **MOUNTAIN HALO**, R. Ernst, White w/blended purple band around S.
14. **PLASTIC MONEY**, Burseen, Pinky lavender w/red white horned beards
15. **PSYCHIC READER**, J. Ghio, Different blue, red, violet blended luminata
16. **PUGZILLA**, Kasperek, Orange yellow w/tangerine beards
17. **SNAPSHOT**, T. Johnson, S. gold; F. mahogany red; gold sunburst
18. **SPOT ON**, M. Sutton, S. white; F. red purple w/white starburst; RE
19. **STOLEN IDENTITY**, Burseen, Odd "fluffy" bowl of fluff w/odd colors and horns
20. **WHITE HOT**, Tasco, White w/persimmon beards



Joseph J. Ghio, Editor
1201 Bay Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

