



May, 2006

Next meeting Friday, 19, 2006
 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

May

The bloom time finishes up this month. Cut off the stalks, removed dead or diseased leaves, and keep the weeds out. Water weekly or so maximizing rhizome growth.

From The Prez

DEAR IRISCLUB,
 What a beautiful show! Thank you to Charley and all the helpers for making it go so well. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make the show seem so effortless. Could we persuade Charlie to write a show booklet to guide the club through the process next year?

Please come to the pizza party meeting on Friday, May 19th for the presentation of the trophies. Bring sodas or a side dish to share; the club will provide pizzas.

At this meeting, we also will present our first ever club membership booklet. Thank you to Ann and Karen and everyone else who helped in this endeavor.

The garden tours on May 6th were enjoyed by all. it was a lovely day. I heard that Gary's seedlings were spectacular! Thank you to the garden hosts: Elena, Irene and Jim, Phillipa and Jack, Gary, Diane, Wayne and Carolyn. Irene and Jim provided a nice luncheon for over twenty members, and Wayne and Carolyn served an elaborate barbecue. Seeing flowers in the gardens is the best reward for our whole club. Bravo to everyone!

Let me or Joe know if you would like to receive just an electronic version of the newsletter via e-mail, rather than a print version via regular mail. We would like to distribute the newsletter electronically to cut down on our expenses.

Happy Spring! 🌸 Diane



Winning Group! Jim Cummins, Charley Kearns, Elena Laborde, and Lisa Ayala

2006 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held in Native Sons Hall unless otherwise stated.

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 21 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Rosa Radicchi and Irene Cummins

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall..... April 28 to April 30

Set up

Friday 9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–8:00 P.M.

Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.–6:00 P.M.

Iris Garden Tour

Saturday, May 6 9 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

Pizza Potluck

Friday, May 19 7:30 P.M.

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Regular Meeting

Friday, June 17 7:30 P.M.

Program

AIS Convention Report & Photos

Refreshments

Irene Cummins and Joan Scanlon

Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 15.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Harvey West Park

Potluck and Auction

Deadline for the next newsletter is June 2th!

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The "host ladies" whoop it up!

ANNUAL CAPITOLA MALL SHOW



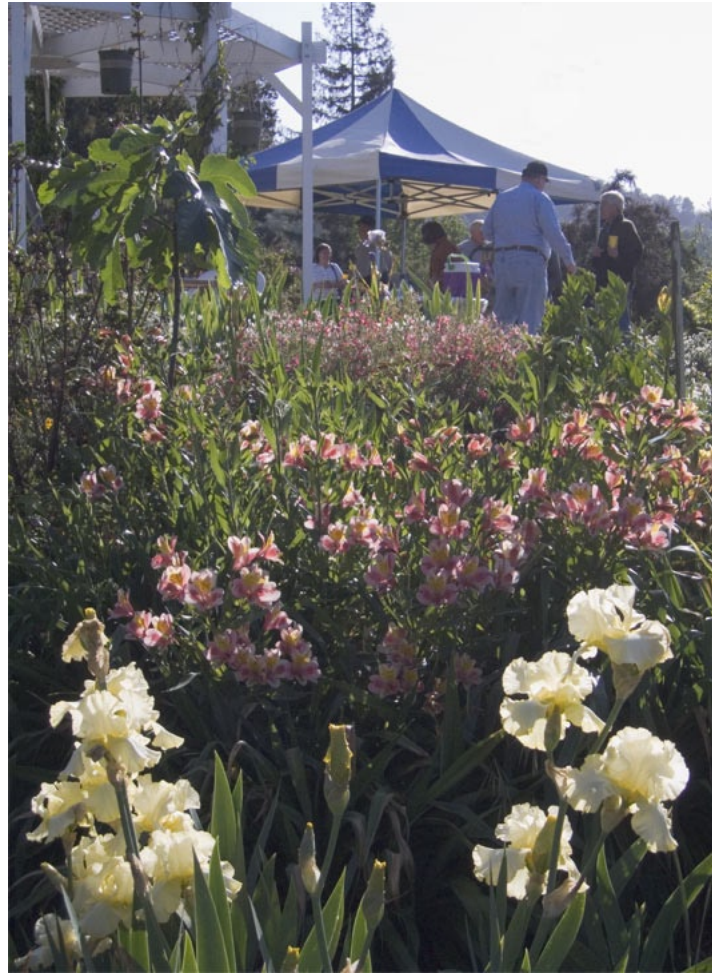
Sheryl McEwen polishes up one of the club's new trophies



Lisa photographs the wonderful Artistic entries and winners



Wayne watching over the BBQ



Craft's garden glowing with booms



Shirley and Leo Linck view the Cummins' garden

CULTURE TIPS

LN 53 YEARS OF IRIS GROWING, this has been our latest bloom season (2004 was one of the earliest ever). Our show was held on dates that would normally be peak bloom period for tall bearded irises yet it turned out to be a show that would normally be considered an “early” show due to the type of irises shown. Consequently, we had a representative sampling of all types of irises. The Collection class had the finest entries ever seen.

With all this rain and cool weather, watering isn't a problem! But as the weather warms, remember you want to have your irises continue to grow and size up before digging time. The soil dries out rapidly and you will want to keep them watered through June.

A light application of a balanced fertilizer after the bloom is finished would be helpful especially in a wet spring like this one. The constant rain leaches the nutrients out of the soil.

Cut out spent bloom stalks this month and remove any weeds that grew again because of the wet weather. Leaf spot is a problem in this kind of weather. Cut it off if it bothers you and spray with any fungicide. Actually leaf spot ceases to be a problem as the weather warms and the sun shines. ❀❀ Joe

Thanks!

Thanks to the members that opened their gardens! The day, the iris and the food all were wonderful!

THE AWARD WINNERS:

Best Of Show	Elena Laborde— <i>Flintridge</i>
Best Tall Bearded	Charley Kearns— <i>Soul Sister</i>
Best Tall Bearded— Novice	Jim Cummins— <i>English Charm</i>
Best Bearded, Other Than Tall	Lisa Ayala— <i>Brat</i>
Best Intermediate Bearded	Lisa Ayala— <i>Brat</i>
Best Beardless	Elena Laborde— <i>Flintridge</i>
Best Spuria	Elena Laborde— <i>Flintridge</i>
Best PCI	Lois Belardi— <i>Deep Magic</i>
Best Species & Species X	Carolyn Craft— <i>I. virginica</i>
Best Seedling	Gary Knipe—(PCI) <i>DBSX 28B5-3</i>
Best Tall Bearded Seedling	Joe Ghio— <i>02-GO BLEED</i>
Best Beardless Seedling	Gary Knipe—(PCI) <i>DBSX 28B5-3</i>
Best Collection	Lois Belardi— <i>Ocean Blue</i> (3 PCIs)
Ralph Coleman Award (Peoples' Choice)	Joe Ghio— <i>Gilt Trip</i>
Silver Medal	Lisa Ayala—12 Blue Ribbons
Bronze Medal	Joe Ghio—10 Blue Ribbons

Artistic Division

Best Artistic Design	Phillippa Alvis— <i>Asian Nights</i>
Best Design—Multiple Delights	Lisa Ayala
Best Design—Reach The Masses	Carolyn Craft
Best Design—Mini Me	Carolyn Craft
Best Design—Asian Nights	Phillippa Alvis
Best Design—Where The Boys Are	Willy Sampson
Best Design—Modern Miracles	Lisa Ayala

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Gary Knipe readies his prize winning seedlings



Winner of the Best Artistic Design, Phillipa Alvis works on one of her Artistic entries..

2006 MBIS SHOW REPORT

by Charley Kearns, Show Chairman

We had 227 entries: 173 named varieties and 54 seedlings. In 2005, we had 228 total, with 160 named varieties and 68 seedlings. We had a lot of great PCIs again this year due to the late spring. Joe Ghio had 57 entries, Lisa Ayala: 42.

Twenty members participated. It is good to see many newer members participating, and we are happy that Willy Sampson participated again in the youth category. Good to have Lois Belardi back, and with 29 entries! Welcome, Jack Belardi, to the Hybridizers Club. Jack's seedling entry earned a blue ribbon.

Among named varieties, there were 57 blues, 49 reds, 24 whites, 15 honorable mentions and only 28 not judged. Seedlings won 23 blues. We even had two "hanging chads".

This year's addition of an Artistic Division added a lot to the beauty of our show. The public seemed to really enjoy the section's sixteen entries, which included entries in all six categories.

Thanks to all the members who worked hard in putting on the show. Sheryl McEwen and Tom Karwin did a great job updating and renovating our trophies, and Elena Laborde made them look great on the trophy table. Diane Sampson secured some good publicity for the show. Special thanks to Joan and Jack Scanlon and Irene and Jim Cummins for supervising the hospitality table. Thanks to Joe Ghio for ensuring that our set-up provides the best display, coordinating the judging and providing valuable consultation and direction.

A really big thank you to Ann Pike for her help in converting the show program to a more "user-friendly" format and creating great graphics!

And special thank you to Lisa Ayala for chairing, organizing and setting up the Design Section. Great Job!! Congratulations to all award winners.

Garden Tid-bits

Joan Scanlon suggested this monthly column of practical garden ideas. We can keep this going if members contribute.

Ruth Dotson provided the following formula to help control aphids and pests and mildew on plants-

- 1 gallon water
- 1 TBS baking soda
- 1 TBS cooking oil
- 1-2 drops liquid dish soap

Shake each time used and best to spray in the morning. Ruth also suggests using baby powder on walkways to slow down ants.

New Members

This month we have three new members! Welcome to the club! Please update your membership booklet by adding their names and addresses.

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Please correct Ruth Dotson's phone number in the new membership book to 726-1868.

Get your paper on the Web!

Please email Diane or Joe that you want to read your newsletter on the web. The list of door prize iris will be provided at the meeting. The web newsletter this month has bonus pages.

Work Instentive Winners

A drawing was held to thank those who worked on the show. The number of chances each worker received was in proportion to the hours he or she worked. Diane's twins drew names to select these drawing prizes: Applause Line, Jack Scanlon; Blue Temptation, Irene Cummins; Braggin' rights, Jim Cummins; Brilliant Glow, Brenda Wood; Buffalo Gap, Elena Laborde; Creative Vision, Pat Wilson; Pretty Bubbles, Shirley Linck; Rodeo girl, Henry Rojas; Transworld, Tom Karwin; and Upper Hand, Joan Scanlon..



DOOR PRIZES



1. **ALL NIGHT LONG**, Duncan, Black-purple
2. **AUGUSTINE**, Schick, S. cream, F. toasted orange
3. **BLINDING LIGHT**, Ernst, Yellow amoena
4. **BOWLED OVER**, Ghio, S. pink; F. orchid, ruffled
5. **BROKEN RECORD**, Sutton, Violet, lined & splashed white, RE
6. **BUBBLE BUBBLE**, Ghio, Black purple luminata
7. **BY DESIGN**, Kerr, S. light blue; F. blue black, B. red
8. **CHAMPAGNE BUBBLES**, Ghio, S. pink-violet, F. silver
9. **CHEERFUL DOLL**, Miller, MTB, orchid pink,
10. **HEAVEN AND EARTH**, Lauer, Pink amoena
11. **PATTON SNOWFALL**, Niswonger, White, RE
12. **PERSONA**, Keppel, MTB, S. rose, F. white, veined violet
13. **PURPLE SERENADE**, Schreiner, Huge mulberry claret
14. **RAINY RIVER**, Painter, Violet blue, deeper in center of F.
15. **SANTA WAS HERE**, Niswonger, S. buff pink; F. white, buff shoulders
16. **SMOLDERING FIRE**, Nicodemus '04, Red black, Best in Show, Capitola, '05
17. **STRAIGHT UP**, Sutton, Burgundy plicata; spooned beards
18. **SUNBREAK**, Keppel, IB, violet/rose luminata
19. **TRANSWORLD**, Davis '04, Blue-viole, white spot on F.
20. **VISUAL INTRIGUE**, Tasco, S. blue; F. purple, white spray pattern



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