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**November & December, 2006**

Next meeting      Friday, 17, 2006  
 Doors open              7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting                      7:30 P.M.  
 Place                      Native Sons Hall  
                                     239 High Street, Santa Cruz

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EDITION



Iris in November

photo by Jim Cummins

### From The Prez

**D**EAR IRIS SOCIETY,  
 Being President of our club has been a fun and rewarding experience. Thank you to all who helped by serving on the board during my years at the helm. Thank you especially to Ann Pike, who added her own love of irises and expertise to the logo contest, and has been creating our beautiful full color newsletter on line. And thanks to Tom Karwin, who first created our first web site so we are now accessible through the Internet . We are connected to all the other Societies across the world!

Come to the holiday party on Friday, December 15, at the Green Valley Grill in Watsonville. The cost is still just \$12.50 per member or \$25 for guests—the club pays the difference for members. The menu will be Salmon, Tri-tip and Tortellini, and chocolate mousse for dessert. You may pay at the November meeting or send to Rosa Radicchi. Be sure to send your \$10 club membership renewal fees at the same time, \$12 at the same address. Reservations are a must and have to be made by Monday, December 11th.

There will be no December Newsletter. This is your only notice of the PARTY! The meeting this month can be more digital images from the Convention in Portland—I do have high quality pictures from G. Kojima, if you like. I also want to hear from Jim Cummins how he got so many irises to bloom this month! A panel discussion about reblooming irises would be fun for all.

Hope to see you at the meeting—Friday, November 17, doors open at 7 PM, meeting starts at 7:30 PM. See you there!

Happy gardening 🌸 Diane

### 2006 Calendar

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

#### Regular Meeting

Friday, November 17 ..... 7:30 p.m.

Program ..... **Rebloomers**

Refreshments.....

CharLynn Ford & Sharon Brodrick

#### Annual Holiday Dinner

Green Valley Grill

Friday December 15

Come at 6:00 P.M. for mixing and no host cocktails; dinner starts at 7:00 P.M. Club members pay \$12.50, non-members, \$25. Reservations are a must and have to be made by Monday, December 11th.

#### Directions

From highway one, from Santa Cruz, take the Main Street exit, and turn left at the first stoplight, onto Green Valley Road. At the second light, take a left, onto Penny Lane, (Spa Fitness Center is on Penny Lane, too, and if you get to Home Depot, you have gone one block too far). and Green Valley Grill is the first building on your right, UPSTAIRS.

From the south on Highway one, take the Green Valley Road exit, go three lights, turn left onto Penny lane (Spa Fitness Center is on Penny Lane, too, and if you get to Home Depot, you have gone one block too far). Green Valley Grill is UPSTAIRS on the second floor of the first building on your right, as you turn onto Penny Lane..



## CULTURE TIPS

**T**HE FIRST RAIN HAS ARRIVED and with it, comes the winter weeds. Those yellow oxalis thrive now and it is the only time you can pull and hoe them without spreading their bulblets. They will come back, but continually pulling/hoeing tires them out and they are gone. Wait a few weeks, and it too late. By then tiny bulblets have formed up and down the tap root, and pulling and hoeing them only disperses these bulblets for next year. Interesting this pest was introduced as an ordimental in Southern California in the 1920s and is seed sterile. Birds, gophers, humans have been its means of dispersement.

Annual bluegrass and other winter weeds germinate now that the soil cools and the rains water them. Pre-emergents are wonderful at controlling them, but must be applied before germination or just as germination is occurring. Pre-emergents are weed specific so read the label and use the brand that gets most of the weeds you have. Or, you can use more than one to make sure all the weeds you have are covered. Also it is important to change brands every 3-4 years since you will find that the weeds that the brand you are using and it doesn't "get" begin taking over your garden. Obviously this is because they no longer have the competition from other weeds.

We've used pre-emergents for some 30 years and have not found and problems with "build-up" toxins in the soil.

Finish planting your pacificas now. The soil and weather has cooled and it is the perfect replanting conditions. Be sure to keep them wet until the winter rains take over. 🌱🌱🌱 Joe

## To Diane

For the past two years (or was it three?), Diane Sampson has served with great distinction as president of the Monterey Bay Iris Society. In addition to leading our monthly meetings skillfully and creating a consistently friendly mood, she provided energetic leadership in all of the MBIS projects and worked diligently to involve our members in dedicated pursuit of the organization's goals.

Diane also has exemplified the enthusiastic, knowledgeable and successful grower of irises by cultivating large numbers of her own plants as well as club irises.

In all these activities, Diane has radiated positive, forward-thinking and cheerful views of the present and future of the Monterey Bay Iris Society. We will miss her many accomplishments as president of our society, but we're expecting her to continue her contributions as both a director and an active member.

Diane, on behalf of the entire members, thank you for all you have done for the MBIS. We not only welcome your future participation, we're counting on it!

## REBLOOMERS

Bring your blooms to the meeting. Doing that will get you a chance for the first pick of Door Prize irises.

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Golden Immortal

photo by Jim Cummins

## Iris of Note

Dear Mr Ghio

I am pleased to report that a Pacific Coast Iris raised by me from seed purchased from you has been given an Award of Garden Merit by the Royal Horticultural Society. I purchased a quantity of seed from you about 10 years ago. It was shared with a few other members of the British Iris

Society. I raised about 50 plants. Three years ago I showed two seedlings to the RHS Joint Iris Committee that selected both for trial at Wisley. One has been retained for further trial and the other has been recommended for the award. That seedling has been registered under the name "Blue Bossa". To retain the award it also has to be introduced.

I hope that you have no objection to its introduction in the United Kingdom.

Regards, Fred Webbing

## DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer, Rosa Radicchi; 730 Modesto Ave; Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

## Slate Of New Positions

We do need to vote in the new board, and a few spaces still remain—we could really use someone to coordinate hospitality, which means making coffee and tea for the meeting, and making sure we have enough paper goods. All expenses are reimbursed to you from the club treasurer.

Nominations can be made from the floor. The vote will take place at this November meeting. Officers take over at the end of the meeting in December.

We have some nominations!

Tom Karwin	President
Sheryl Mc Ewan	Vice Pres
Secretary	Jim Cummins
Treasurer	Charley Kearns
Membership	Diane Harrison
Newsletter	Ann Pike
Publicity	Tom Karwin
Artistic Chair	Diane Harrison
2 year Board	Irene Cummins
	Diane Harrison
	Joan Scanlon
1 year Board	Carolyn Craft
	Brenda Woods
	Ann Pike

Also we need someone to learn how to put on the show at the Capitola Mall—Charlie has been doing it for years, but he really needs a trainee. The Show Chair e-mails the program to the AIS, Elena and Joe get the judges, the show chair orders tables and is the communicator with the Capitola Mall.

Other activities that take place during the year can benefit from volunteers. The Sale at Deer Park takes a little coordination—the property managers need a certificate of insurance, which we do have through the AIS. Publicity for this event is crucial for the financial well being for the club. The Red Apple Cafe is always a willing sponsor, and people remember when our sale is held, so consistency serves us well. Come to the meeting and volunteer for a task! Step up and pitch in, this club is a fun group!

## New members

New members to welcome and write in your address books. Also note that Stacey Harts information in last month's paper was incorrect. The correct email is listed below.

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More Iris in November

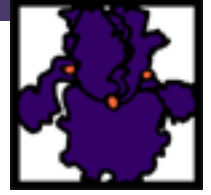
photo by Jim Cummins

## DOOR PRIZES IRISES

The list of our acquisitions are included with this mailing and there is a link on the newsletter page of the website. Keep it in a save place for reference and to track your winnings.



## DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. ARISTOCRACY, Keppel, 06, Dark orchid toned violet
2. ABSOLUTE TREASURE, Tasco, 06, Sky blue self
3. PEGGY SUE, Lauer, 06, Pink rebloomer
4. CANDY CLUB, Painter, 06, Red violet w/white spray pattern in Falls
5. FABULOUS ONE, Nicodemus, 06, Neglecta; S. light blue; F. velvety deep blue
6. SPIRITS RISING, L.Miller, 06, Pink with upturned pink horned beards.
7. IN THE SPOTLIGHT, M. Sutton, 06, S. white veined gold; F. white w/gold band
8. CRAZY, D.Spoon, 06, Magenta,fuzzy magenta horns
9. STAR CHALLENGER, D.Spoon, 06, Ruffled purple rebloomed
10. ROYAL QUACKERs, Kasperek, 06, Blue purple neglecta, IB
11. HIGH CHAPARRAL, Schreiner, 06, S. yellow; F. tan; Convention winner.
12. CRY ME A RIVER, Burseen, 06, S. tan; F. purple; purple spoons
13. TROPICAL EVENING, Aitken, 06, S. lavender; F. black
14. INSIDE JOB, J.Ghio, 06, Blue luminata.
15. CHINOOK ARCH, T.Johnson, 06, Yellow and peach blend
16. EQUALIZER, R. Ernst, 06, Soft light blue.
17. KATHY CHILTON, F.Kerr, 06, S. gold; F. burgundy black
18. PLEASE COME HOME, F.Kerr, 06, Near black w/bronze beards.
19. BAMBOO SHADOWS, Keppel, 06, Green-gold self
20. MAGIC HAPPENS, J.Ghio, 06, White w/blue lines overall the falls.



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