



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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Next meeting Saturday, 17, 2010
Harvey West Park 11 A.M.
Auction
Potluck
Pick up Door Prize iris

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society



Selling iris at the Garden Faire

2010 Calendar

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

Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 17.... 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.
Harvey West Park
Potluck and Auction

Annual Sale

Dig..... Jim & Irene's
Tuesday, August 3th.... 9 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Dig..... Joe's Ranch
Thursday, August 5th... 9 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center
Saturday, August 7.... 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Sale.... Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt
Saturday, August 14.. 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, August 20,..... 7:30 P.M.
TBA

Refreshments

Volunteers Needed

Dig At Jim and Irene's House on August 3rd. Please contact them for directions & what to bring.

If you have iris for the August sales and need help digging them please contact Tom so an email sent to request that help.

Bring good recent iris to the picnic! See page 3 for ideas. The better the iris the better the raffle!

From The Prez

WE'RE IN OUR BUSIEST TIME OF THE YEAR! Our annual show in the Capitola Mall is still a fond memory, and we just have completed another successful day at The Garden Faire. Many thanks to Jim Cummins, Larissa Daniel, Fred Valentine, Pat Wisdom, and Brenda Wood, and to those I was too distracted at the Faire to acknowledge at the MBIS booth.

Thanks, too, to Diane Sampson for hosting an enjoyable rhizome dig in her garden, and to those who joined in that occasion, and to Jim Cummins and others who provided rhizomes for the sale.

With the help of all those who made it happen, the MBIS again generated a good handful of bucks, shared the genus Iris with several happy buyers and made have inspired new members at The Garden Faire.

We have great activities coming up.

First item on our full schedule is the MBIS Summer Picnic at Harvey West Park, from 11:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, July 17th. This annual event focuses on the distribution of desirable door prize irises, the raffle of very good irises, and the auction of excellent irises. In addition, it turns out to be a consistently terrific potluck and a nice day outdoors during the Sana Cruz summer. We are fortunate to live here!

Coming soon after is the annual Rhizome Sale at Deer Park Center on Saturday, August 7th and the Aptos Farmer's Market on the following Saturday, August 14th. Preparations for this two-session sale include a rhizome dig on August 3rd at Jim and Irene's and August 5th at Joe's Ranch in Corralitos.



We value (a lot!) the stalwarts among our members who reliably bring energy and commitment to our sales and other events. All members should plan to volunteer a couple hours to help out. Such participation realizes much of the reward of being a member of a group like the MBIS. If you don't often show up on these occasions, try it this year. You just might like it!

Meanwhile, come to the MBIS Summer Picnic on July 17th. It's not to be missed! ❁❁ Tom

CULTURE TIPS

THE SUMMER MONTHS are the time to dig and replant irises. There is no need to worry about bearded irises that out of the ground. Simple store them with their all their leaves in an upright position in a cool shady place. Cut the leaves back when you're ready to plant them.

If replanting in the same location, amend your soil with humus like compost, well rotted manure, and if your soil is heavy even some sand. A nice handful of bonemeal in each hole will bring benefits later.

On new stock that you get elsewhere and even your own, it is wise to soak in a bleach solution for 10–15 minutes. The rate is 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. When you remove them from the bleach solution, rinse in clean water, and dry them completely before replanting. The drying is very important or you are likely to get deformed growth. If available a dunking in a Terriclor solution is also wise, then dry them.

Label as you plant and always make a map of your planting. The map is a fall-back in case you misplace labels or just don't like labels in your garden. ❁❁ Joe

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Iris Dig for August Sale

We will be digging iris for the sale at Joe's ranch on Thursday, August 5th from 9:30 A.M. until we are finished (about noon or 1 P.M.). **All members are encouraged to attend!** Take Freedom Blvd and make a left Corralitos Rd (by Aladdin's Nursery). Pass the school on the left side of the road, then slow down and after 2 houses you will see the field of iris behind the row of roses. Park on the shoulder of the road.

Please bring permanent markers, scissors, shovels, a folding chair, folding table if you have one, comfortable shoes, a sun hat, something to drink, and **many, big!!** cardboard boxes! Also **bring the irises you are donating for the sale.**

Generous donations of rhizomes from our members are what makes this sale a success. We need your healthy, well grown, names increases. If you don't have time to write their name, you may bring the clumps in paper bags with the name written on the bag. They can be cut and named at the ranch.

If you cannot come to the ranch, please send them with another member or bring them early to the the sale named.

Prizes—we will have a raffle, everyone will go home with a recent introduction!

MBIS Annual Iris Sale

When Saturday, August 7th, 2010

Where Deer Park Shopping Center, courtyard in front of the Red Apple Café

Set up Time 7:30 a.m. We need help for the set up.

We hope you will help us sell during the morning. If you did not take the irises you are donating to Joe's ranch on Thursday, Please cut the fans to about 12", cut roots to 5" or 6", **print the name clearly on the middle leaf with a permanent marker**, and write the color if possible. If you bring varieties other than TBs, please mark IB (intermediate), BB (border), SDB, (standard dwarf), DDB (miniature dwarf, MTB (miniature tall).

Sale Time 9:00– to noon (or sell out).

If you cannot get to Deer Park early, please drop your donation iris at the home of a member who will be there for set up.

Please bring brown grocery bags if you have any, comfortable shoes, and lots of friends to buy our iris.

Bring food and we can have lunch!

We will also need reliable volunteers with trucks/vans/pickups to take the irises, keep them until Saturday and bring them to the sale.

MBIS 2nd Iris Sale

When Saturday, August 14th, 2010
Where Aptos Farmers's Market
Cabrillo College

Set up Time 7:30 a.m. We need help for the set up. We hope you will help us sell during the morning. We will need additional iris for this sale, so if you have iris and did not get them to Joe's Ranch or the Deer Park Sale, get them here to Cabrillo or drop them by a member's house!

Sale Time 9:00- to noon (or sell out).

Gilda Lee, Good as it Gets, Grain Exchange, Grand Classic, Grape Parfait, Halloween Trick, Heart of Glass, Heavenly Valley, Hoosier Dome, Into the Blue, King of Light, King's Point, Lemon Lollipop, Limonada, Little Bit of Heaven, Love at First Sight, Magic Quest, Tasco, Majestic Ruler, Medici Prince, Merchant Marine, Midwest Farewell, Milan, Mistress of Camelot, Mountain Sunrise, Neglected Zebra, Niche, No Egrets, Noble Spirit, One Way Ticket, Orange Portal, Orange Titan, Orchid Dove, Perrymount, Petal Pushers, Phantom Ship, Picture Book, Prince of Camelot, Purr Form Mints, Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, Raging Tide, Red Skies, Rite of Passage, Royal Majesty, Keppel, Royal Renaissance, Secret Recipe, Spot Starter, Tayberry, Temporal Anomaly, Touching Moments, Trinotostare, UFO, Versailles, Wade Riley, Weiss Guy, and, Wonderful News.

Iris for Picnic

It is time to dig increase from the iris you won as door prizes last year, and bring them to the July picnic. If you are a new member, these irises should be available at the picnic so be sure to be there. Members share their best irises at this picnic. Here is a list of the door prizes collected at last year's picnic. If you have these bring some of their increase. Please check the newsletter page of our website for a complete description of these iris. If you have purchased newer iris and have increases please bring those. If you are a new member plan on purchasing a lot of chances to win some good iris!

Door prize iris from last year's picnic: Between Dreams, Accessible, Arctic Burst, Beta Gnu, Spec-X, Betty Cunningham, Bev, Black Magic Woman, Casino Cruiser, Cheyenne Sky, Claim Jumper, Company of One, Crash Course, Creative Urge, Crete, Dakota Smoke, Deleon, Dialect, Drive My Car, Enamored, Fine Wine, Flamingo Gringo, For Lovers Only, Fuedalism, Genealogy, Gentlewomen, Gitano, Global Warmer, High Emotion, Home Sweet Home, Icelandic Sea, Icon (MDB), Jacob, Kennadi's Angel, Kickapoo Kangaroo, La Scala, Legerdemain, Loving Pink, Magical, Meerkat Manor (BB), Monsoon Moon, Montmarte, Mountain Halo, Nickname, Nouveau Riche, Orange Avatar, Pep Rally, Pianoforte, Plastic Money, Psychic Reader, Pugzilla (SDB), Raven Girl, Ray Dale Kerr, Red Handed, Royal Express, Santorini, Snapshot, Snow Lion, Social Blush, Spot On, Starring Encore, Stolen Identity, That's Hot, Through the Clouds, Trumped, Valentino, Venita Faye, Wedding Belle, White Hot, Worship Me, & Zesting Lemons

Other recent door prize iris are: Astrology, Autumn Sunrise, Banker Dave, Boilermaker, Bollywood, Cascadian Rhythm, Cause for Pause, Check It Out, Christmas Present, Clear Choice, Come go with Comfortable, Coral Chimes, County Cork, Coyote Ugly, Donaghcloney, Double Ringer, Dreaming Rainbows, Dreamlife, Emilo, Fancy Gal, Fifty is Nifty, Follow the Dream, Forever Blowing Bubbles,



Top 15 iris

Of the top 15 vote getters from the 2010 AIS convention, number 5 was Bolshoi, number 6, was Sorbonne, and number 9, Main Street. Since these iris were part of this years door prizes, consider placing your bid on one or all of them when they come up for bid at the picnic. You'll add prize iris to your garden!

New Members

We welcome the following new members: Teresa Engel, Joan Gonzales, Diana Keith, Susan Pandolfi, Rosemary Sarka, Treesa Rogerson. We hope to see you at the picnic and at future meetings! Welcome to MBIS!

Garden Faire Wrap-up

Our presence at the Garden Faire in Scotts Valley was a good opportunity to once again tell others of the wonders of iris. We also made \$754! This is down a little from last year but will help toward our fundraising year. The picnic is our next major fundraiser. Bring your wallets and checkbooks and bid high and often! Remember these fundraisers pay for our annual show, our Christmas dinner and best of all, more iris for our gardens!



Picnic, Raffle and Auction

Area B Harvey West Park, Santa Cruz

July 17th, 2010, 11:00 a. m.

Area B is in the center of the picnic area under the big oak tree.



Door Prizes

This is the time to pick up the door prize irises you won during the year. If you can't make the picnic, have someone pick them up for you or they will be auctioned off.

Directions to Park

Coming toward Santa Cruz on Hwy 17 or Hwy 1, follow the signs to Half Moon Bay. At the first light turn northwest on Hwy 9 towards Felton. Turn left at the first possible turn, left again at the stop sign on Limekiln Ln.; it turns into Coral St.; follow it to the end. Turn right on Evergreen and go **straight ahead** to the park. Look for the picnic tables under the big oak tree, and for the MBIS banner on the left of the road.

Food and Beverages

Bring a dish to share with 10–20 others (salad, veggies, main dish or dessert) and what ever you would like to drink.

What Else to Bring

Your own plate, utensils, and glass. A table cloth if you want to cover the table. Paper bags for your new irises. A hat if you like, chair to be more comfortable, **money** or checkbook to pay for incredible iris bargains, and last, but not least bring iris! Bring increases of last year's door prizes and any other newer varieties. **You don't need to cut the fans.** Please write the names with a **permanent marker** on the **lower part** of the **middle leaf**.



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