

**February, 2012**

Next meeting      Friday, 17, 2012  
 Doors open            7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting                7:30 P.M.  
 Place                   Horticulture II,  
 UCSC Arboretum

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society



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**From The Prez**

**O**UR FEBRUARY MEETING IS COMING UP SOON! Mark your calendar for Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Arboretum’s meeting room, in the building, “Horticulture II.” There are few buildings at the Arboretum, so it won’t be hard to find. Parking is available quite close to the building, too. See page two of this newsletter for driving directions.

Our meeting agenda will include an update of planning for the 2012 Spring Regional, which is coming along quite well, in my view.

We also will have reports of recent board actions in three areas: (1) youth discount for Spring Regional registration, (2) increased honorarium for speakers at our meetings, and (3) suspension and review of our annual contribution in support of the AIS/MBIS mission.

Our program for the evening hopefully will include an overview of the UCSC Arboretum. (I say “hopefully” because Arboretum Director will be returning from a couple of days of meetings in Berkeley, and can’t be certain to make it back in time for our meeting.

Finally, our January speaker, James Neve of Soil Solutions, has donated to the MBIS a \$10 bag of BU’s Brew Biodynamic Compost Tea Bags, which he spoke highly about during his talk. This will be a highlight of our raffle!

We will convene as usual at 7:00, and hold a brief business meeting at 7:30.

. ❁ Tom

**2012 Calendar**

**February Meeting in a new location!**

Regular Meeting  
 Friday, February 17 ..... 7:30 P.M.  
 UCSC Arboretum  
 Refreshments  
 Karen and Joan

Regular Meeting  
 Friday, March 16 ..... 7:30 P.M.  
 Program  
 TBA  
 Refreshments  
 Brenda & Larissa

Regular Meeting  
 Friday, April 20 ..... 7:30 P.M.  
 Program  
 Mini Show  
 Refreshments  
 Art, Pat & Barbara H.

Regional  
 Aptos Seacliff Inn ..... April 27 to 29  
 Registration  
 Friday, May 27 ..... 4–6 P.M.  
 Garden Tour and Dinner  
 Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m.–10:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting  
 Friday, May 18 ..... 7:30 P.M.  
 Pizza Potluck

**Meeting at UCSU Arboretum**



## Directions to the Arboretum

Approaching via Highway 17 from the north or Highway 1 from the south

As you approach Santa Cruz, follow signs to “Half Moon Bay/Highway 1 North.” Highway One stops being a divided highway and becomes Mission Street in Santa Cruz. Remain on Mission St./Highway 1 for about a mile. Turn right onto Bay Street (there’s a traffic light) going up to the UCSC campus. Turn left at the High St. traffic light at the base of campus (don’t go in the main entrance.) Stay on High Street—it becomes Empire Grade—for about 1/2 mile, the entrance to the Arboretum is to your right. If you arrive at the West entrance to campus, you have gone too far.

Follow the signs to the Horticulture Building.



More maps on Newsletter page of our website.

## CULTURE TIPS

**W**E’VE HAD A VERY DRY WINTER SO FAR. This allowed the cleaning up of the garden. Generally no watering has been necessary unless you have very sandy soil. The nights have been relatively cold which is to the irises liking. Already you will notice new growth beginning. This is the key time to FERTILIZE your irises. Generously sprinkle any balanced fertilizer (10-10-10, Triple 12) around your clumps. Then scrape it in. Usually the soil is wet enough that you need to do nothing more and allow the rains to work it in. If you soil is quite dry, then it would be best to water it in. At this time of the year, it will take about 4 weeks for the results of your fertilization to show up. Be sure you beds are free of weeds before you fertilize. You don’t want to promote weed growth.

All beardless irises should also be fertilized at this time. On the Pacificas give about half the amount of fertilizer that you give other types of irises.

Also you will find aphids in the folds of your leaves. To get rid of them, only a systemic spray will be effective to get them. You need at least 6 hours of dry weather after to spraying. If it rains before six hours, chances are lot of their effectiveness will be lost.

Only about six weeks to the blooming of the early irises! ❀❀ Joe

## Lost Scissors

Did anyone at our last meeting anyone found a small pair of scissors? If so, Pat Lindstrom would be thrilled to retrieve them!

## Final Call for Dues

MBIS Dues for 2012 are due. Members not renewing will be dropped from the roster. We don’t want to lose anyone, so please remember to renew. Pay at the January meeting or mail to Charley Kearns, P. O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031.

Dues for a single membership are \$10; two or more at the same address \$15. Add \$5 if you want the newsletter mailed to you, otherwise you can download it from the MBIS website.

## REBLOOMERS

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

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# JOE'S IRIS INTROS



Bravery, Ghio, 2012



Brouhaha, Ghio, 2012

## Regional Update

Things are coming along very well for the regional, many decisions have been made and Ann is doing a great job on the logo to use on the pins, patches and shirts, patches are in the final approval stage, they are sending us a sample, and the pins are in the works too. As to the shirts, we went by Brenda's the day after our meeting and she looked great and is in good spirits, She has hired a neighbor to work in her garden and it looks real great, the bed in her drive doesn't have a weed in it. She will be ordering some shirts soon as now she has the logo. Lunch and Dinner menus have been set and the bus company will be contacted soon. We went by the Best Western this week and they have 26 rooms booked with 42 guests, 15 of the reservations are from outside of region 14

We are still looking for pictures of our members for our collage and need the members to let us know if they are planning on attending the banquet. We have the membership list and if you aren't doing anything for the regional we will be looking for your help.

We will also be looking for members to open their gardens on Sunday for people to drop by and will also be asking in April for Iris blooms to decorate with, This will help keep our decorating costs down if we don't need to purchase as many flowers.

The next regional planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 2nd at the Cummins'—Potluck AGAIN



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## S F Spring Flower Show

March 21-25, 2012, San Mateo

Members interested in volunteering for a shift at the American Iris Society booth are encouraged to call Carolyn Craft at 408-266-0945. Volunteering gets you free admission. Call right away as volunteer positions fill up fast.



## DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **ABOVE THE RIM**, M. Sutton, S. yellow; F white, burgundy band, RE
2. **BEAM ME UP SCOTTY**, Aiken, S white; yellow gilt;  
F purple, white spot & horns
3. **BEJEWELLED**, Ghio, Blue pink self
4. **BERRY BLEND**, M. Sutton, S coral; F violet; coral sunburst
5. **BOHEMIA AFTER DARK**, Kerr, S light blue; F black
6. **CARIBBEAN CRUISE**, Burseen, Creamy peach; blue horns
7. **COLD FUSION**, M. Sutton, S creamy; F red-purple white sunburst, RE
8. **COSMIC ELEGANCE**, Kerr, S pink taupe; F light red lavender
9. **FIRST PICK**, Schreiners, S. carmine; F white, carmine plicating
10. **FORMAL EVENT**, T. Johnson, Mulberry purple self
11. **HOSS**, Burseen, Huge cream
12. **JERICHO SPRINGS**, Nicodemus, S. Icy blue; F. blue-violet, marbled deeper
13. **POINT OF NO RETURN**, M. Sutton, S yellow; F white blue-violet band; white horn
14. **POLITE APPLAUSE**, Ghio, S pink; F pink over-laid pink
15. **QUIZZICAL**, Filardi, S cream; F veined tan; cream band
16. **RAINBOW SHADOWS**, Kerr, S yellow over-laid with red violet; F taupe with yellow edge
17. **RUM & COKE**, J. Painter, S cream, brown bleeding lines; F black plum
18. **SAFARI SUNRISE**, Keppel, Rose and amber blend, IB
19. **SOLAR DRAMA**, L. Painter, S yellow; F yellow over-laid crimson
20. **TRICK OF LIGHT**, Filardi, Rosy violet



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