

May, 2013

Next meeting      Friday, 17, 2011  
 Doors open        7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting            7:30 P.M.  
 Place                Cummins Home  
 Scotts Valley



Oh! Look! It's an iris!

Fred Valentine

## CULTURE TIPS

**W**ELL WE HAD ANOTHER UNUSUAL new year. After very wet November and December, 2013 began dry and stayed pretty much that way into today (early May). The driest 3 months in 135+ years of rain record keeping here in the Monterey Bay area. Actually this stress the plants some, causing them to perform at their best. Bloom started early and peaked when it should on April 27 here in Santa Cruz. Then the heat come—3 days of 90+ temperature just before our show on May 4-5 caused the downside of bloom to happen quickly. Yet a good supply of quality stalks were entered into the show.

This month, snap out or cut out the spent stalks and water your irises and you can also give them a small amount of fertilizer if your rhizomes are on the small side. All of these efforts will help the rhizomes to size up nicely before dig time beginning in July. Also re-bloomers are more likely to repeat bloom if they are kept growing in the summer.

Another plus side of a dry year is that disease is minimal this year. Hardly any left spot and next to no rust to bother your plants. 🌸🌸 Joe

## May Meeting

The May meeting is at the home of Jim and Irene Cummins. The Cummins' garden is beautiful with a wide variety of plants as well as whimsical garden statuary. They grow hundreds of iris and we hope some of them will still be in bloom.

The Cummins live at 165 Canham Rd, Scotts Valley. Directions: Take Hwy 17 to the Granite Creek exit. Go toward Scotts Valley Drive. Proceed across Scotts Valley Drive, bearing slightly right onto Glenwood Drive. Take Glenwood to Canham. Turn right on Canham and go a very short way to the Cummins—on the left—with all the iris. Telephone 831-438-1369.

## 2013 Calendar

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

### Regular Meeting

Friday, May 17.....7:30 p.m.  
 Jim & Irene Cummins' home  
 Pizza Potluck & Show wrapup

### Regular Meeting

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

### Program

TBA

### Refreshments

Rosanna & Ann P.



## From The Prez

**B**RAVO TO ALL WHO HELPED put on the wonderful Iris show this year! The venue was lovely,

and it seems we may have had more gardening people making a point of stopping by on purpose, rather than miscellaneous shoppers coming upon iris by surprise. The kitchen was a fun place to nosh and nibble, and the room was light and airy. Charley and Ann did the bulk of the prep, and the volunteers were always around when anything needed a push or pull. Pat Lindstrom and Karen created a magical space with rainbows and fabulous arrangements—very well done! We will discuss and vote on where to have the show next year at the pizza party at the Cummins' house on the 17<sup>th</sup>. 🌸🌸 Barbara



Frank and Pat view the Artistic entries

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Luis Couso Carrera from Spain came down for our show. He attended last Spring's Regional. J Cummins

# 2013 MBIS IRIS SHOW



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## NOT a REBLOOMER Month!

Irises are now blooming. It is May, so there is no Rebloomer drawing. You can still choose to bring iris!



## THE AWARD WINNERS:

- Best Of Show Jim Cummins,—TB, *Drifting*  
 Best Tall Bearded Jim Cummins—TB, *Drifting*  
 Best Bearded Other Than Tall  
 Charley Kearns—MTB *Pretty Jazzy*  
 Best Miniature TB Charley Kearns—MTB, *Pretty Jazzy*  
 Best Novice Wayne Crabbs—TB, *Unhhibited*  
 Best Beardless Ann Pike—JA, *Bewitching Twilight*  
 Best Misc. Iris (Species X) Jim Cummins—*Dolce*  
 Best Seedling Joe Ghio—(BB) *06-5BB*  
 Best Beardless Seedling Joe Ghio—(PCI) *MP2PLIC*  
 Best Tall Bearded Seedling Joe Ghio—(TB) *08-12G2*  
 Ralph Coleman Award (Peoples' Choice)  
 Larissa Daniel—(TB) *Hopeless Romantic*  
 Silver Medal Joe Ghio—10 Blue Ribbons  
 Bronze Medal Jim Cummins—8 Blue Ribbons\*

## Artistic Division

- Best Artistic Design  
 Diane Sampson—*Asian Fantasy*  
 People's Choice Artistic  
 Frank Ching—*Asian Fantasy*  
 Best Design—*Emerald City* Pat Lindstrom  
 Best Design—*Lollipop Land* Arielle Sampson  
 Best Design—*Tinkering Around* Jim Cummins  
 Best Design—*Asian Fantasy* Diane Sampson  
 Best Design—*Yellow Brick Road* Pat Lindstrom  
 Best Design—*Home Sweet Home* Charley Kearns



## New Members

We have nine new members that joined at the iris show! We welcome them one and all and hope to see them at future meetings, at the picnic and at the Christmas Dinner.

The new members are:

Lynn Dunn and Charlie Reimers of Santa Cruz; Sarah-Hope Parmeter and Melissa West of Santa Cruz; Ellen Stok and Richard Bartel of Aptos; Craig and Karin Tarr of Soquel and Mary Lou Weidlich of Santa Cruz.

Welcome to MBIS!

## Newsletter Notes

This month the club is meeting at the Cummins' home and pizza is provided, so we all need to bring sides—veggies, salads, deserts or munchies. Tableware is provided. The program will be the acknowledgment of the show winners and handing out the ribbons and trophies. See you there!

Thanks again to Charley Kearns and Joe Ghio for all their hard work both before and during the show.



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## DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. **AMI DANIEL**, Filardi, S. lavender pink; f. blue white, peach shoulders.
2. **BEACH PARTY MOON**, G. Sutton, S. yellow, F. white, yellow band
3. **BUCCANEER'S PRIZE**, Blyth, 09/10, Two tone red, yellow beards.
4. **DARK WONDER**, Tasco, S. dark blue violet; F. black purple
5. **DOUBLE PLATINUM**, Ghio, Shell pink, deeper edge on F.
6. **FLUTES ALFRESCO**, Blyth, 09/10, S. cream; F. rose, white around beards.
7. **GREAT SMOKY DAWN**, Schreiner, S & F. violet with tan band.
8. **JUDGE'S SPECIAL**, Burseen, White, blue rim on F.
9. **MONTEFIORE**, Ubinati, S. orange; F. dark red purple; orange sunburst
10. **MOON SPIRIT**, Kerr, All petals have slate centers w/yellow edges
11. **NAME GAME**, Black, Two toned red, ruffled
12. **PACIFIC CREST**, M Sutton, S. deep yellow F. pale yellow red purple band, RE
13. **PRESIDENTIAL**, Filardi, S. white; F. white, veined overall purple.
14. **RASPBERRY ICE**, Keppel, Raspberry plicata, RE, SDB
15. **ROCK CLIMBER**, Filardi, Lilac, gold shoulders
16. **SCANDINAVIAN GAL**, T. Johnson, Green gold, blue in center of F.
17. **SILKEN TRIM**, Schreiner, Claret-wine bitone
18. **SPENDTHRIFT**, Keppel, Salmon-viole luminata
19. **SUPERHERO**, Ghio, S. white, gold halo; F. black maroon, gold sunburst
20. **WINNING HAND**, Ghio, S. apricot; melon orange



## 2013 MBIS SHOW REPORT

by Charley Kearns, Show Chairman

We had 114 entries: 91 named varieties and 23 seedlings. We had fewer entries this year, but a very impressive display. Joe Ghio entered 24, Charley Kearns 23, and Jim Cummins 15. Joe Ghio also entered 20 seedlings and Jim Cummins entered 3. Among named varieties, there were 30 blues, 29 reds, 22 whites, 6 honorable mentions and 4 not judged. The 23 seedlings won 9 blues.

The Artistic Section had 12 entries. All were beautiful and very popular with the public. Since the Artistic theme was OZ, some entries were delightfully whimsical. Diane Sampson won Best Design with her 'Asian Fantasy' arrangement. Frank Ching won People's Choice with his 'Asian Fantasy' creation.

We appreciate the wide participation and long hours of work from many club members. A big thank you to all. Brenda Wood did a great job with advertising and getting an article in the Sentinel. Ann Pike, again, provided her talent in producing the show program and announcement flyers. We always rely on Joe Ghio for direction in setting up and making sure the judging progresses properly. Thanks for these important contributions.

A special recognition and thank you to Pat Lindstrom and her assistant Karen Valentine for making the artistic section a huge success and a lot of fun. In addition to the

regular artistic competition, they conducted "just for fun" floral design classes in the kitchen area. They called this the Lionhearted Section, helping participants "find courage" to enter a future competition. The Lionhearted creations were displayed in an unjudged section, adding beauty to the show.

Irene Cummins made sure to welcome each visitor and make sure they had show and club materials. The personal touch seemed to work as we gained 9 new members—the most I remember signing up during our show. Joan Scanlon's 'Ruby Slipper' floral creation for the hospitality table was exquisite and quite a hit with members and visitors. Thanks, Joan, and consider wearing the ruby slippers for the awards party.

We were wondering if our new venue, The Loudon Nelson Center, would bring in as many visitors as the Capitola Mall. I think the attendance was almost, if not as, equal. The Center seemed to provide more of an intimate atmosphere and offered decorating and arrangement benefits that the mall doesn't. I am sure that more discussions will be had to compare the two and decide where we want to hold the show next year.

I was very happy with the quality of the show and it seemed like one of the most enjoyable shows I remember.