

July, 2013

Next meeting Saturday, 20, 2013

Harvey West Park 11 A.M.

Auction

Potluck

Pick up Door Prize iris



## 2013 Calendar

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

### Annual July Picnic

Saturday, July 20 ... 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Harvey West Park

Potluck and Auction

### Annual Sale

Dig..... Joe's Ranch

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> ... 9 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Sale.... Deer Park Shopping Center

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> . 9 A.M.–12:00 P.M

Sale.... Cabrillo/Aptos Farmer Mkt

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 8 A.M.–12:00 P.M

### Regular Meeting

Friday, August 16,..... 7:30 P.M.

TBA

### Refreshments

Lisa & Henry

## From The Prez

**T**HE SCOTTS VALLEY GARDEN FAIRE was a lot of fun, and sales were above last year. A special surprise was that it was Brenda's birthday and her cake showed up, courtesy of Larissa, at the booth. For her birthday, Brenda gifted us with her help on the Sale—Bravo, Brenda! Thanks to all the MBIS booth volunteers: Brenda, Shirley, Joni, Riley, Larissa, Wayne, Charley, Irene, Jim, Ann and Tom. And a BIG Bravo to Sheryl for her brilliant direction of the whole Garden Faire—well done ALL!

We are gearing up for our quickly approaching summer picnic on the 20th of this month, and August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> rhizome sales, starting with a dig at the Cummins' on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July at 9:30 A.M. All are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments and sandwiches for the attendees. Besides digging, we prep the rhizomes for sale by labeling the leaves, so folks do not all have to be digging! This is a good way to get to know your fellow club members and how to divide iris, too, so hope to see some of you new members there. If you have never seen the Cummins' place, you are in for a Treat. They are the consummate host and hostess—see you there!

Donators of rhizomes for any event: Please be sure to email Shirley Trio at shirleytrio@clearwire.net with a list as soon as you have figured out what you plan to bring. We find that sales are much better when there is a photo of the bloom attached to the rhizome, and it will be easier for Shirley if you let her know well in advance. Thank you all for all you do to make this a Great Iris Society!

🌸 Barbara

*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!*



## CULTURE TIPS

**T**HE SUMMER MONTHS are the time to dig and replant irises. There is no need to worry about bearded irises that out of the ground. Simply 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 them 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*

## The Garden Faire

We were very fortunate this year to be able to set up for our SKY PARK sale on the evening before our sale. Riley, Charley Wayne, Joni and Shirley got everything ready and saved everyone from having to set up at 6 A.M. on Sat. We did not need to arrive on Saturday morning before 8:30 A.M. What a blessing.

Saturday morning was one of those rare perfect mornings; bright sunlight, no wind or fog and pleasantly warm. We had plenty of irises, and lots of members showed up to help. At no time during the day did we lack for workers. Riley, Charley, Brenda, Wayne and Shirley were there from set up to tear down. During the day Tom came by to lend a hand selling, Ann arrived decked out in our club apron all ready to sell a ton of irises. Our president Barbara was there full of bubbles and enthusiasm and made her share of sales. A day or two before the sale Jim Cummins had injured his hand and required several stitches. Jim's fingers were so swollen that they looked like Italian sausages but there he was answering questions and selling irises. The other half of the family Irene had a family wedding to attend on Saturday but as soon as that wedding was over there she was, pitching in and helping the club sell irises and tear down at 5 P.M.

Other than the camaraderie, and raising money for the club, the high point of the day was Larissa arriving with a big beautiful and refreshingly cold birthday cake and cold drinks for Brenda. As it turned out Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> is Brenda's birthday. We sang happy birthday and all shared in the cake and drinks. Larissa wasn't done yet; she jumped in and made some more sales. It seemed as though there were a thousand

questions asked by customers. All questions were answered to the delight of many seeking iris information. One guy showed up with questions about roses, and yep, his questions were answered too. Not one person left our colorful both with lingering questions whether those questions were about irises or roses or companion plantings. Most of the questions are the same from sale after sale: When do I cut my iris leaves off, when do I dig and separate my irises, what is the best fertilizer, what happened to my irises to cause them to change color?

Some members were willing to bring some newer irises that were not for sale to the public. Instead, the club members that volunteered to work had their choice of irises as a way of saying thank you for your hard work. The irises that were left over were donated to the newest Region 14 affiliate, the Yosemite Iris Society. The new club is just getting started and is in need of some irises for a sale that is being held on July Fourth. The President Caroline Hoover is very thankful for the help from a sister iris club.

We still had the problem of irises without pictures and those took longer to sell. Even though the plants were large with large healthy rhizomes they were passed over for irises with photos. People are learning about rebloomers and are asking for them. We sold out of rebloomers. There are a couple of us that are willing to make pictures for our sales. Getting pictures is not hard or difficult. After you dig write down the names of what you dug, e-mail or phone the names to those people willing to do pictures. Most everyone has answering machines. Quickly state the names into the machine if no one is at home. Clump photos are not helpful as clump photos do not show the blossom close enough.

The reason the Sky Park sale is becoming more successful every year—we made \$1,175.00—is the word is spreading and more people are attending to buy the plants, bulbs, bushes, trees, vegetable seedlings, all things for the garden.

Foreword HO!

TO THE NEXT SALE AT DEER PARK!!!!!!

*Shirley*

## MBIS 2nd Iris Sale

**When** Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**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).



## 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: Above the Rim, Action Packed, Ancient Charm, Angel Within, Aureoles, Banded Rose, Beam Me Up Scotty, Behavin Bad, Bejeweled, Berry Blend, Blackbird Landing, Blued Indigo, Blushing, Bohemia After Dark, Broad Minded, Candy Store, Cardinal Rule, Caribbean Cruise, Catwalk Queen, Cause for Celebration, Charismatic, Chenille, Chocolattè, Cinque Terre, Cold Creek, Cold Fusion, Cosmic Elegance, Dazzle, Definition, Dog Days, Dragon King, Drifting, Easter Candy, Edge of the World, Engagement Ring, Enjoyment, Exotic Notions, Famous Last Words, Fatherland, First Pick, Foolish Dreamer, Formal Event, French Lavender, Ghost Writer, Gilded Cloud, Glad, Glimmer, Go West, Great Balls of Fire, Guardian Light, Hoss, Illusionist, Impertinent, Jericho Springs, Loving You, Mad World, Mimosa, Palace Beauty, Patchwork Puzzle, Perception, Pink Fire, Plot Line, Point of No Return, Polar Mist, Polite Applause, Pretty Kitty, Queen of the Mist, Queen's Robe, Quizzical, Rainbow Shadows, Revision, Rum & Coke, Safari Sunrise, Sailor's Warning, Satin & Lace, Solar Drama, Spectacle, Subtile Beauty, Sure Enough, Tango on the Moonlight, Texas Tradition, Trick of Light and Uninhibited.

Other recent door prize iris are: Adventurous, All Smiles, Aqua Fresca, Artistic Web, Auntie Claudia, Beauty Becomes Her, Beth's Blessing, Black is Black, Boundless, Center Ice, Class Clown, Class Ring, Coral Cove, Crimson Cloud, Dodger Blue, El Greco, Fallalery, Fusion, Greatest Show on Earth, Haunted Heart, Here in Silence, Hollywood Star, Iconic, Judy Nunn, Lip Smackin' Good, Magic Act, Magnificent Masterpiece, Mahogany Magic, Marching Orders, Miles Ahead, Mochadoodle, Moonglow, Murano Amber, Notta Lemon, One More Night, Only in Dreams, Pageant's Gown, Passionate Embrace, Polished Peach, Reckless Abandon, Role Reversal, Sammies Jammies, Say you Will, Sharp Dressed Man, Side Effect, Single Malt, Smart Money, Smart Money, Smoky Shadows, Solar Gain, Spice Trader, Splurge, Stan Coates, Summer Sunburst, Sun Shine In, Sunset Storm, Tableau, Tunnel Vision, Twilight Rapture, and Unconditional Love.

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## Picnic, Raffle and Auction

Area B Harvey West Park, Santa Cruz  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 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**.



## Iris Dig for August Sale

We will be digging iris for the sale at Joe's ranch on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 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, named 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!

### 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.

## Door Prize Iris

There are a few items that didn't increase well, overbloomed, or had other problems, so some substitutions will be necessary this year.

## MBIS Annual Iris Sale

**When** Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
**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.