

## February, 2014

Next meeting      Friday 21, 2014  
 Doors open            7:00 P.M.  
 Meeting                7:30 P.M.  
 Place                    Native Sons Hall  
                               239 High Street, Santa Cruz

## 2014 Calendar

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

### Regular Meeting

Friday, February 21 ..... 7:30 P.M.

TBA

### Refreshments

Phillipa & Carolyn

### Regular Meeting

Friday, March 21 ..... 7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

### Refreshments

Brenda & Larissa, St. Patrick's Feast

### Regular Meeting

Friday, April 18 ..... 7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

### Refreshments

Diane S & Barbara H.

### Annual Iris Show

Louden Nelson..... April 26 to April 27

Set up

Friday, April 25 ..... 9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday ..... 7:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

Staging ..... 7:00 A.M.–9:45 A.M.

Judging ..... 10:00 A.M.–NOON

Open to Public .... NOON–6:00 P.M.

Sunday ..... 11:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

### Regular Meeting

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

Pizza Potluck.

*Need Volunteers for Fall*

*meeting treats. August through*

*November are open. Sign up*

*with Shirley!*



Going Big Time, Ghio, 2014 introduction shown at the 2013 MBIS Iris Show at our new Loudon Nelson venue

## From The Prez

**A**MAZINGLY WARM AND SUNNY WINTER WEATHER we are having! The recent drop of rain hopefully signals a jet stream shift around that “Ridiculously Resistant Ridge” of high pressure diverting our rightful share of flooding and recharged groundwater. Spring is coming, though, and we will have iris anyhow—amen to that! I have had a couple re-bloomers up—love to see them. Our high season is approaching. Mark your calendars now to attend the San Francisco Garden Show in San Mateo in March, the AIS meet in Dallas in April, the Santa Rosa Spring Regional and our own iris show in May. ❁❁ Barbara

## Final Call for Dues

MBIS Dues for 2014 are due. Members not renewing will be dropped from the roster. We don't want to lose anyone, so please remember to renew. Single dues are \$10 Two or more at the same address, \$15. Add \$10 if you want the newsletter by mail. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer, Charley Kearns, Post Office Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA .



## Refreshments

The hospitality person, will bring the club's hospitality box every month with the club providing all of the paper goods, napkins, plates, cups, eating utensils etc. along with hot coffee—ALWAYS DECAF unless asked to change. Hot water and tea bags will also be provided. There will be at least one drink such as juice, soda or something other than the tea or coffee. In the winter months there may be hot chocolate packs and/or cider packs. If at any time someone has an idea of something additional that the club should provide PLEASE call Shirley or e-mail shirleytrio@clearwire.net.

Also, if for any reason the person/s volunteering to bring food cannot do so, or cannot attend the meeting, PLEASE call Shirley so she can pick up the snacks. In order to be at the meeting by 7:00 P.M. Shirley and Riley must leave home by 3:30 P.M. so call before then.

*Shirley Trio Probst  
Hospitality Chair*

## S F Spring Flower Show

March 19-23, 2014, 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. For more information about the flower show, see their website at <http://www.sfgardenshow.com/>.

## Bloomers

Bring your blooms to share! First drawing goes to those who have brought blooms. Rebloomer drawing starts in August and goes through February.



Vow of Silence, Ghio, 2014 TB introduction

Photo by Joe Ghio



Rare Coin, Ghio, 2014 TB introduction

Photo by Joe Ghio

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In the Loop, 2014 TB introduction

Photo by Joe Ghio



## DOOR PRIZES IRISES

1. **ABSOLUTE STAR**, Schreiners, Cream & yellow blend, hint of green
2. **BEAUTY CONTEST**, P. Black, S. pink; F. grape; small pink band
3. **CIVILITY**, J. Ghio, Fine formed blue white
4. **CORE VALUES**, Ghio gold, brown band on F
5. **COSMIC DELIGHT**, Aiken, BB Orange self; bushy red beards
6. **DEVILICIOUS**, B. Blyth, 10, S.peach; F. lilac washed magenta
7. **FIERY ECHO**, M Sutton, S, yellow; F. white starburst, muted violet band, yellow horns RE
8. **FIRST AVENUE**, B. Blyth, 11, S. amber yellow; F. violet, beige edge
9. **FULL OF GRACE**, T Johnson, S. peach pink; F. white, peach hafts & edge
10. **GOT THE LOOK**, F Kerr, S. lt. Blue; F. blackish violet lighter rim
11. **HEAD OVER HEELS**, B. Blyth, 11, ruffled pastel pink
12. **ICE PLANET**, R. Tasco, S. purple; F. light blue, dark top
13. **NEW FOUND GLORY**, F Kerr, S. off white, milk chocolate halo; F. blackish purple; white starburst
14. **PLATINUM JUBILEE**, Ghio, RE Blue lilac, pink undertone
15. **REENTRY**, T Burseen, S. violet; F. black
16. **SAPPHIRE LACE**, F Kerr, white; blue lacy edge around falls
17. **SOUL MATE**, J. Ghio, Blue lavender; ruffled & branched
18. **SOURCE OF COURSE**, T Burseen, S. Cream; F. Indian red, horns
19. **SPIRIT RIDER**, Schreiners, Ruffle blue-purple plicata
20. **VENUS BAY**, B. Blyth, 11, S. blue lavender; F. unusual olive green



## CULTURE TIPS

**A**S I WRITE THIS WE are in the 54th day with no rain of any kind. The weather report promises some tomorrow, but that is a story we've heard before and nothing happened. What has been different about this drought period compared to the great drought of 76-77 is that we got some dribbles of rain now and then and it stayed cool. This one we have had not a drop of rain and it has been very hot during the day for 5 straight weeks. Several 80+ days even.

This week we gave up and watered the irises here at home and had already watered the ranch plants three times. The new growth is beginning. So give them some water and this is the time to give your irises and lot of other plants like roses a good fertilization. We generously apply 10-10-10 or Triple 12 (whichever is cheaper). Normally the wet soil and rain works it into for the plant to use it. But if it continues to stay relatively dry, water it in. And if no or little rain comes, some water will be needed.

The Great Drought years of 76-77 produced the best bloom ever and hasn't been matched since. We'll see what happens this year.

This hot dry spell was ideal to clean out the iris beds of dead leaves and weeds. It should be done by now. Now is the time to keep on top of the problem. We found grey aphids deep inside the leaves of some of the iris rhizomes. Sprayed with systemic insecticide gets them since any other method can't get in the folds where they hide. 🌱 Joe

## Join Us!

At our next meeting I will be bringing registration forms for the Region 14 Spring Regional meeting and garden tours. This will include the Napa Country Iris gardens, Betty Ford's garden and C&L gardens as well as the Luther Burbank Center. All are fabulous gardens. This will be the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Three weeks later the Tall bearded Iris Society will hold their spring meeting in Salem Oregon on May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is an opportunity to join the bus tour visiting Kieth Keppels garden as well as Schreiners and Mid America. These three gardens supply a lot of our door prizes.

Saturday and Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Region 13 will hold their Spring meeting and garden tours. This will include Mt Pleasant Iris farm as well as Terry Aitkens garden, another door prize provider.

Please consider going to these meetings, they are a lot of fun and we had the Tall Bearded Iris Society at our regional two years ago. We need to get our members more involved in Regional happenings and these are a great opportunity.

As far as I know, Irene, Brenda and I will be going to them all.

I will bring registration forms for these also.

Hope to see you there too.

*Jim Cummins*