



BAY NEWS



Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society

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June 2005

Next meeting June 17th, 2005
 Doors open 7:00P.M.
 Meeting 7:30P.M.
 Place Native Sons Hall
 239 High Street, Santa Cruz



From The Prez

MY GARDEN HAS BLOOMED the best crop of irises I have ever had, and Joe says it has been the best year ever for roses. Betty Coyle, our Regional Vice President, said “What? I did not see any weeds. I was in Iris Heaven, and no weeds grow there.”

Our club should be congratulated on the beauty we were able to share with others. I hope we can continue to be a source of inspiration for all Iris growers. If you have digital photos to share, but them on a disk, and we will have a picture party for the June Meeting.
 Happy gardening,
☘Diane



Both Photos above are from the Cummin's garden

Calendar of Events

Friday June 17	7:30 P.M.	Meeting/Plant swap	Native Son's Hall
Saturday, July 16	11 A.M.–3 P.M.	Picnic/Auction	Harvey West Park
Saturday August 6	9 A.M.–12 P.M.	Annual Iris Sale	Deer Park
Friday, August 20	7:30 P.M.	Meeting	Native Son's Hall
Friday Sept 16	7:30 P.M.	Meeting, beardless iris	Native Son's Hall
Friday, Oct 21	7:30 P.M.	Meeting, PCIs	Native Son's Hall
Friday, November 18	7:30 P.M.	Meeting	Native Son's Hall
Friday, December 16		Holiday dinner	Green Valley Grill



CULTURE TIPS



AFTER THE HOTTEST SPRING EVER LAST YEAR, we had probably the coolest, wettest spring ever this year. The effect of this weather varied with your culture and micro-climate conditions. At the ranch we suffered through rot, leaf spot, washed out colors, and spindly stalks yet our home plantings were just fine with hardly any of these ailments. Nothing you can do about your climate conditions, but you can evaluate your culture. Are your irises crowded? In too much shade? Poor drainage? Did you fertilize? Preventatively spray? Correct those conditions that get a yes answer.

You probably need to do little watering this year, but you might like to keep your irises growing until you're ready to dig them. Cut off water at least two weeks before you plan to dig them. This firms them up and they keep better and take off better when replanted.

Keep your garden weeded (they just compete for nutrients), and cut off the spent bloomstalks if you haven't done so yet. you can just cut off brown and diseased leaves. This is more cosmetic than anything else.

More Thanks

Just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed myself and that you all did a wonderful job with putting it on, hosting and the whole ball of iris:)

It was my first spring regional, I have been to 2 other fall, one, we hosted. It is a lot of work isn't it, the fall is the easier but we don't have that many gardens yet for touring.

Thanks again for a great time!

Yvette

SFIS, President

From Betty

The Nicholsons of Modesto had extended an invitation to have a simple regional, in their garden and possibly the de la Mottes' garden for picnics and judges' training. The majority of the folks in attendance at the general meeting voted to accept the Nicholsons' offer. We did keep options open for the Region 15 trek, in that we scheduled our regional the last weekend of April, so that those who want to attend the trek on their own will have no conflicting dates.

You are so incredible to even think of inviting the region's members back. I'm sure we'd take you up on it, if we hadn't arrived at a decision Sunday morning. We all enjoyed Joe's presentation so much. And those gardens! All were wonderful.



Betty Coyle



Last meeting of the Regional planning board

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Program

The program for June will be a showing of more photographs from the Regional. This is also the meeting for the plant exchange. Please bring plants and put them on the front lawn for the exchange.

Refreshments

Rosa Radicchi and Ann Pike are providing the treats for this month's meeting.



Workers lunch on Monday at Diane's

American Iris Society Region 14 Spring Regional Garden Awards

These awards are given for varieties or eligible seedlings blooming in the official guest gardens at the Spring Regional Convention. They need not be restricted to the guest iris planting.

KNOPF CUP Awarded to the best, numbered or named iris seedling of a Region 14 hybridizer; the seedling that is not introduced at the time of the meeting.

Winner	99-73K3	Joseph Ghio
First runner-up	90-8A	Robert Annand
Second runner-up	00-17-10	Karma Barnes
	STBRH01	Elena Laborde

COTILLION CUP Awarded to the best current (the year of Convention) iris introduction of a Region 14 hybridizer. It must be seen blooming in the clump, defined as three or more stalks in bloom at the same location.

Winner	<i>That's All Folks</i>	William Maryott
First runner-up	<i>Bubble Bubble</i>	Joseph Ghio
Second runner-up	<i>Drifting Bubbles</i>	Joseph Ghio

CLARA B. REES CUP Awarded to the best past iris introduction of a Region 14 hybridizer. It must be seen blooming in the clump, defined as three or more stalks in bloom at the same location.

Winner	<i>Original Art</i>	Joseph Ghio
First runner-up	<i>Elegant Girl</i>	Anna & David Cadd
	<i>Italian Ice</i>	Anna & David Cadd
	<i>Royal Storm</i>	Rick Tasco
	<i>Solar Fire</i>	Rick Tasco
Second runner-up	<i>Designer Label</i>	Joseph Ghio
	<i>Devonshire Cream</i>	George Sutton
	<i>Golden Panther</i>	Rick Tasco
	<i>Starring</i>	Joseph Ghio

JIM GIBSON CUP Awarded to the best Plicata or visual Plicata iris. It can be awarded to either a numbered seedling or a named variety. If named, the iris must be introduced within the last five years, including the current year.

Winner	<i>Celestial Explosion</i>	Rick Tasco
First runner-up	<i>Broadband</i>	Rick Tasco
Second runner-up	<i>Free Ride</i>	Larry Lauer



MELROSE CUP Awarded to the best beardless iris; seedling or named variety. No age restriction for this Cup.

Winner	<i>Ginny's Choice</i>	Pete Rudkin
First runner-up	RT-02	Elena Laborde
Second runner-up	<i>Giuseppe</i>	Charles Jenkin

OUT OF REGION AWARD Awarded to the best iris from the hybridizer outside of the Region 14. It can be a numbered seedling or a named variety. If named, must be introduced within the last five years, including the current year.

Winner	<i>Spouting Horn</i>	Larry Johnson
First runner-up	<i>Sambuca</i>	Larry Johnson
Second runner-up	<i>Slovak Prince</i>	Anton Mego



Iris at Maison du Lac

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DOOR PRIZES

- 1 **CHRISTMAS ICE**, Schick 04, Laced white w/rd beard
- 2 **INDIAN SUNRISE**, Lauer 04, S. pink; F. violet; orange beard
- 3 **LIGHT MY PATH**, Ragle 04, S. rose; F. pink, red beards
- 4 **STROKE OF LUCK**, Lauer 04, S. pink; F. apricot; red beards
- 5 **BORN TO SHINE**, Stahly 04, Bright orange; red beards
- 6 **I HEAR MUSIC**, Stahly 04, S. peach, F. pink IB
- 7 **SPEECHLESS**, Meek 04, Cerise purple self beards
- 8 **AWESTRUCK**, Meek 04, S. white; F red violet, white in center
- 9 **CELESTIAL EXPLOSION**, Tasco 04, White ground violet dots over all
- 10 **MADE OF MAGIC**, Schreiner's 04, S. violet; F. plum purple
- 11 **MEXICAN HOLIDAY**, Schreiner's 04, S. bronze gold; F. rich maroon
- 12 **PREPOSITION**, Christopherson 04, Lavender luminata BB
- 13 **HOPTOIT**, White, violet wash on F.; violet spoons
- 14 **OKAPI POPPY**, Krdprtrk 04, S. lavender pink; F poppy pink
- 15 **BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP**, Kerr 04, S. pink; F. violet, red beard
- 16 **BLOODLINE**, Kerr 04, rosy garnet self
- 17 **SYNERGY**, Keppel 04, Gold ground fancy plicata w/violet dotting; IB
- 18 **BEWITCHMENT**, Ghio 04, Deep pink S.; F. lighter pink; tall
- 19 **NEW DAY DAWNING**, Ghio 04, Gold brown lines & speckles in F.
- 20 **TIME ZONE**, Ghio 04, Blue; large white zonal in F.
- 21 **HOSE SPRINKLER**, Bicolor with Silver tips and moving parts

This is the last drawing of the season; pickup your winnings at the July picnic.

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