



The Newsletter of

# The Santa Rosa Iris Society

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Betty Ford

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MARCH 2015

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MONDAY MARCH 9, 7:30 PM  
ALICE KEMPER – “GROWING  
LOUISIANAS”



For our March program, SRIS member Alice Kemper will give a PowerPoint presentation “Growing Louisianas”, created by Louisiana iris expert and

hybridizer Ron Killingsworth for the American Iris Society. Photos will include these irises in their native habitat.

Alice always liked irises but thought they were shade plants, so she didn't grow them because her garden was mostly sunny. In the late 1980's a neighbor loaned her a copy of Cooley's Iris catalog and she learned that irises prefer sun. So Alice attended a SRIS sale at Coddington Mall in Santa Rosa, bought some irises; and the Society took her name and address off her check and invited Alice to a meeting. Alice joined SRIS in fall, 1989. In fact, Alice was planting irises in her yard when the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake hit. Alice has focused her attention on beardless irises, because she likes to grow irises in pots. Beardless are particularly suited to pot culture.

Come to the March 9 meeting and glean tips on growing Louisianas.

Pictured above, from the iris wiki, is 'Margaret Lee' (John C. Taylor 1991/92), the first Louisiana iris Alice fell in love with. It was on the cover of Cottage Gardens' catalog, and Jim McWhirter sold this from Wilton, California after the garden moved from Sebastopol. Hybridized in Australia, 'Margaret Lee' is 48" tall; standards are magenta pink; falls deeper; reverses buff; and is heavily ruffled.

**Board Members:** we'll have a Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9. All members and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**G**ardening Tips for March - based on the March, 2009 Newsletter  
Anna Cadd

1. This is the time for magical pre-spring moments. Peaceful and quiet, March, with rain finally arriving, offers us the opportunity to choose between passive winter laziness and spring anxiety and readiness for change. Passing by, we pull the occasional weed, even if we are not ready yet for weeding. We plan in our mind where to plant nasturtiums and sweet peas, and how to reduce

the size of the lawn without really wanting to do that. And when a huge, orange, full moon hangs low above the blooming plum tree, our heart pounds and we are ready to sit in a lounge chair the whole night, wrapped tightly in a blanket.

2. Several years ago I put four or five pots of spurge - *Euphorbia characias* ssp. *wulfenii* around our stump. This is the plant which somehow repels gophers. This plant planted itself through holes in the pots into the ground, spread some seeds, and now is naturalized. It is tough and splendid in spring glory and brightens the garden for Saint Patrick's Day producing clusters of lime-green flowers. It can grow to three feet tall. It is a cousin of poinsettia and also has a milky sap, which can be irritating. It needs little water, no fertilizer and provides us with color in early spring.
3. Ornamental kale and cabbage are plants, which add to the beauty of the garden and can be eaten. They taste great. They have frilly leaves – greenish outer leaves and contrasting centers. Kales have red or white centers, while fringed leafed cabbages have larger centers of white, red, purple or pink. Rosettes can be 15" across. Plant in masses or single in pots. The best colors develop where there is at least six hours of sun each day, and they tolerate frost. They like rich, well drained soil and even moisture.
4. Start your summer kitchen garden from seeds. The flavorful choices increase every year, including a lot of heirloom varieties.
5. Are your roses pruned yet? Ours are not, and they are blooming already. Pruning increases the size of roses, opens the bushes to air flow, and prevents diseases. I am praying for a miracle to happen in our garden, but in reality garden fairies who prune roses do not exist.
6. Gladiolus bulbs are ready to be planted in two week intervals. Late planting is useless in California, as heat will prevent them from good bloom.
7. Now is the time to cut back perennial flowers and grasses. Cut them to the new growth and after this task fertilizing will help also.
8. Prevent spurge, crabgrass and other broadleaf weeds in lawns with Crab & Spurge Preventer, made by Monterey; unless, of course, you have only spurge, crabgrass and other broadleaf weeds, like in our lawn.
9. Weed and fertilize your irises. But I think that you know everything about that already.

## From the President's Desk

With unseasonably high temperatures and little rain since December, spring is nearly upon us! This week I spoke with Bill Tyson, registrar of the 2015 Spring Regional near Yosemite. He estimated that iris season is 3-4 weeks early this year. That's, alternatively, welcome and scary. Welcome because we're eager for our irises to bloom, scary because iris events are timed for the average year. Our show, and that of five other Region 14 iris societies, is April 25-26. Do sign up to help Chairman Jeff Davis at the show and bring all the specimens you can.

In addition to the Spring Regional April 17-19 (registration info in this issue), many of us will attend the 2015 AIS Convention "Iris in Wonderland" in Portland May 18-23. The Convention hotel is full, but alternative Oxford Suites Portland – Jantzen Beach is just 1 1/2 blocks away and the convention itself is still accepting registrations. Get information at <http://ais2015portlandconvention.com>. We hope the TBs will still be in bloom. You might want to hedge your bet and register for the Siberian/Species convention, also in Portland, immediately following the AIS convention.

With seasonal work in the garden increasing, I encourage us all to stop occasionally and "smell the irises". My 'Bonus Mama', a white TB (Hager, 1990) and a gift from Vivian Estrada, began this cycle of rebloom January 29 and is still going strong. And 'Wine Time', a rich red-purple (Messick, 1998) has three open blooms. Both have delightful "iris fragrance".

See you March 9 when Alice Kemper will speak on Louisianas. Alice taught me most everything I know about growing Louisianas. *Alleah Haley*

## This Month

**Monday, March 9** – Alice Kemper, Louisianas.

## 2015 Iris Events and Important Dates

**Monday April 13** – Jim Begley, Ross BeVier, and Jeff Davis, Preparing Your Irises for the Show. Members will hold a mini-show.

**Friday–Sunday, April 17-19** – Region 14 Spring Meeting “Spring Fling in the Pines”, The Pines Resort & Conference Center, 54432 N. Shore Rd., Bass Lake, California (Yosemite area). Busses to three gardens.

**Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26** (open 1-5 Sat., 10-5 Sun.) – SRIS Iris Show/ Potted Iris Sale, LBAGC.

**Monday May 11** – Nancy Fortner, "A Second Look at Fuchsias".

**Monday – Saturday, May 18-23, 2015** – AIS National Convention, Portland, Oregon. Convention Hotel: Red Lion on the River, Portland. Six gardens include Aitken's, Schreiner's, Mid-America, & Chad Harris. Info at: <http://www.ais2015portlandconvention.com>.

**Monday June 8** – Joe Lawrence and Rudy Ciuca, Wine and Olives.

**Monday July 13** – Marlene Horn, Club Irises available at the August Picnic/Auction.

**Late July** – Digging door prize and auction irises. Exact date, time, and location TBA.

**Sunday, August 2 (note revised date)** - Potluck Picnic, Iris Auction and Raffle, C&L Vineyard, Sonoma. Set up 10 a.m., eat at noon.

**Monday, August 10** – Chad Harris from Washougal, Washington. Topic TBA.

**Saturday, September 5** – Rhizome sale, LBAGC.

**Monday, September 7** – No meeting/ p.m. set up at Heirloom Expo.

**Tuesday thru Thursday, September 8-10** – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Heirloom Expo, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds. SRIS will have a booth.

**Monday, October 12** – TBA

**Saturday, November 7** – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Costume Party, LBAGC.



**2015 Board Meetings** - Board Members and Officers, please mark your calendars:

Monday, March 9, 6:30 PM

Monday, May 11, 6:30 PM

Monday, July 13, 6:30 PM

Monday, September 14, 6:30 PM

Monday, November 9, 6:30 PM

Monday, December 14, 6:30 PM

## Other Events of Garden Interest

**March 18-22, 2015** – San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, San Mateo Event Center. [www.sfgardenshow.com](http://www.sfgardenshow.com). AIS Region 14 will have a booth; volunteer to Carolyn Craft (408-266-0945; [theladygardens@aol.com](mailto:theladygardens@aol.com)) for free admission.

**Note Corrected Dates: March 28 and 29** – Sonoma County Orchid Society Show “Orchids in Spring”, Veteran's Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa (across from the Fairgrounds). Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; admission \$8.00.

**Santa Rosa Garden Club** will hold a book signing fundraiser for scholarships in horticulture at SRJC - **Thursday, March 19, 2-4 p. m. at LBAGC:** Floral Design by Jill Rizzo and Alethea Harampolis of Studio Choo, San Francisco. *The Flower Recipe Book* and *The Wreath Recipe Book* will be sold at \$25 each and arrangements they create will be auctioned. Tickets for the event are \$25: mail check payable to SR Garden Club to Santa Rosa Garden Club, PO Box 251, Cotati, CA 94931. Include your name and contact info. Call Linda Simonds at 707-537-6885 or email [gardenclubevents@yahoo.com](mailto:gardenclubevents@yahoo.com).

**Master Gardener Workshops – Food Gardening in a Drought Year** including drought tolerant crops and varieties, all from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. on:

**Sunday, March 29** – Harvest for the Hungry Garden, 1717 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.

**Sunday, April 5** – Sierra Youth Center Garden, 635 Eliza Way, Santa Rosa (off Pythian Road).

**Sunday, April 12** – Stony Point Community Garden, 2150 Giffen Ave., Santa Rosa (off Stony Point Road, 1 mile south of Highway 12).

## Plant Sales

courtesy of Kay Ashbrook, LBAGC Board

**Wednesdays March 11, April 8, and Sunday May 3, all 10-2** – SRJC Lark Hall greenhouse (same bldg. as planetarium). Bring donations of warm clothes in Feb. and canned food in March.

**Saturdays, 9-2 rain or shine, March 7 & 28, April 18, May 9 & 10, June 20** - Willowside School, 5299 Hall and Willowside Rds, west Santa Rosa. 100's at \$3/gal.; 15 vars Japanese Maples 3-6' tall \$25-35.

**Occidental Arts & Ecology Center, 15290 Coleman Valley Rd., Occidental, 874-1557** – three plant sales, **all Saturday & Sunday, 9-5**: Spring – **April 4 & 5 and April 11 & 12**, Summer – **April 25 & 26 and May 2 & 3**, Fall/Winter – **August 15 & 16 and 22 & 23**. Tours all plant sale Sundays at 1 pm. Perennial nursery open weekends May 16– June 28 and Sept. 5 – Nov. 1.

**Friday, April 10, 9-9, & Saturday April 11, 9-3** – Men's Garden Club, Coddington Mall. 50 varieties of tomatoes, 500 geraniums, succulents & other plants.

**Saturdays, 9-noon, April 11 & May 9** – Sonoma Co. Jail Plant Nursery, 2254 Ordinance Rd., Santa Rosa. Checks or cash only. Veggie starts, Calif. natives, annuals, perennials, shrubs, fruit & ornamental trees. Master Gardeners will help you. Info & plant list @ [www.scoe.org/jailindustries](http://www.scoe.org/jailindustries), call 707-525-8310, or email jailind@mcn.org.

**Saturday, April 18, 10-3** – Santa Rosa Garden Club, LBAGC. Drought tolerant plants incl. succulents & perennials, indoor garage sale of garden-related items.

**Sunday, April 19, 10-2** - Windsor Garden Club, Windsor Town Green, McClellan & Market St. Ornamental containers, succulents containers, veggie starts & garden crafts.

**Friday April 24 & Saturday, April 25, 9-4** – Graton Community Club, corner Graton Rd. & Edison St., downtown Graton. Organic heirloom tomatoes, perennials, succulents, cactus, garden art.

**Saturday, April 25, 9-2** – Green Thumb Garden Club, Cloverdale, corner Cloverdale Blvd. & First St. Veggie starts, succulents, outdoor & house plants, garden-related white elephants.

**Saturday, April 25, 9-2** – Harvest for the Hungry Garden, 1717 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa (behind Christ Church United Methodist). 1000's of organic veggie starts, herbs, >100 kinds of heirloom tomatoes, annuals & perennials. See [www.harvestgarden.org](http://www.harvestgarden.org).

**Saturday, May 2, 9-2** – Healdsburg Garden Club, Healdsburg Senior Living Community, 725 Grove St. Perennials, shrubs, veggie starts, and hobby extras. Call 707-433-4877 for info.

**Saturday, May 2, 1-3:30** – Redwood Empire Rose Society Show & Sale, LBAGC. Rose bushes including new grandiflora 'Anna's Promise'.

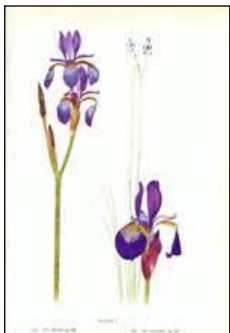
**Saturday, October 10, 9-1** – Milo Baker Chapter, Calif. Native Plant Society, Vet's Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple, Ave., Santa Rosa. Native shrubs, perennials, bulbs, seeds, books & posters.

**Sunday, October 25, 10-2** - Windsor Garden Club, Windsor Town Green, McClellan & Market St. Succulent topped pumpkins and fall color pots.



## Botanical Art in the Iris Encyclopedia

submitted by Anna Cadd



A new section in the Iris Encyclopedia is Botanical Art with depictions of irises. When you open the iris wiki (<http://wiki.irises.org>), on the left hand side of the first page there is a list of types of irises. Just below that is Index to General Iris Topics. Click on that. Up comes an alphabetical list of what appears to be hundreds of links to topics of interest to irisarians. Click on Botanical Art. It has Classical, Primitive, and Contemporary Botanical Art Galleries - from 1597 to the present.

Before cameras, there was botanical art. Early herbals were noted for their woodcuts. Later etchings and lithographs created more detailed prints. At their best, botanical representations often were better for identification than photos. The artist had the control to make sure key characters were displayed. We may look at some of the early

woodcuts and wonder how people identified plants based upon the stylized representations; but when botanical art reached its prime, plants were depicted extremely accurately. This was no small task since artists were often presented with flowers that were about to wilt or worse had been pressed between sheets of paper. But for the most part the images they created would make it easy to identify the plant.

Within each Gallery in Botanical Art, you can see all of the plates (pictures) in that source. Left click on the link to the plate of interest and you will see a larger image of that plate. For example, in the Gallery of Dykes' monograph *The Genus Iris*, left clicking on the first link, *Iris Sibirica* will show a large version of the image shown on bottom left.

Botanical Art is part of the Library of Iris Literature in the Iris Encyclopedia. It aims to bring together all the iris literature, articles, catalogs, and books.

Anna Cadd has made a PowerPoint presentation covering irises in the past 5000 years of human activities. It is unbelievable how many artistic visions our beloved flower has inspired. Maybe she can show us this PowerPoint some time.

## 2015 Dean Linscott Award Presented

This year's Santa Rosa Iris Society Dean Linscott Achievement Award was presented at the February 9 meeting to new SRIS President Alleah Haley. Alleah joined SRIS in April 2000. Her contributions to the society include acting as newsletter editor since July 2004, working at iris shows and sales and at work parties in the display garden, and growing potted irises for sale.

Alleah is a lifelong irisarian, daughter of former Region 23 (New Mexico) RVP Gertie May Barnes, and became an AIS-accredited judge at age 21. She is a past member of Sydney B. Mitchell and Mt. Diablo Iris Societies in the East Bay, was editor of the Region 14 Bulletin from 1980-1982, and for three years before that grew irises in Wisconsin.

Alleah joins Dean Linscott (2004), Jim Begley (2010), Bob and Juanita Breckwoldt (2011), David and Anna Cadd (2012), and Betty Ford (2014) as a recipient of the Award.

The Dean Linscott Award is named for Dr. William "Dean" Linscott, who from 1964 through approximately 1999 taught immunology and conducted research at the UC Medical School in San Francisco. In retirement, he was a member of the Santa Rosa Iris Society for five years. Dean organized and spearheaded the iris test garden at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, where he conducted careful research on soil amendments to find the best for growing irises. Dean and his wife Anita Engberg, an artist, were consummate gardeners – their home garden on Grange Road in Santa Rosa was wonderful, with the irises grown to perfection. Dean and Anita landscaped the grounds at the LBAGC and the pair served as its volunteer gardeners. Dean Linscott died in Santa Rosa on March 24, 2004 of cancer. He was 73.

## SRIS Gift Basket Donation for 2015 Spring Regional

Anna Cadd

As you are probably aware, most of the Clubs in Region 14 donate gift baskets, which are raffled off during Spring and Fall Regional Conventions, and the proceeds go to the Region. The baskets are usually over \$100.00 in value. We in SRIS donate iris and garden-related items, but also special things like regional specialties, homemade goods, books etc. In the past I was in charge of collecting "the stuff" and packing the basket to the event. I will be happy to do it again this year. I already have several nice items. We would like be a little humorous about this donation, so I plan to theme the basket "Everything for a Teddy Bear". It will be cute and funny and it will have a lot "bear-iris" items in it. Irisarians really like the baskets and put a lot of money into the raffles. Last fall, one lady won three baskets herself – talk about luck! She almost danced on the table from happiness!

If you have items to donate for the SRIS Spring Regional Gift Basket, please bring them to the March meeting. I would like to have all items early, as we are going on a short vacation in March and then there is always a lot to do in April. No matter what it is, I will make it work for Teddy; and this may well be the basket that everyone covets at the Regional.

February through October of each year meetings of the Santa Rosa Iris Society are held on the second Monday of each month at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, California. The Program starts at 7:30 p.m. and the business meeting follows after the break. Come early and visit. The doors open about 6:30 p.m. for set up and coffee making. *The deadline for all submissions for the April 2015 issue of this Newsletter is March 20, 2015. E-mail copy to:*

[alleah.haley@gmail.com](mailto:alleah.haley@gmail.com).



## Keeping In Touch

David Cadd was hospitalized at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Rosa on Monday, March 2; he immediately received saline IV and two units of blood. He tripped and fell in the garden on February 24, injuring ribs, ankle and knee. He downplayed the pain. He went to the doctor on Friday, February 27, but again was ignoring the pain. His legs swelled and his cellulitis returned – complications of congestive heart failure and Type 2 diabetes. By Monday David was very anemic with low red cell count and hemoglobin level. He was lethargic with blood pressure 70/48. The hospital took x-rays on March 3 but found no broken bones. Doctors have adjusted his medications. As of March 3 he was feeling better, his blood pressure was improved, but he had no projected release date.

The Cadds welcome cards and/or emails:

David and Anna Cadd  
329 North St.  
Healdsburg, CA 95448  
707-433-8633  
[caddsiris@comcast.net](mailto:caddsiris@comcast.net)

## Happy Birthday March Babies

Michael Howard 3/3

Lynn Williams 3/31

## March Wedding Anniversary

Debbie and Art Hertz 3/26



## Notice: Changes to Roster

Please note the following changes of address:

**Richard S. Shore, MD**  
1 Blithedale Terrace  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

**Patricia Franz**  
PO Box 1132  
Cloverdale, CA 95425

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Kay Ashbrook**, Corresponding Secretary of the LBAGC Board; **Juanita Breckwoldt**, **Anna Cadd**; **Jeff Davis**; **Betty Ford**; **Anna Marie Hermansen**; **Joe Lawrence**; **Mikey Lango** of Clara B. Rees IS, and **Shirley Trio**.

### Join the American Iris Society

Four published Bulletins each year are a great incentive to join AIS. The Bulletins contain wonderful iris cultural information and beautiful pictures. It has an International News section which keeps one informed on world-wide iris activities. The Iris Sections and Cooperating Societies (such as the Median Iris Society), with separate, additional dues provide up-to-date focus on specialty types of irises. The AIS Storefront is a source of iris publications, such as the annual Registrations and Introductions booklets, 10-year Iris Checklists, *The World of Irises* (the 1978 "Iris Bible"), iris calendars, notecards and postcards.

To join the American Iris Society write check to AIS:

SINGLE \$25.00/ Year or \$60.00 for 3 Years \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_  
DUAL \$30.00/ Year or \$75.00 for 3 Years \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE \$1500 \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to:

Tom Gormley, AIS Membership Secretary  
PO Box 177  
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130  
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Become an American Iris Society Emember

AIS Emembership is separate from the normal AIS membership. Emembers do not receive printed copies of the AIS Bulletins. Instead, they have access to online AIS Bulletins using an easy to use viewer. Emembers also have access to online viewing of The Basic Iris Culture Booklet and access to irisregister.com, the online database of iris registrations and introductions. Additional services may be available in the future.

Emembers have ready computer access to:

- Iris Register Database, the online database of iris registrations and introductions, maintained by the American Iris Society. The AIS is recognized and acknowledged as the official world registry of iris cultivars (except for bulbous iris).
- AIS Bulletin Library. At present the library contains AIS Bulletin issues from the years 1920 to 2009 inclusive.
- The AIS Basic Culture booklet, published by the American Iris Society, Third Edition 2011, 48 pages total.
- Recent AIS Bulletins. Emembers can view recent quarterly AIS Bulletins, January 2010 to the current issue, online.

You may purchase an AIS Emembership through the AIS Membership information area of the website [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org) for \$15 per year.

## The Future of Irises

Anna Cadd

On February 27, 2015, Leonard Nimoy passed away. We old folks know him as the character "Spock", a highly logical alien - half human, half Vulcan - from the original 1960 TV series *Star Trek*. This reminds me of our fascination with "the cosmos" and cosmic stuff, the stars, sun and moon, not to mention "space age" irises. So I checked the Wiki Encyclopedia and there are, seemingly, hundreds of irises named after cosmic and planetary stuff, with the most famous probably "Starship Enterprise" (TB, Schreiner, 1999). Spock was also spotted on this Starship. In 2011 Chuck Chapman from Canada introduced an SDB iris named 'Spock'. I remember that this iris was among our club door prizes, so some of us probably grow it. It is a beautiful mustardy yellow with lavender wash on standards and falls iris, very mysterious looking:



Spock SDB (Chapman, 2011)

And how strange that Leonard Nimoy's final public statement, on his last Sunday on Twitter, was thoughtful and bittersweet. "A life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory" - he wrote, followed by his customary "LLAP" signoff - shorthand for "Live long and prosper", Spock's catch phrase.

See you one day between the stars, Mr. Spock and maybe in our gardens as 'Spock' ....



Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.  
Dwight D. Eisenhower

### **Minutes for Santa Rosa Iris Society Meeting, February 9, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Alleah Haley.

Kitty Loberg was introduced and gave a slide program presentation preview to the 2015 National Convention in Portland. Gardens included Keith Keppel, Mid America and Shreiners. Alleah presented Anna Marie with a thank you gift for her successful years as president.

Minutes were approved for January. Treasurer's Report for period of December 8, 2014 – February 8, 2015. Motion for approval, second and voted.

Old Business: Thanks were given for all participating in the 40th Anniversary lunch. Jeanne Plank reported that Chad Harris will speak at the August meeting. Details involving his travel expenses will be determined. Treasurer Joe Lawrence laid out budget for the 2015 year. Budget motioned, seconded and voted for approval. Audit was delayed for a future meeting. LBAGC board has approved electric usage for irrigation controller. Committee of Jim Begley, Jean Sharp and Jeff Davis will design the garden irrigation system.

**New Business:** David Cadd presented the Dean Linscott Award for outstanding SRIS member to Alleah Haley. Progress report for the Spring Show: Show name of "Irises on Safari." There is a shortage of judges. Marlene Horn reported on new magnetic member badges.



**Announcements:** Anna Marie has purchased 200 1 gallon pots for members to plant up potted iris. Alleah has sent a thank you card for Lea Wall's generous donation to Elaine Tucker. Rhizome sale has been set for September 5, 2015. Future events were announced. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Jeff Davis, Secretary

## Door Prizes for February

Rudy Ciuca

There was no drawing in February (we forgot the tickets and ran out of time). As the Newsletter goes to press, March door prizes have not been selected. Come to the March meeting and maybe you'll be "double lucky."

Please look over this list and familiarize yourself with the choices. All are TBs unless otherwise noted. When your name is chosen, please call out your name (not "me!"), which helps us keep track of the winners. We will try to pass out a list at the meeting so you can cross out selections as they are chosen. This should speed up the drawing.

**ARRO REECE** (Burseen, 2013) 37" M-L. S. yellow, lighter midribs; style arms orange, purple stigmas; F. amethyst, heavily washed and veined violet-blue, red brown washed edges, brown rims; beards yellow in throat, light blue in middle and ends; pronounced musky fragrance.

**AUTUMN EXPLOSION** (Tasco, 2013) **RE 33"** EM. S. white ground dotted red pansy-purple becoming solid at edges; F. cold-white ground dotted red pansy-purple dots becoming darker toward edges, speckling intensity can vary from flower to flower; beard hairs based white, tips golden-yellow in middle and throat, purple-white at end; sweet fragrance; lightly ruffled.

**BLONDIE'S BLUSH** (M. Sutton, 2013) 38" M-L. S. cream ground, midribs heavily flushed salmon pink, orange buff edge and style arms; F. white, orange buff 1/8" edge becomes salmon at center edge; beards tangerine; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**BLUE RAPTURE** (Kerr, 2013) 40" M. Medium blue self; beards yellow, orange tips; slight spicy fragrance.

**CARVED PUMPKIN** (G. Sutton, 2012) **IB 26"** E-M. S cadmium orange, slight pink flush up midribs; style arms orange; F. cadmium orange; beards tangerine; ruffled; slight spicy fragrance.

**CORE VALUES** (Ghio, 2013) 38" EML. S. bright gold; F. gold, mahogany blended edge; beards gold.

**DOUBLE CHOCOLATE** (J. Painter, 2014) 41" M. S. chocolate brown to red-brown; style arms golden brown; F. chocolate brown; beards gold.

**EARTHLY PLEASURES** (Van Liere, 2013) 32" E. Bronze self; beards big, bushy, golden yellow.

**GENTLE REMINDER** (Keppel, 2014) 42" M. S. pale yellow; style arms warm white, cream and pale lavender; F. light lavender-blue, light yellow in throat; beards light yellow, lavender at end.

**LEAVE THE LIGHT ON** (R. Probst, 2013) **IB 22"** EML. S. blue-purple with 1/16" gold edge; style arms bright yellow, vertical purple veining on style crest; F. blue-purple luminata pattern, bright yellow area with 1/4" white spear extending downward from beard; beards orange; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**MIDNIGHT RAIN** (Lauer, 2013) 32" E-M. S. aster-violet, white dotting throughout; style arms pansy; F. dark purple, large white center dotted with dark purple splashes 3/4 way down petal to a solid dark purple ending in a thin white rim; beards aster-violet; slight sweet fragrance.

**MY LADY'S MANOR** (Remare introduced by Keppel, 2013). 40" M. S blue white, deepening to pale blue in heart; style arms blue white; F. blue white, small hidden green tan touch on haft; beards white tipped yellow in throat, light blue tipped yellow in middle, light blue at ends.

**NO RESTRAINT** (Black, 2013) **IB 25"** E-M. S. light peach; style arms mid peach, mid violet stripes on crests; F. plush dark red-black, muted buff veins beside beards; beards big, dark orange-red; slight musky fragrance.

**POIGNANT** (G. Sutton, 2012) **SDB 12"** E-M. S. and style arms pink; F. rose pink, small white area at beards; beards lavender blue, hairs tipped white; slight sweet fragrance.

**VOW OF SILENCE** (Ghio, 2014) 35" L. S. pastel peach-pink; F. same, darker at edge; beards blue to pink at heart of bloom.

**IRIS NIGHT LIGHT**<sup>1</sup>

**IRIS PLATES, SET OF FOUR**<sup>1</sup>

**IRIS CUPS, SET OF TWO**<sup>1</sup>

**IRIS APRON**<sup>1</sup>

**ALASKA WILD IRIS PURSE MIRROR**<sup>2</sup>

**IRIS HAND PAINTED WINDOW ART**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> – donated by Juanita Breckwoldt

<sup>2</sup> – donated by Rudy Ciuca.

### **Seeking Miniature Dwarfs**

Alleah recently engaged in an email exchange with Charlie Carver of Orcas, Washington, prompted by his article "For Love of Irises" on pages 46-47 of the most recent *Irises*. He wrote, in part, "I would appreciate it if you would place a note in your newsletter that I am conducting a survey of the MDB [Miniature Dwarf Bearded] class to determine which varieties still exist. Many people who grow them don't belong to DIS [Dwarf Iris Society] and I want to extend the survey beyond DIS to get a greater field of reference and thus hopefully more conclusive data. With that data in hand I can then compile a comprehensive list of existing varieties and identify 'at risk' iris and get them into an MDB sanctuary I hope to establish. You are in Hager country and he was a major MDB breeder (51 introductions) and your area may have some that don't exist elsewhere. This data will become part of the National Databank, the creation of which is my first goal as Chair of AIS National Collections. Charlie" Carver (lefthandhorticulture@gmailcom).

**“A Walk in the Pines”  
2015 Spring Regional  
Schedule of Activities  
Friday, April 17, 2015**

4:00 - 9:00 PM Check In - Lobby - The Pines Resort, Bass Lake  
4:00 - 5:45 PM Iris show registration - Cedar Room A - Pines Resort  
6:00 - 7:00 PM Iris show judged - Cedar Room A – Pines Resort  
4:00 - 10:00PM Silent auction viewing - Lakeview Room - Pines Resort  
7:00 - 9:30 PM General welcome - General meeting - Lakeview Room - coffee & tea

**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

6:30 - 7:45 AM Breakfast available on your own at Ducey’s Restaurant, Pines Resort  
7:00 - 8:00 AM Registration - Lobby  
7:45 - 8:00 AM Load tour bus in front of Pines Resort lobby- Bus leaves 8:00 AM!  
8:45 - 11:10 AM Dan & Karen Cereghino’s Madera Knolls - Load bus @11:00 AM - Depart at 11:10  
11:40 - 1:20 PM Guy & Carolyn Hoover’s Creek Ranch -- arrive 11:40 Lunch - Load bus 1:20 PM  
Depart 1:35 PM  
1:50 - 3:45 PM Bill Tyson’s Hillside Iris - - Arrive 1:50 PM - Load bus @ 3:45 PM - Depart for hotel at  
4:00 PM Arrive at Bass Lake Pines Resort 4:30 PM  
5:00 - 6:30 PM No Host Bar - Lakeview Room  
6:30 - 7:30 PM Banquet dinner served - Lakeview Room  
7:30 - 9:00 PM Award winners announced and Guest Speaker - Lakeview Room  
9:00 - 9:30 PM Silent auction final bid opportunities and raffle closed  
9:30 - 10:00 PM Silent auction closed, payments received, items obtained

**Sunday, April 19, 2015**

6:30 - 9:00 AM Check out - Breakfast on your own - Ducey’s will be open  
10:00 AM -12:00 PM Judges' Training - Hoover Garden, 45812 Old Corral Rd., Coarsegold

**Host of Spring Regional: Yosemite Iris Society**

**Location: The Pines Resort and Conference Center, 54432 North Shore Rd, Bass Lake, CA**

**For Hotel Reservations contact: Diane Brown, Group Reservationist**

**Phone: 559-692-8844 ext 444 (Note corrected extension), or 559-642-3121 ask for group rates for Yosemite Iris Society**

**Room rates: \$109 - \$119, or higher for suites, plus 11% tax. Rate available until April 1, 2015.**

**Handicapped and Pet Friendly rooms available.**



**Registration  
Region 14 2015 Spring Regional**

**“A Walk in the Pines”**



**April 17, 18, 19, 2015**



Registrant 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Last name

Registrant 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Last name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Society Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Are you planning to bring Irises to the Show on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

\*Are you planning to attend the Judges' Training on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Full Registration fee Includes: Bus Transportation to 3 Guest Gardens, Lunch & Dinner Banquet w/ Speaker on Saturday & on Sunday - Garden Judges' Training Session 2 hours.

**Payment Options:**

Full Registration fees paid by: March 25, 2015 \$ 95 x person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration fees paid after: March 25, 2015 \$115 x person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions regarding Registration or fees contact Bill Tyson-YIS Registrar (559) 658-7987

Please make checks payable to: Yosemite Iris Society  
Mail to: Bill Tyson, 43315 Ranger Circle Dr., Coarsegold, CA 93614  
email: [billytyson@sti.net](mailto:billytyson@sti.net)

## DUES NOTICE

Your Newsletter mailing label gives the expiration date of your SRIS dues. If it reads "12/14", this will be your last Newsletter unless you renew. Please write a check payable to Santa Rosa Iris Society for \$15/person and mail it to membership secretary Betty Ford. If you get your Newsletter by email, you have no mailing label. If you are unsure whether your dues are current, contact Betty Ford (phone 707-xxx-xxx; [IrisBetty@aol.com](mailto:IrisBetty@aol.com)). To renew, use the form below.

**Members who joined at the September 2014 Rhizome Sale or Heirloom Expo, you only need to pay \$5 to renew.**

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN THE SANTA ROSA IRIS SOCIETY

Membership in the Santa Rosa Iris Society is on an annual basis from January through December. Renewals are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The current dues are:

Single Membership \$15.00 Dual Membership \$30.00

Please make your check payable to the **Santa Rosa Iris Society** and mail it with this form to the Membership Secretary:

BETTY FORD  
1383 EAST NAPA STREET  
SONOMA, CA 95476

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

e-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AMS MEMBER: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

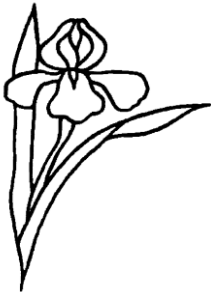
**Remember – if you first joined in September, 2014 and paid \$15, your 2015 dues are \$5.00.**

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I would like my Newsletter by email: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and Address Correction requested



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## **Meetings & Membership**

The Santa Rosa Iris Society meets the second Monday of each month February through October at 7:30 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California. In November instead of having a regular meeting, we have our annual holiday potluck dinner and dress up as an iris name costume party, held this year on Saturday, November 7.

Membership dues are \$15.00 per year. Send payment to: Santa Rosa Iris Society c/o Betty Ford, 1383 E. Napa St., Sonoma, CA 95476. Membership offers regular meetings, iris door prizes, special programs, use of our library, a monthly newsletter, annual iris show and rhizome sale, and fellowship with other iris lovers. For more information call David Cadd 433-8633.

**April Newsletter Deadline – March 20<sup>th</sup>**