

The Newsletter of

# The Santa Rosa Iris Society

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 7:00 PM

RUDY CIUCA & JOE LAWRENCE,  
INTRODUCTION TO WINE TASTING

For our October meeting SRIS members Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence will present their highly anticipated program on WINE, something they know a lot about! They started their eight-acre commercial C & L Vineyard in Sonoma in 1979. Rudy will make a short presentation on pairing wine and food and Joe will talk briefly about growing grapes.

## Gardening Tips for October

Based on Tips for October 2011 by Anna Cadd

1. With the potential for torrential rain during an upcoming El Niño winter, it's time to get prepared. Clean your gutters and finish fall garden cleanup, hopefully earlier than later. With rain, weeds will sprout in 2-3 days; so go out and weed as quickly as your tired muscles allow! We need the new generation to get excited about weeding, not just about the stupid intergalactic wars on computers, ah, i-pods. After weeding, apply a pre-emergent weed killer to save from working yourself silly later.
2. Of course you have planted your bearded irises already; but if not, don't panic! Just drink a glass of wine and plant the babies. They will still grow well and bloom in the spring, just in time for the SRIS Show.
3. Time for harvesting fruits and vegetables! Canning is the old, proven method for preserving "the love fruit of our labor", but I have started to chop tomatoes and freeze 2 cups of pulp in freezer bags. They taste like fresh in soup during the winter months. Homemade ice cream with peaches is tasty also.
4. It is time to think about planting beardless irises. There is a lot of information on the AIS website ([www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)) and on webpages devoted to each particular group of irises. It is fun to surf the net and look and learn. It is amazing, how much knowledge is there.
5. Now's the time to plant spring flowering bulbs. Costco has bags of various bulbs for \$10 – \$13 each, and the big box hardware stores have huge bags of King Alfreds for \$20 - \$25 each. Or go to [www.bloominbucks.com](http://www.bloominbucks.com) and place an on-line order with Brent and Becky's Bulbs to get great bulbs while making a donation to AIS.
6. Divide perennial bedding plants now. It saves \$ vs. buying new

plants and will increase the beauty of your garden next year. And be sure to sow wildflower seed!

## From the President's Desk

Our society generally donates a "gift basket" that is raffled at Region meetings to raise funds for Region 14, so please bring your donations to our October 12 meeting. I'll put the basket together and take it to the Fall Regional to be held in Visalia October 16 and 17.

Start thinking of a favorite dish to prepare and a costume for our annual "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" potluck party at the Center on the evening of Friday November 6.

As my year as president of the Santa Rosa Iris Society winds down, I look back fondly at how much we as a group did this year. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon in January was a huge success. Then our spring show and potted iris sale in late April, our picnic-auction at the C & L Vineyard in early August, our hosting of Chad Harris from Washington state who spoke on use of different irises throughout the garden at our August meeting, followed by our rhizome sale at the Center in early September immediately followed by our double-wide booth rhizome sale at the Heirloom Expo at the Fairgrounds. Fitted into all of this was major work in the display garden including installation of a new drip system.

These many activities didn't just happen. It took work, tons of work, by almost all of our members. You grew irises; dug, trimmed, labelled, and hauled them. You cut fresh blooms, hauled, and primped them for show. You made arrangements and staged them. You loaded, hauled, unloaded, and sorted potted irises. You cooked; attended meetings – often driving long distances to do so; carried tables and chairs, props, and food. You weeded during heat and crawled in the dirt, planted irises, moved soil, rototilled, amended, and applied weed killer. And you spent your money and donated to us. And not once did I hear a soul complain.

Thank you **all** for your friendship and dedication to our Society and for all your hard work. I'm not going to name names for fear I might leave someone out – but take a moment to bask in quiet praise and **know** that your dedication and service to the Santa Rosa Iris Society is truly appreciated and makes us an amazing organization. And besides all this work, we actually had FUN!

*Alleah Haley*

## This Month

**Monday, October 12** – Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence, Introduction to Wine Tasting.

## 2015 Iris Events and Important Dates

**Friday and Saturday, October 16 & 17** – AIS Region 14 Fall Meeting & Reblooming Iris Show, Wyndham Hotel, Visalia. Guest Speaker Chuck Bunnell, hybridizer of MTB 2014 Dykes Medal winner 'Dividing Line'.

**Friday, November 6 (note revised date)** – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Costume Party, LBAGC. Set up starts at 4 pm; we'll eat around 5:30 pm.

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

Monday, November 9, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 14, 6:00 PM

## Plant Sales & Related Events

**October 9 & 10, 9-4** – Graton Community Club Fall Flower Show, 8996 Graton Rd., Graton; free. Sale of plants (succulents, cacti, natives and drought-tolerant plants), garden art, crafts, collectibles. Info at [www.gratonclub.org](http://www.gratonclub.org).

**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.

**Saturday October 10, 9-2** – Willowside School Fall Plant Sale, 5299 Hall at Willowside Rds, Santa

Rosa. Perennials, grasses, Trident and Japanese maples, deodar cedars, succulents, Chinese quince, and elms. For info call 569-4724.

**October 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>, 10-5** – Russian Tea & Fragrance Festival, Russian River Rose Co., 1685 Magnolia Dr., Healdsburg. Music, tea leaf readings, and roses at the peak of autumn bloom; \$5 donation. 2015 “Rose Embrace” rose oil perfume, potted roses & other perennials. Info at 707-433-7455 or [www.russian-river-rose.com](http://www.russian-river-rose.com).

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

**Through November 1, 10-5** - Perennials Weekends - nursery open at Occidental Arts & Ecology Center, 15290 Coleman Valley Rd., Occidental. For info call 874-1557 ext. 101 or go to [www.oaec.org](http://www.oaec.org).

### *In Memoriam*

On September 4, 2015 David Cadd passed away from multiple organ failure after a long illness with wife Anna and sister Pam by his side. Anna, other family members, and hospice volunteers had cared for him at his home, which his maternal grandparents built, in Healdsburg. David was 70.



One of six children, David Arthur Cadd was born in Santa Rosa on May 6, 1945 to Peggy (Nellie Myrtle) Beeman Cadd and David Emmett Cadd. The family moved to Healdsburg in 1958, and David graduated from Healdsburg High School in 1964. He immediately joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed on various ships during Vietnam. He was head printer aboard the helicopter landing pad *USS Princeton*, where he printed and edited the famous naval *Bullhorn Bulletin*. After discharge, David returned to Healdsburg and worked as a printer in a number of area print shops. A member of American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 for 47 years, he held various positions including Post Commander for one term.

David Cadd was a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation iris fancier, having acquired his passion for irises from his grandmother Helen Beeman and his uncle Lafayette, or Faye as he was called. Helen and Faye started Beehive Iris Garden (later Beeman's Iris Garden) at the family property on North Street in Healdsburg in 1945. David joined the Santa Rosa Iris Society (SRIS), founded by his mother Peggy Cadd and uncle Faye, in 1986 and was a member ever since (29 years).

In 1990 David married Aniela (Anna) Ludwizak, a Polish botanist; and together they gardened and began hybridizing irises. They established Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden at their home, with a separate production field; and their collection of irises grew to about 3,000 varieties. Between 2000 and 2011 they introduced 97 new iris hybrids in five classes of bearded irises from SDB 'Fairy Berry' to TB (49), one of the latest being 'Lady in Purple'. In recent years they specialized in spuria iris breeding, introducing 28 varieties and winning the top award for spurias, the Eric Nies Medal for 'Speeding Star' in 2011 & 'Golden Ducat' in 2014.

David was a member of the American Iris Society (AIS), several of its sections, and of the Russian, Middle European, and British Iris Societies. He was an AIS Master Garden judge and judged innumerable iris shows and taught many judges training sessions. With Anna he was International News editor of *Irises*, the magazine of AIS.

Together David and Anna received many awards for exhibiting irises and the hybrids they developed – the Silver Medal for most blue ribbons at the SRIS show 14 years in a row, 33 Honorable Mention Awards from AIS, nine Awards of Merit from AIS, the William Mohr Medal for best arilbred for 'Hakuna Matata' in 2007, the J. Arthur Nelson Award for most best of show awards in 2012 for 'Italian Ice', the John C. Wister Medal for top three Award of Merit vote getters among tall bearded irises by AIS judges in 2009 for 'Italian Ice', the Dean Linscott Achievement Award for contributions to SRIS, and the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award from AIS Region 14. All together David and Anna's irises won 15 trophies and awards in international iris competitions in Italy; Germany, France, Russia; Poland,

Slovakia, and the Czech Republic, including the highly coveted Premio Firenze in Florence, Italy in 2004 for TB 'Frosted Fantasy'.

David loved to travel and was a roving ambassador for irises. He was known as the "Iris Man" around the world, telling anyone who would listen about how to plant and grow irises, how to hybridize and exhibit them, about different kinds of irises and their cultural needs, and about his irises and the awards they had received. David was "one of a kind", a good man and an excellent friend who will be sorely missed. He was preceded in death by one brother, one sister, and a son Steven Cadd. He is survived by his wife of 25 years Anna, two sisters, one brother, son Willow Cadd of Ventura, California, six grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for David was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Healdsburg on September 12, 2015. American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 presented flags and performed a 21 gun salute.

*Photo: David with his most awarded iris 'Italian Ice' (TB, 2001).*

## Introducing Spuria *Iris lactea* Pallas

Anna Cadd



If you have looked closely in the species bed in the SRIS Display Garden, you have noticed a grassy looking clump of irises with beautiful, light blue flowers. It is the spuria species iris, named *Iris lactea*. I believe that our clump is *Iris lactea* Pallas, the earliest of which was recorded in Asia about 1771.  
Photo by Don McQueen

From the Iris Wiki: *Iris lactea* **Pallas** (Peter Simon Pallas, 1776, Asia); 2 1/2-16" (6-40 cm); Blue, bluish-violet, purple or white. Presently the earlier name, *Iris lactea* Pallas is the name preferred in this manual and should create little confusion. R. Pries *Iris Encyclopedia*

This is a spuria iris with fragrance! - Scent of violets--from the 1939 Checklist (describing the synonymous *Iris ensata* Thunberg).

And from Wikipedia: *Iris lactea* is a species in the genus *Iris*, it is also in the subgenus of *Limniris*. It is a rhizomatous perennial, from central Asia, with pale blue or violet flowers. It is cultivated as an ornamental plant. There is many distinct varieties of *lactea*.

If you are interested in growing it from seeds, please ask me. I still have some seeds!

The late Prof. Charles Jenkins tried to cross *I. lactea* with tall spuria varieties, in the pursuit of beautiful veined short spurias. Maybe someone would like to follow his dreams.

## Region 14 Fall Meeting in Visalia

Region 14's fall meeting will be held October 16 - 17, 2011 in Visalia, California. The conference hotel is the Wyndham Hotel and Resort (formerly Holiday Inn of Visalia). They are located at 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia CA 93277. Call 559-651-5000 for reservations. Ask for Vanessa at ext. 2611. Room rates are \$89.00 per night.

The cost of the Regional is \$75.00. This will include a continental breakfast, a deli style buffet luncheon, a reblooming iris show, judges training and guest speaker Chuck Bunnell.

Charles Bunnell lives on ten acres in Lafayette, Indiana and specializes in miniature tall bearded irises. According to the AIS Encyclopedia, his irises are: 'Breakfast In Bed', 'Butterscotch Wine', 'Dividing Line', 'Gesundheit', 'Hoosier Belle', 'In My Veins', 'Jack's Pick', and 'Missus Bee'.

'Dividing Line' was the first miniature tall bearded to win the Dykes Medal (2014). 'Hoosier Belle' was blooming at the National this past spring and it was an attention getter. For a nice article on Chuck read Andi Rivarola's blog on *World of Irises* at:

<http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/2014/08/2014-dykes-medal-winner-mtb-dividing.html>.

The James M. Gibson Iris Society is hosting the Regional and the Yosemite Iris Society is sponsoring the Rebloomer show. More details may be found on the Registration form at the end of this newsletter.

There are currently 16 societies that make up Region 14 of the American Iris Society with 14 located in Northern California and two in Nevada. John Pesek is the current Regional Vice President for Region 14. His three-year term ends at the Fall Regional happening in Visalia this October 16 – 17.

### Baskets for Fall Regional

It's that time already. Time to prepare for the Fall Regional. We hope your society will be able to donate a basket for the basket raffle. You can pick a theme - or not. Some find new items at a thrift store and build a beautiful basket around them. Others budget an amount to spend on one large item. Some societies just let everyone donate what they wish and arrange it into a beautiful basket. Have fun and good luck! We also accept items related to iris and or gardening for the silent auction. We will have fun so I hope to see you in Visalia.

Carolyn Craft



*The origin of pumpkin pie is thought to have occurred when the colonists sliced off the pumpkin top, removed the seeds, and then filled it with milk, spices and honey. The pumpkin was then baked in the hot ashes of a dying fire.*

### Notice: Changes to Roster

Please welcome the following new member and help her feel welcome to our club:

**Vicki Yarnal**  
10620 River Rd.  
Forestville, CA 95436  
707-xxx-xxxx  
[vyarnal@aol.com](mailto:vyarnal@aol.com)

**Gen Mattos** has moved again, to live with a son. Her new contact information is:

**Gen Mattos**  
833 Linden Ave  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
650-xxx-xxxx

Relatively new member **Adina Boyce** brought her mother (from New York!) to the Heirloom Expo and we had a nice visit. Here's more complete contact info on her:

**Adina Boyce**  
603 Hermosa Place  
Davis, CA 95616  
917-xxx-xxxx  
[aboyce@ucdavis.edu](mailto:aboyce@ucdavis.edu)

 Keeping In Touch

**Jean Sharp** was diagnosed with cancer and is having surgery in San Francisco on October 7 to remove it. Jean welcomes cards and notes/calls to her at:

1945 Piner Rd. #39  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
707-xxx-xxxx

**Jacob (Jake) McKey**, age 23, grandson of SRIS member **Delores McKey** who lived with her for two years, was involved in a single vehicle accident on September 29 on Sherwood Road in Willits. The collision happened around 11 a.m. Jake was driving Delores' pickup because his was in the shop. For unknown reasons the pickup left the highway, went through a barbed-wire fence, and hit a pole filled with concrete. Jake received major injuries and was airlifted via Reach Helicopter to the trauma center in Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. He fractured his skull and underwent surgery to relieve pressure, which is still an issue. He responded somewhat to commands but was combative when awakened, so he was being heavily sedated. By Tuesday October 6, he was still in the ICU and doctors do not want to remove the breathing tube until his CT scan shows more improvement and other vitals are more normal. Delores said "He is in good care. So as of Tuesday, no change. Just watching and waiting for improvement."

Delores would appreciate notes or calls:

Delores McKey  
3803 Skyview Dr.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
707-xxx-xxxx  
[deloresmckey@att.net](mailto:deloresmckey@att.net)

**Kitty Loberg** emailed on Sunday, September 13:

"We're tired and exhausted tonight. Sheriff ordered **Steve [Albert]** to evacuate this morning around 9am.

We headed to his house last night after [David Cadd's] memorial. At dark, we could see red skies to the south. The Valley Fire started in Cobb, 10 miles up Hwy 175 from Steve's house. We worried all night whether it was coming our way. We set the alarm for 3am, got up and looked off the deck at the 'red skies', and they weren't as red. The fire was blown south-east into Middletown and Hidden Valley during the night, burning structures.

And then we got the call this morning to evacuate. We spent the whole day packing two vehicles, and left for my house in Redwood Valley around 3pm. CHP has Hwy 29, and Steve's road Hwy 175, closed. Steve won't be able to get back in tomorrow, to check his home, until they feel the fire is contained." It was several days before Steve could return. - *Ed.*

## Happy Birthday October Babies

Ross BeVier 10/9  
Gen Mattos 10/14  
Diana Ford 1/16

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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 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting follows after the break. Come early and visit. The doors open about 6:00 p.m. for set up and coffee making. *The deadline for all submissions for the **November 2015** issue of this Newsletter is **October 20, 2014**. E-mail copy to:*

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

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Anna Cadd, Rudy Ciuca, Joe Lawrence, Kitty Loberg, Gen Mattos, Delores McKey, Keren Pratz** of McKinney, Texas, and **Jean Sharp**.  
*Alleah*

## Panzanella – Tomato and Bread Salad (served at our August picnic/auction)

Rudy Ciuca

As a youngster I ate many a bread salad. It was a "poor man's" salad. When tomatoes are home grown, it is especially good. There must be 100 versions of this. Each Italian home had its own take on it. This is my version.

1 pint grape tomatoes, halved  
1 small red onion diced  
½ tsp dried oregano  
1 cup black olives  
1 cup tangerine sections or any fruit  
8 ounces taralli  
½ tsp kosher salt plus black pepper  
¼ cup red wine vinegar  
¼ extra virgin olive oil  
¼ packed cup basil leaves, shredded

For the taralli (small bread rounds) dice some good old Italian bread into 1-inch cubes (trimming the crust optional), then spread the cubes on a jellyroll pan and bake at 350 °F until golden brown (20 minutes). Then assemble the salad.

Toss tomatoes, red onion, oregano, olives, fruit, salt and pepper in large bowl; then add toasted bread cubes and toss. Taste, taste, and taste again. Drizzle with vinegar and oil. Season with salt and toss. Let salad stand at room temperature for 15 minutes to moisten the taralli with the dressing and tomato juice. Toss with shredded basil just before serving.

A traditional food from Puglia, Calabria and Basilicata. Taralli is often sold as pepper or fennel bread rounds.



*Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Seeds from related plants have been found in Mexico dating back to 7000 to 5500 B.C. References to pumpkins date back many centuries. The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for "large melon" which is "pepon."*

### Do Your Recognize this Iris?

Anna Cadd

This is from the Facebook - Iris Lovers group, posted by Chuck Chapman on Sept. 30, 2015.

Chuck wrote:



"Here is a picture of iris *Laced Cotton* - Candy Laced Cotton - after being in a vase with red food dye added. Not all white iris will do the veining." *Laced Cotton* is a white iris with delicate, reddish- purple plicata markings deep on the shoulders with the veining repressed.

This reminds me of a stunt pulled on us more than 15 years ago. David and I were judging the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Show, and there was a beautiful white PCN iris seedling with deep green lines exhibited by Vern Wood. The name was supposed to give us some clues, as Vern was a famous joker. Vern was rolling on the floor, when this seedling got the Best Seedling of the Show with 5 judges voting. Only Mary Dunn was suspicious. Vern had soaked "*Canyon Snow*" in green food coloring overnight and for years he laughed at us. We loved this funny men, but even today we feel sort of stupid....His "seedling" was named "*For David*"!

Photo by Chuck Chapman



updated info is in red  
(the hotel was sold  
and so some  
information changed)

American Iris Society Region 14  
2015 Fall Regional Meeting October 16-17  
Guest Speaker – Chuck Bunnell

~ hybridizer of 'Dividing Line', the first Miniature Tall Bearded Dykes Medal  
Winner ~

Hosted by James M. Gibson Iris Society

Conference Hotel -- Wyndham Visalia, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA 93277

**\*\*Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at (559) 651-5000 \*\***[corrected number]

When making reservations, ask for Vanessa at extension 2611 [new information!]

To receive the group rate, use the name Region 14 of the American Iris Society when making your reservation. The room rate is available until October 1, 2015.

Room rate is \$89.00, plus all applicable taxes, per night. There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25.00 per stay, not per day. There are a few rooms with small refrigerators and microwaves, but you must request those rooms at time of booking.

Refunds before October 1 require \$10.00 per person handling fee. No refunds after October 1 or may be decided at the discretion of the registrar.

A continental breakfast will be provided to all region 14 registrants at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning: assorted breakfast breads, bagels with cream cheese, trays of fresh seasonal fruit, assorted juices, freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee, and assorted hot teas. Lunch will be a deli style buffet.

Registrant 1 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee if paid by October 1, 2015 \$65.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paid after October 1, 2015 \$75.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to JMGIS or James M. Gibson Iris Society**

Please send registration to: Linda Hood, Registrar

20924 Avenue 152, Porterville, CA 93257

e-mail linda-hood@sbcglobal.net or phone (559) 789-7446 [corrected number]

\*\*\*\*\*We will be having a full **Reblooming Iris Show** and will need to set up enough tables.

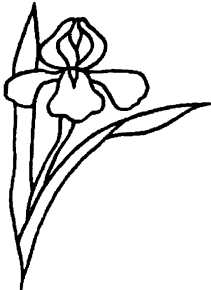
Will you be bringing bloom stalks? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_ \*\*\*\*\*

Containers and entry tags will be provided by the James M. Gibson Iris Society, and sponsored by the Yosemite Iris Society. Bring your own grooming material.

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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 Friday, November 6.

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 Anna Marie Hermansen, Betty Ford, or Juanita Breckwoldt.

**November Newsletter Deadline – October 20<sup>th</sup>**