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Saturday, July 30, 8:30 AM – Digging door prize & auction irises at LBAGC, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 AM – Picnic/Iris Auction-Raffle

The C&L Vineyard of Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence in Sonoma will be the site of our annual picnic and iris auction and raffle. Set up starts at 10 a.m.; we'll eat around noon. Bring a dish to pass with serving spoon, your table service and drink. Please call or email Rudy (707-938-2951 or clvineyard@aol.com) to let him know what you are bringing. The Society will furnish Costco rotisserie chicken. Bring any 2014 and 2015 introductions you can donate to the auction, and 2012 and 2013 introductions or especially good irises to donate to the raffle. Hopefully the Society's allotment of this Spring's Regional guest irises will be on hand for purchase. Joe Lawrence will record your winning bids and bill you. Bring money for the raffle or put it on your tab.



Location: 1595 Denmark Street, Sonoma (cell 707-477-1166 in case you get lost). For the most fun, carpool.

Directions:

From north Santa Rosa: Take Highway 12 to Sonoma. At T-intersection (stop light), turn left onto W. Napa Street. Drive through town past the plaza onto E. Napa Street and continue about a mile. Turn right onto 8th Street East. Proceed almost a mile and turn left onto Denmark Street. The driveway for 1595 is on the right just before the mailbox labelled "Ciuca-Lawrence".

From south Santa Rosa and Petaluma: Take Highway 101 to Highway 116 towards Sonoma. This is Lakeville Highway. Take Lakeville Highway eastbound just over 1 mile and turn left onto Frates Road. Continue onto Adobe Road, drive approx. 3 miles, veer left onto Stage Gulch Road to Sonoma. At stop light turn left onto Arnold Drive (Hwy. 116) and proceed just over 1 mile. Turn right onto Leveroni Road; cross Broadway onto Napa Road, cross 8th Street East, and turn left onto Denmark Street. 1595 Denmark is about ½ mile on the left just past mailbox labelled "Ciuca-Lawrence".

From Marin County: Take Highway 101 northbound onto Highway 37 eastbound. Drive approx. 7 ½ miles on 37 and turn left onto Highway 121 at Infineon Raceway. Highway 121 is Arnold Drive. Take Arnold Drive approximately 5 miles and turn right onto Leveroni Road; at Broadway go straight (becomes Napa Road) and cross 8th Street East. 1595 Denmark is about ½ mile on the left just past mailbox labelled "Ciuca-Lawrence".

Gardening Tips for August

Anna Cadd

1. It is finally time to dig your irises – July through September. We have all probably decided which clumps and beds to dig up and redo. We are anxious to have it done and forgotten. And when the job is done, and the irises are laying upside down in bags and boxes, what a relief! But now we are tired of the dry, falling in every direction, iris leaves, the messy and sometimes weedy beds (where are the weeds getting water from?) and the general eye sore. No wonder the public wants to cut their iris leaves off, especially when they see us at sales with neatly cut iris leaves. Let them do it, if they are such purists, want to have pretty gardens and have too much free time on their hands! The irises will survive such a calamity and everyone will be happy.
2. This is the time of year to thin or divide iris clumps before they become overcrowded. Otherwise the bloom will suffer in subsequent years, some varieties may crowd others out, and disease may develop (see #11 below).
3. We all know about digging. In brief: lift the whole clump out, shake the soil off, and break the rhizomes apart. Then follow #6 and 7 below.
4. If you don't feel like digging the whole clump, sometimes you can thin it by carefully cutting out the old divisions from the center of the clump and leaving new growth in the ground. In case of very old and compacted clumps, the process may actually be easier if you dig up the entire clump, remove the old "spent" rhizomes, trim the foliage of the new rhizomes and replant them.
5. Rhizomes need to be big with side increases to produce flowers next spring. Smaller rhizomes may take two years to produce blooms; so if you have room in the garden or are trying to save the variety, replant them all. Discard old rhizomes without leaves and those with a scar where an old bloom stalk has been removed. This old "mother rhizome" will not bloom again, no matter how much you pamper it!
6. When you dig the whole clump, roughly break all rhizomes apart. You can also cut them with a knife or clippers. Make a nice, cosmetic cut on the ends of rhizomes and trim the roots to about 2-3" and leaves to about 5-6". If you are digging irises for the Club Sale or the Heirloom Expo, leave the leaves much longer. We will re-cut them later and make them look fresh!
7. Then write the name on the leaves. Use a Sharpie® or Bic Mark It® marker - must be waterproof! Print the name, hybridizer's name, year of introduction, and the iris color. PRINT! everything on one leaf! Do not write across two leaves, as they will split and you may not be able to read the information. You can also staple on preprinted paper labels. Be sure that you have permanent name stakes when you plant your irises in the garden. Plant the stakes together with the rhizomes! Also map your plantings. Children, paid helpers, moles and squirrels will move your labels to where they think they will look better!
8. Planting irises in a timely manner is very important. They need to be planted back as soon as possible after digging, preferably by the end of October. Plant irises in well prepared soil. Add some manure or supplement with a low-nitrogen fertilizer plus super phosphate and bone meal. These extra nutrients help the new plants to have the best chance of success in establishing their root systems. Water newly planted rhizomes well initially; and if dry conditions continue, then once every 7 to 10 days until the autumn rains begin, to help new roots become established. When planting, dig a hole and make a small mound of soil in the bottom, put the rhizome on top and spread out the roots, and tightly cover with soil. Plant shallow with the top of the rhizome almost showing.
9. You can plant irises as single rhizomes or in groups of three. Plant them with the heels going out, as they will increase in this direction. 18" to 24" apart is good spacing.
10. And yes, irises can be planted in pots! In a one gallon pot plant only one rhizome; 2-5 gallon pots can accommodate 3 rhizomes. They may or may not bloom in pots and require extra fertilization.
11. Thank goodness, there is no big problem with irises now. Of course, when overwatered during hot days, the clump may develop bacterial soft rot (*Erwinia carotovora*), crown rot (*Sclerotium delphinii*), leaf spot (*Didymellina macrospora*), rust (*Puccinia* sp.) and other maladies. So is better to hold back water a little. Of course, you already fertilized your irises in June with 15-15-15 fertilizer and they are looking very happy.

12. Due to the tireless and persistent work of our members in weeding and applying Preen®, a pre-emergent weed killer, we are approaching control of our display garden problem: spotted spurge *Euphorbia (=Chamaesyce) maculata* and creeping spurge *Euphorbia (=Chamaesyce) serpens*, both from the spurge family Euphorbiaceae. The beds look almost free of this nasty weed. But there are billions of seeds in the ground, and we will have to work hard to stay on top of it. On July 23 the rose society turned out in force and weeded the spurge from their beds!
13. Have you visited the iris wiki encyclopedia recently? You really should! Thanks to the tireless work of Bob Pries and his helpers, the wiki looks better than ever! And maybe you have already noticed – every class of irises (except TBs) now has a small iris picture show when you open the class. You can get a quick glimpse of what they look like and how beautiful they are! The American Iris Society can be very proud of this tool. As an iris lover, it is almost impossible to live without it and you can visit it every day and night for free!

From the President's Desk

This is a busy time of year for all of us, trying to maintain and upgrade our society's Display Garden and working in our own private gardens. If hard work keeps you young, then most of us are around 30 years of age. Our weeding party on Saturday July 16 was successful and fun. The Display Garden is really looking good and we can be very proud of it.

Working in our own garden has been a different story. The weeds are still unmanageable. I was busy pulling weeds and Joe asked me "what are you doing?" I said pulling weeds. He asked "where are the irises?" I told him that in pulling the weeds, the irises got in the way. He informed me that the goal is to save the irises and get rid of the weeds. Pulling the weeds is not the goal; saving the irises is the goal. Gee, such a smart guy!

I am looking forward to our picnic, but be sure to let me know what "side dish" you will bring for lunch so we don't end up with all desserts @aol.com. Bring your own plate and eating utensils. Chicken will be the meat of the day. We will have water and lemonade for drinks. Come at 10 AM to help set up the irises for auction (years

2014 and 15) and raffle (2012 and 13). We will eat around noon.

Let Joe know if you are bringing any irises for the auction. See you there.

Rudy Ciuca

This Month

Saturday, July 30, 8:30 AM – Digging door prize & auction irises at LBAGC. Bring hat, gloves, water, shovel, rags, and brush to remove dirt from rhizomes, scissors; marking pens will be provided.

Sunday, August 7 - Potluck Picnic, Iris Auction and Raffle, C&L Vineyard, Sonoma. Set up at 10 AM; eat at noon.

2016 Iris Events and Important Dates

Tuesday thru Thursday, September 6-8, 11 AM – 8 PM – 6th Annual Heirloom Expo, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds. SRIS will have a booth.

Monday, September 12 – Anna Cadd, How to Plant & Grow Irises. Free seminar for new members.

Saturdays, September 10 & 17, 8:30 – 1:00 PM – SRIS Rhizome Sale, Santa Rosa Community Farmers Market at the Vet's Building, Santa Rosa.

Monday, October 10 – Kitty Loberg, Beardless including Pacific Coast Irises.

Saturday November 5, 12-5 PM – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Costume Party, LBAGC. Doors open at 12, we'll eat at 2:00 PM.



2016 Board Meetings - Board Members and Officers, please mark your calendars:

Monday, September 12, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 14, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 12, 6:00 PM

Other Events of Garden Interest

Russian River Rose Company, 1685 Magnolia Dr., Healdsburg, CA (www.russian-river-rose.com 707-433-7455) has several events scheduled this fall:

Iris Classes at 10 AM and 2 PM on digging, dividing, and replanting by Roxy Nall & **Iris Sale 10-5**, on **Saturday and Sunday August 20 & 21**. \$2 donation appreciated.

Beckoning Butterflies, Birds, Bees to the Garden classes at **10 AM and 2 PM on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 & 11**. \$2 donation.

Russian Tea & Fragrance Festival on **Saturday and Sunday, October 1 & 2** and **PLANT SALE 1-5**. Live Slavic folk music, 'Rose Embrace' rose oil perfume, selected roses, irises, &

perennials. \$5 donation. Remember: Fall is the best time to plant.

Plant Sale Dates 2016

Sonoma County Jail Plant Nursery & Teaching Garden, Saturdays, September 10 & October 1

Sonoma County Jail Plant Nursery, 2254 Ordinance Rd., Santa Rosa, 95403. Checks or cash only; no credit or debit cards. California Native and drought tolerant shrubs, perennials, succulents, groundcovers, fruit and ornamental trees and vegetable starts. Sonoma Co. Master Gardeners will help you select appropriate plants and answer questions. Plants are grown by inmates using compost, no fertilizers or pesticides. Income is used to provide project based education to inmates. Get more information and a plant list at website: www.scoe.org/jailindustries or call Rick Stern 707 525-8310 or email jailind@mcn.org. Event is free; bring a cart or wagon to carry your plants.

Windsor Garden Club, Sunday, October 23 10 AM to 2 PM,

Fall Succulent Pumpkin Sale. Windsor Town Green @ McClellan and Market Sts. @ the Fall Jamboree on the Town Green. Fall color pots and long lasting succulent topped pumpkins. Fall family activities, music, and farmers' market.

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center Organic Nursery, 15290 Coleman Valley Road, Occidental 95465 874-1557. OPEN NURSERY WEEKENDS (Perennials Only), Every Saturday & Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM: September 10 - October 30.

FALL & WINTER GARDEN PLANT SALE (Two Weekends):

Saturday, August 20 & Sunday, August 21 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28 9 AM to 5 PM

Nursery is 100% CCOF organic and propagates heirloom and rare varieties from seed and "mother plants" onsite. Plant sales specialize in annual vegetables, flowers and herbs. Perennials Weekends offer a selection of perennial food crops, culinary & medicinal herbs & habitat plants. Funds raised benefit the OAEC Biodiversity Nursery Program, which seeks to introduce a wide array of crops and varieties appropriate for the Bay Area, ultimately contributing to regional food security. The program also educates the public about plant biodiversity and its preservation. OAEC is an 80-acre research,

demonstration, and education center in West Sonoma County.

July 16 Weeding Party

Members gathered at the Santa Rosa Iris Society's Iris Display Garden at the LBAGC at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 16, 2016 to weed and tidy up. In less than two hours they got the spurge and other stray weeds removed and dead iris leaves cleaned up. Many thanks to Cheryl Bryan, Rudy Ciuca, Betty Ford, Alleah Haley, Anna Marie Hermansen, Joe Lawrence, and Jean Sharp.

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Juanita Breckwoldt, Anna Cadd; Rudy Ciuca; Betty Ford; Diana Ford, Joe Lawrence; Delores McKey, Jean Sharp; Jan Tolmasoff** of Russian River Roses, and **Jan Wax.**

Alleah

Daylily – Queen of the Summer Garden

Anna Cadd

As you probably suspect, a lot of iris hybridizers have started to work with daylilies and some have even completely switched to this direction. Daylilies are "work horses" in the garden, blooming non-stop, even during heat waves, giving the garden a lot of color and they are yummy edible! While ancient Chinese ate the daylily crown and roots to treat liver disorders, we now prefer the buds and flowers. Blooms perched on the top of a cake are elegant. Try a daylily stuffed with goat cheese or have them mild and crunchy with a hint of celery. Surprisingly delicious!

The botanical name for daylily, *Hemerocallis*, comes from the combination of the Greek words for "day" and "beauty". Daylily flowers open only for a single day; but their multiple flower stalks are loaded with buds, so the overall show continues for weeks. They are the perfect perennial; because they bloom repeatedly despite drought, shade, heat or poor soil. They are evergreen, and even if they sometimes freeze in our winter, they almost always recover. Rarely, during a very cold winter, cover them with mulch. They have relatively few pests and disease problems and they only ask for at least five hours of sun a day. For best bloom give them regular and deep watering and slow release fertilizer.

There are more than 60,000 varieties with more being added every year. Modern versions are bold with complex colors, including ones with

starkly contrasting edges. They also range in form, from thin and spider-like to voluptuous with serious ruffles. A small division of a new introduction costs \$250.00 to \$300.00. Ouch!

There are some award winning daylilies on the market, like creamy-white 'Wedding Band', with big flowers and a yellow band on edges. 'Witches Wink' is golden, with a thick plum band ringing the interior of the flowers. 'Strawberry Candy' is a true pink, not with the usual hint of peach. It has ruffled edges and a dark pink center. 'Chinese Scholar' and 'Double Talk' are splashy, double daylilies with round petals and flowers on long stems. No matter what daylily you buy, you will be happy around them all summer.



Keeping In Touch

On June 27 **Delores McKey** fell in her driveway and broke her left femur (largest upper bone in the leg). The following day she had surgery where three pins were installed in the base of the femur. She's been recovering at Summerfield Health Care. She will go home on Wednesday, July 27. In preparation, her family is building a temporary entry ramp to her house and a transfer bench so she can use her bathtub, and installing a handheld shower and a modified toilet. Delores is using a walker and a wheelchair as she is limited to 30 lb. of weight on her left leg. She hopes for full recovery by the end of September. Delores shared that her accident prevented her from making the 14 entries she paid fees for in the Sonoma County Fair baking competition and 2-3 plant entries. This is the first Fair she's missed since the 1970's.

You may send get well wishes to:

Delores McKey
3803 Skyview Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
dmckey74@gmail.com

On July 5, SRIS member **Barb Baruth** emailed from Wisconsin regarding her son Alex's aplastic anemia, a serious rare condition that occurs when the body stops producing enough new blood cells:

"Alex had some bad news last Friday - his bone marrow donor has backed out. [The doctor] called the second match right away, and that person is willing to donate, but not until sometime in September. The third match is not willing to do the procedure that Alex

needs. We are upset, but there's nothing to do but wait, hoping that Alex doesn't get sick or need too many more red blood cell transfusions. Despite this bad news, we are managing to get through the days, [my husband] Chris working around the house on projects, me doing Tai Chi and [a photo project], and Alex spending time on the computer playing games and talking to friends on the phone. Of course, all of us are reading a lot, too.

"The good news is that Alex's brother, Elliott, who lives in the Seattle area, is coming for a visit at the end of this month. That will cheer us up.

Love, Barb"

We sincerely wish Alex good luck getting his bone marrow transplant. You can contact Barb at:

Barb Baruth

1900 E. Newton Ave.
Shorewood, WI 53211
barb.baruth@gmail.com

Jan Wax, who lives in Philo in Mendocino County, emailed in response to an invitation to the Society's weeding party on July 16:

"Wish we could have been there! I'm still recovering from my shoulder joint replacement. I've had a lovely surprise... 'Valley of Dreams', which came from Australia in April, is preparing to bloom any day now!

When questioned about her shoulder, Jan responded:

"I'm 79 and have been a potter for 40 years, potting nearly every day. This has resulted in the total wearing away of the cartilage in my shoulder joints, and the MRI showed a torn rotator cuff and torn tendons. I've put up with the pain for years. ... My joint-replacement surgery was five weeks ago and I'm now in the physical therapy phase - healing is estimated at 3 months to 6 or more months. So tired of wearing a bulky sling, 24/7! I've never been a fan of pain medication, but I sure appreciate it now. Dr. Bowen at the newly-opened Frank Howard Hospital in Willits says I'm healing well. I can't say enough good things about my surgeon and the hospital! First-rate! "I'm going to try to attach a photo of TB 'Valley of Dreams' - ready to bloom any day on my deck! An Australian bonus from Barry Blyth, planted in a pot in April! Two buds! Container



gardening will have to do it for me for a while! (No luck adding photo - upstairs computer has it, but not my new downstairs laptop! I'll try again, in a few days, when I get some help up the stairs!) ...Wishing everyone well. Best wishes, Jan."

[Here from the iris wiki is

'Valley of Dreams' (Blyth, 2015-16, TB). S. lavender-lilac; F. brown; beards orange. Wow!]

Jan Wax can be reached at:

3002 Holmes Ranch Rd.
Philo, CA 95466
janwax@yahoo.com

Don Ford had a stroke on June 19. He was treated in Ukiah and at the UC Davis Medical Center and was able to return home by the end of the week. On July 23 his wife **Diana Ford** emailed: "Don continues to improve. He now walks without a cane. He wants to thank all of his well wishers for their kind thoughts and cards" to:

Don Ford
1310 University Road
Hopland, CA 95449
forddd@sbcglobal.net

Happy Birthday August Babies

Jean Sharp 8/3
Gilda De Niro 8/5
Alleah Haley 8/28

August Wedding Anniversaries

Lynn and Rick Williams 8/2
Michael Howard and Sharon Rivkin 8/2
Barb and Chris Baruth 8/5
Barbara and Ross BeVier 8/26

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 **September 2016** issue of this Newsletter is **August 20, 2016**. E-mail copy to: alleah.haley@gmail.com.*

HIPS RHIZOME SALE LIST NOW ONLINE

The annual Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS) Rhizome Sale opens on July 20th for HIPS members and July 23rd for non-members. Over 630 cultivars of bearded iris are available; the majority are historic but some are modern. We invite you to come browse our thumbnail photos and shop for some new irises for your garden. Not a HIPS member? There is still time to join and we would love to welcome you! Full details and links to the lists are at www.historiciris.org Happy browsing! The HIPS Rhizome Sale Committee

Adaptive Gardening & Iris Equipment

Duluth Trading Co. has Kneelo® Knee Pads for women with Velcro® closures above and below the knee to avoid pinching behind the knee. One size; navy or plum. Not cheap at \$34.95/pr. + \$9.99 S&H. Go to duluthwomen.com.

Joe Lawrence has a similar pair he likes that he found on harborfreight.com: Western Safety #60737; \$6.99/pr. + \$6.99 S&H.

In mid-July Costco had SPF 50 "Solar Escape" wide-brim hats with under chin string in stock @ \$12.99 each. Probably only suitable for women as the one size hatband seemed snug, but it may stretch and you can then adjust the size.

Many of our members swear by "Atlas Fit" gardening gloves. They're light grey stretch fabric with blue latex palm and fingers, available in a range of standard sizes at Friedman's; rarely elsewhere. Machine washable; \$4.99 + tax/pair.

Need potting soil in bulk? Try Grab N' Grow Soil Products, Inc., 2759 Llano Road, Santa Rosa (707-575-7275). Grab N' Grow makes a wide variety of soil mixes, composts, mulches, and barks, but two of their potting soils are of special interest. *Value Nursery* is the less expensive and is basically home-made compost plus lava rock, perlite, and fertilizer mix. Local nurseries use this a lot. *Nursery Planter Mix* is better and a bit more expensive. This is a mix of aged horse compost, fir bark, red lava rock, and, and five slow release fertilizers. A small pickup holds a cubic yard; and the cost is less than half that of the least expensive potting soil in two cubic foot bags.

We've recommended these garden markers before, and we're doing it again. A See-Fine marker is excellent and the style preferred by many SRIS members! It is a galvanized metal

rectangle with rounded corners, 1 3/4" x 3 3/8", held at a 45° angle atop a single sturdy galvanized wire. They come in heights of 13", 20", and 26"; available in lots of 50, 100, or more at, very roughly, \$1.00 each + S&H. Order from:

See-Fine Marker Company
Pam Woods McAlister
1009 'N' Street
Lewiston, Idaho 83501
208-743-2137

Use a Dymo® or Brother P-Touch® labeler (**Betty Ford's** choice) or use plasticized Avery "WeatherProof" white labels #5520 and a **laser printer** to print out labels to affix on the garden label name plate or on a pot. **The key words here are "WeatherProof" and laser printer.**

Marlene Freetly turned us on to Bic Mark It® markers for labelling iris fans, and we're sold! Unlike a Sharpie® marker, the Bic Mark It® won't dry out if you leave the cap off for months at a time. So far, we've only found this brand at G&G Market (Petaluma and Santa Rosa); it's in the school supply section in packs of 2 for \$2.39/pk.

Anna Marie Hermansen told us to look for wooden tongue depressors at medical supply houses. Good for short-term labelling of irises in pots. They're probably better than "Woodsies" jumbo craft sticks, 6" x 3/4" x 1/16", available at either Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts or Beverly's Fabrics and Crafts (maybe both; your editor can't remember). "Woodsies" run about \$10/300.

Write on wooden labels with a "General's Charcoal 557-6B extra soft" pencil, available from Riley Street Art Supply, 103 Maxwell Ct., Santa Rosa. \$1.31 + tax each. This charcoal pencil won't fade in sunlight like a regular #1 or #2 pencil does. Lasts for years!

And Riley Street is just down the block from Purity Products Co. (4 Maxwell Ct. – also at 1411 Grove St. in Healdsburg), the only known local source for 6-24-24 Simplot Agro fertilizer that SRIS members like for growing irises. Price is \$29.95 + \$2.62 tax = \$32.57/50 lb. bag. Purity is only open Mondays thru Fridays.

Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul. Luther Burbank

Kelly Norris Featured

Kelly Norris, former editor of AIS' *Iris* and chairman of the 2017 AIS National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa was featured in the Summer, 2016 issue of *Country Gardens*, a magazine of general gardening interest. When asked to "tell us about your love affair with bearded iris", Kelly replied:

"I'm as hopelessly romantic about bearded irises as anything. I've grown well over 2,000 varieties since I was a teenager and still farm a collection of several hundred. I hybridize and sell them. I probably share more. Johnny Appleseed has nothing on me when it comes to distributing plants."

SRIS Library Inventory

Juanita Breckwoldt. Updated from a list printed in the March 2012 SRIS Newsletter. The Library cabinets are jammed and we need to downsize for space considerations. Please recommend purges to President Rudy Ciuca (clvineyard@aol.com).

The following are in boxes:

Aliso papers on Native Plants of California – 2 vol.
American Iris Society Bulletins July & Oct '10, Jan and Oct '11
American Iris Society Bulletins 1950-2010
Arl Society International Letters and Yearbooks '89-96 (some yrs. missing)
British Iris Society Iris Yearbook '55, 56, 57-68
How to Grow Iris
Japanese Iris Society "The Review" '88-97 (some yrs. missing)
Louisiana Iris Society Newsletter '92-94
"Pacific Horticulture" – 2 issues
Region 14 Bulletins spring '81, spring '84, spring '88, spring '96
Region 14 Bulletins 1990's, 1 box
Region 14 Bulletins 1950-2010
Sheets on Cycle of Growth
Siberian Iris Society Newsletter '83-92 (some missing)
Spuria Iris Society Newsletters
Various iris culture pamphlets

The following are in folders:

Checklist of Arilbred Dwarfs and Medians
Dwarf Iris Society Newsletter '82-96, #27-'82
Journal of the Historic Iris Preservation Society "Roots"
Median Iris Society Newsletters
PCN Checklists 1990, 2005

Reblooming Iris Society "Recorder" '82-97 (some missing)
Signa folders (15), 1 index
Society of Pacific Coast Native Irises Almanac
Species Iris Study Manual
The Eupogon Iris Species

The following are in binders:

Louisiana Checklists 2 in binder, 1 book 1982
PCN Checklists (2)
Reblooming Checklist 1998
Signa Checklist – Checklist 1999 part 1 part 2 – 2 Signa
Society for Louisiana Iris 1941-1991
Society for Louisiana Iris special publication – 1999 Alphabetical Cultivar List of Varieties and Hybrids.

The following are bound books:

AIS Judges Handbooks 1985, 1998 & new pages
AIS Registrations and Introductions (10 year books):
1939 – 1 hard, 1 paper
1949 – 2 hard, 1 paper
1959 – 3 hard
1969 – 3 hard
1979 – 1 hard
1989 – 3 hard
1999 – 3 hard
2009 – 1 hard, 1 paper
AIS Registrations and Introductions (yearly, paper) – 2010 (2 ea.+), 2011 (2 ea.), 2012 (2 ea.), 2013 (2 ea.), 2014 (2 ea.), 2015 (2 ea.)
Berrisford – Irises (2 ea.)
Caillet & Mertzweiller – The Louisiana Iris
Cassidy & Linnegar – Growing Iris
Cave – The Iris
Cohen – Guide to Pacific Coast Iris
Glasgow – Irises a Practical Gardening Guide
Gregory – Eureka Iris Vol I
Gregory – Eureka Hosta Vol II
Grosvenor – Growing Iris
Grosvenor – Iris – Flower of the Rainbow
Japanese Iris Checklist 1996-97, 1999 (2 of these)
Jones – The World of Iridacea
Keaton – Complete Guide to Native Perennials of California
Kohlein – Iris
Lawton – Magic of Irises
Lenz – A Revision of the PCI (in box)
Linnegar & Hewitt – Irises (2 ea.)
Mathew – The Iris
McEwen – The Japanese Iris
McEwen – The Siberian Iris

McKee – Half Century of Iris
Median Checklist 2002 (2 ea.)
Median Iris Cumulative Checklist 2002
Mitchell – From a Sunset Garden
Mitchell – Iris for Every Garden
Phillips & Rix – Bulbs
Phillips & Rix – Perennials Vol 1
Price – The Iris Book (2 ea.) – 2 paperback for door prizes
Randall – Irises
Reblooming Iris Cumulative Checklist #1, #2, 1998
Rickett – Botany for the Gardeners
Roberts Rules of Order
Ross – Iris Goddess of the Garden
Shear – Gardeners Iris Book (2 ea.)
Siberian Iris Society Checklists 1996 & 2003 (2 ea.)
Society for Louisiana Iris – The Louisiana Iris
Stebbing – Growing Guide to Iris
Stevens – The Iris and its Culture (2 ea.)
Spuria Iris Society Checklist 1985 (3 ea.), 1995 (4 ea.), 2009 (1 ea.)
Vallette – Iris Culture and Hybridizing
Waddick & Zhao Yu-Tang – Iris of China
Warburton/Hamblin – The World of Iris

Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Board Meeting, July 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.
President Rudy Ciuca proposed a general question to the board: Do we want our garden at the Luther Burbank Center to be an educational garden?
Following a brief discussion a motion was made to take the organizational steps to create an educational garden with Jim Begley and Jean Sharp in charge. They may add anyone to their group needed to complete the tasks. The motion was carried.
Jim and Jean will present a plan of what that might look like and what steps we will need to take to accomplish this.
Juanita Breckwoldt needs help with the library since she has health problems. Rudy asked Alleah to put the inventory list in the next newsletter for member comments.
Need to see about the date for next years' Spring Show and Sale. The date on the Center's calendar is May 5, 6 and 7. Need to find out when the regional show is occurring. Anna-Marie will check on this.
Betty will have a signup sheet ready for the next meeting.

Since the rhizome sale will not be at the Center this year, we will need to change the Banner. Kathy McCallum will contact the newspaper and the sign needs to state the change of venue for our faithful buyers.

Joe will pick up new bags for the sale.

Rudy reminded those present to only bring in rhizomes the size of your thumb or larger so there is a good chance of bloom.

Checklist books for 2015 are now available

Anna Cadd asked for and received permission to dig some spuria out of the Center's garden to send to a Shanghai public garden.

Marlene Horn gave a lovely presentation of the iris available for purchase at the Picnic/Auction on August 7, 2016. She included many pictures in different light to give a better overall view of each iris. They are beautiful.

Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Members Meeting, July 11, 2016

General Meeting called to order at 7:55 p.m.

a. Don Ford is improving and up to walking with a cane.

b. Delores McKey has a broken leg from falling in her driveway. Rudy went to see her. Cards were circulated for both people

1. Minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's report was approved.

a. Show Iris Sales Chairperson, Marlene Horn said thanks to everyone's help the show went well.

b. Show Chairperson, Anna Marie Hermansen said many thanks to everyone, it all went well and the eating inside was very nice.

c. Chairperson for Rhizome sale at Heirloom Expo, Betty Ford will pass around a signup sheet at the next meeting. She reminded everyone to make up their list of iris they may dig and email them to Joe who is making a master list. It takes time to make up the labels. Include name of iris, hybridizer, year introduced and type (TB, BB, IB, SDB). Please bring in bags for the customers. Smaller bags are especially helpful.

d. Chairperson for Farmers Market, Alleah Haley stated everything was on schedule and tables at the market would cost \$30 each. It will be the two Saturdays after the Expo, September 10th and 17th 8:30 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m.

f. Nothing new on beardless iris.

g. Library materials reduction project. An inventory list will be in the newsletter to get feedback from members on what to keep.

h. Cheryl Bryan states all is going well and she is looking for some tomato cages for some of the plants. Please call if you have some.

i. Garden Program. A weeding party was arranged.

Information:

Would anyone like to help dig and label regional iris at Nola's Garden August 2, 2016?

Fall Regional is October 14-15, 2016 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore.

Potluck Picnic/Club Iris Auction is August 7, 2016 at C&L Vineyard. Setup at 10 a.m. Lunch at noon. Bring a dish to share. Bring your own plate and silverware. Email what you're bringing to C&L Vineyard.

Come help dig and mark Club iris on Saturday July 30, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

During the door prize selection many people passed their turn over to others who were waiting, including Alexa Pagonas who passed her turn to Don who was still unable to attend meetings. Thank you Alexa; he was very touched.

Door Prize Winners for July

Bet the Farm – Betty Ford

Bold Pattern – Marlene Horn

Canine Caper – Juanita Breckwoldt

Celtic Tartan – Bill Tatham

Cozy Cotton – Rudy Ciuca

Dark Icon – Linnea Polo

Double Chocolate – Barbara Foley

Down to the Wire – Jim Begley

Fire Danger – Patricia Franz

Galaxina – Anna Cadd

Gold Reward – Mary Pagonas

Gossett's Gamble – Mary True

Great Escape – Alexa Pagonas

In the Loop – Jean Sharp

Lavender Lemon Cake – Diana Ford

Little Love Song – Kathy McCallum

Passion for Fashion – Kitty Loberg

Pick-Up Line – Anna Marie Hermansen

Rainbow Sunset – Steve Albert

Rare Coin – Marlene Horn

Tidal Raves – Cheryl Bryan

Triple Dip – Joe Lawrence

Venus Blush – Bob Breckwoldt

Waves of Joy – Don Ford

Something's Always Blooming Somewhere

American Iris Society Region 14

2016 Fall Regional – October 14-15, 2016

Alden Lane Nursery

981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550

We have reserved guest rooms at: Extended Stay America - Airway/Livermore

2380 Nissen Dr. Livermore, CA 94550

Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 1-877-701-3383

To receive the group rate, use the name AIS when making your reservation by AUGUST 15, 2016

\$99.00, single or double occupancy, one bed; \$109 two beds, double occupancy; \$114 triple occupancy, \$119 for four

There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25

Registrant 1: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email address: _____ Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee paid BY September 1, 2016 \$ 70.00 X person(s) _____ Total \$ _____

Registration fee AFTER September 1, 2016 \$ 75.00 X person(s) _____ Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to MDIS or Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Send registration to: Kent Lincoln

752 Laurel Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94596

For more information: Fallregion14@gmail.com Phone – (925) 828-2192

Refunds before September 15, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee. No Refunds after September 15, 2016

FRIDAY We will have a Rebloomers Iris Show. Will you be bringing bloom stalks?

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3:30-5 PM Iris preparation MDIS will provide containers and entry tags. Please bring your own grooming equipment.

We would like to encourage participation this year by offering several new events on Friday:

4 - 5 PM We invite past and present SHOW CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many _____

4 - 5 PM We invite past and present PROGRAM CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many? _____

5 - 8 PM Mocktails and small plates. Will you be joining us for the Meet and Greet? How many? _____

5:30 PM Stan Morgan will present, "The Incredible Wild Iris – A Specie Overview"

7:00 PM Dr. Carol Wilson, research botanist, will be our very special Guest Speaker. She is currently at UC Berkeley while continuing her affiliation with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. She has traveled extensively researching and collecting wild iris. Her presentation will include pictures of her travels and stories about her collecting experiences. Don't miss this!

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Continental breakfast

8:30 AM Region 14 business meeting

10 AM Coffee break followed by the conclusion of the business meeting

NOON Lunch

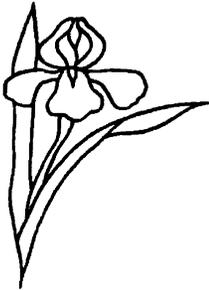
1:30 – 3:30 Judges' Training - Division V Artistic with Anna Cadd Will you attend? How many? _____

We would appreciate you sharing with us any food issues so we may plan a menu for all to enjoy.

Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Diabetic _____ Gluten-Free _____ Dairy _____ Nuts _____ Seafood allergy _____ Other _____

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Meetings & Membership

The Santa Rosa Iris Society meets the second Monday of each month February through October at 7:00 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, scheduled this year Saturday, November 5 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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.

September Newsletter Deadline – August 20th