

The Newsletter of

# The Santa Rosa Iris Society

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**2016 Summer Rhizome Sales Chm.**

Betty Ford -Heirloom Expo

Alleah Haley -Farmers' Mkt.



MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 7:00 PM  
ANNA CADD – NEW TRENDS IN  
IRIS HYBRIDIZING

Our February speaker will be our own Anna Cadd. She will do a PowerPoint presentation featuring two great iris hybridizers – Barry Blyth from Australia and Keith Keppel from Oregon.

Anna was born and raised in Poland back when *Iris pseudacorus* grew in every pond, gardens grew mostly fruits and vegetables, their bounty was stored in hundreds of canning jars in basements, and 'Beverly Sills' (Hager, 1979) was the most magnificent achievement in the plant world, coming from America and desired as much as oranges, chocolate and a vacation on the Baltic Sea. Not surprisingly, Anna was the proud owner of one rhizome of this beauty and the object of jealousy from gardeners in the whole region.

Anna was aiming high – she wanted to become a medical doctor. But her inability to kill rats, frogs and rabbits changed her mind and she switched to botany, as plants don't scream as loud. She spent her days on field trips and her nights playing bridge and drinking beer. She somehow managed to get a Master's Degree (M.S.) in biology and a doctorate (Ph.D.) in plant ecology. She worked at the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Station, where she successfully crossed wheat and rye together and was the originator of several introduced varieties of Triticale (as the wheat-rye hybrid is called), which was grown all over southern Europe and the Middle East.

Anna decided to expand her experiences from traveling all over Europe with a backpack, a tent, and 80 lb. of provisions, mostly in cans; so she came to visit her aunt and uncle in Santa Rosa. You have probably heard many times how she met David – from David, of course, and then married him during a trip to Reno on a gamblers' bus of friends, escapees from the Russian Revolution. The couple settled in Healdsburg in the home built by David's grandparents. She worked full time and, together with David, managed a huge home garden and commercial Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden. They began breeding irises and introduced 97 iris varieties: 68 bearded and 29 beardless (49 TB, 16 BB, 1 IB, 1 SDB, 1 AB, 28 spuria and 1 PCN).

Anna will show digital pictures and discuss the very latest iris hybridizing achievements from these two renowned hybridizers.

# Gardening Tips for February

Anna Cadd

1. We still don't have a lot going on in our iris beds. But with the moisture and warming days, the irises will rapidly break dormancy and will be looking for food. General fertilizer, preferably 5-10-10, is a good choice. First we need to weed the beds, as fertilizing weeds isn't a good idea. Gently pulling the old, brown leaves is easy, but be careful not to make big wounds, to discourage inoculum of bacterial soft rot from entering rhizome tissue. Discard the old leaves in the trash can. They may have spores of leaf spot. Pay attention to snails and slugs, because they can shred iris leaves.
2. My having one leg after the other in a cast has helped me get close to nature; I walk to work for a half hour each way and to the bank and grocery store for 2-3 hours at times. Pain is a constant companion. But there have been rewards. Big holes with puddles in my driveway are perfect swimming pools for migrating birds. Robins, sparrows, and other birds are a delight to watch bathing after filling their bellies with fermented olives. You can almost see decadent smiles on their beaked faces!
3. Nothing can make you happier than a big camellia bush in full bloom. Sometimes we just pass them in our daily rushes, but in January-February, when there are not a lot of flowers in the garden, they made you stop in wonder. They are green all year around, have no thorns, blooms last for a long time, and they grow well in Sonoma County. For thousands of years they have grown in Japan and China. In 1792 the first camellia, "Alba Plena" was carried on a ship and this double white flower camellia remains popular until today. With 200 species, three are important to North American gardens – *Camellia japonica*, *Camellia sasanqua* and *Camellia reticulata*. There are six classifications of camellias by flower form: single, semidouble, anemone, peony, rose form double, and formal double. "Alba Plena" belongs to the last category. They require light shade and damp roots, but are really hardy. And there are a lot camellia shows in the Bay Area, so maybe you can go and visit some?
4. In the January Newsletter I encouraged you to pay attention to the featured article "Understanding Iris Descriptions" by Tom Waters. It covered iris hybridizing, deciphering iris descriptions, and how new irises get their names. Our next program on February 8, 2016 will deal with hybridizing work. Please, read this article again on pages 5-9 of the last Newsletter. If you have questions, our Club includes an experienced group of judges and irisarians and they will probably have the answers. We can only learn by asking questions.

## From the President's Desk

I guess everyone is enjoying the rain and wet weather. Thank God for the needed moisture. Our elation, however, is tempered by negative effects from the rain: three rooms with ceiling leaks, mud to the ankles, slippery steps, and iris beds full of wonderful weeds. If the rain continues through May as predicated, it's going to be lots of fun working the iris beds.

Joe and I attended the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center meeting in January. The Center's newly elected president and vice president were absent. I guess the rain made its impact there also! Skip Connelly presided over what was actually a great meeting. There were a lot of ideas exchanged and all participated in a very intelligent manner.

One issue came up again. A wedding was planned on a date on which a member club had their main show event scheduled. Since the wedding party had already printed their invitations, the member club changed their show date. To keep this from happening again, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May will be blanked out on the calendar until the three member clubs have their dates scheduled so that the facility will not be rented to anyone else.

They are going to be looking into what regular renters pay for their events and the roses by the benches at the front door will be removed and replaced with something else to be determined at a later date.

*Rudy Ciuca*



If we are ever to enjoy life, now is the time, not tomorrow or next year .... Today should always be our most wonderful day. –Thomas Dreier

### **This Month**

**Monday, February 8** – Anna Cadd, New Trends in Iris Hybridizing.

### **2016 Iris Events and Important Dates**

**Monday, March 14** – Adam Schmidt of Nor Cal Gopher, “Getting the Gophers”.

**Monday April 11** – Jim Begley, Ross BeVier, and Jeff Davis, Preparing Your Irises for the Show. Members will hold a mini-show.

**Friday–Sunday, April 29 – May 1** – Region 14 Spring Meeting “Iris on the Hill”, Beverly Heritage Hotel, 1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas, California. Vans to Nola’s Iris Garden. Guest Speaker Steve Schreiner; 2 judges’ training sessions.

**Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8** (open 1-5 Sat., 10-5 Sun.) – SRIS Iris Show/ Potted Iris Sale, LBAGC. Theme TBA.

**Monday May 9** – Master Gardener Toni Gattone, “You Can Garden for Life!” (adaptive gardening).

**Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15 (whole days)** – SRIS members Garden Tour.

**Monday – Saturday, May 23-28, 2016** – AIS National Convention, Newark, New Jersey. Convention Hotel: Newark Liberty Intl. Airport Marriott Hotel. Includes Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. Info at: [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org); go to Member Services, then Conventions/Activities. Registration form & hotel info on page 53 of the Fall 2015 AIS Bulletin. **Early registration fee \$299 extended through Feb. 29; \$310 thereafter.**

**Monday June 13** – Kitty Loberg, Report on 2016 Reg. 14 Spring Meeting. Show awards presented.

**Monday July 11** – 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 7** - Potluck Picnic, Iris Auction and Raffle, C&L Vineyard, Sonoma.

**Tuesday thru Thursday, September 6-8, 11 AM – 8 PM** – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday 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** – TBA (Beardless 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.



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

Monday, March 14, 6:00 PM

Monday, May 9, 6:00 PM

Monday, July 11, 6:00 PM

Monday, September 12, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 14, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 12, 6:00 PM

### **Other Events of Garden Interest**

**Saturday, February 6, 10 AM - Noon** – “Intro-duction to Rainwater Harvesting”; workshop by specialist Guy Giordanengo. How to store water and install a rain tank with display of rain barrels and tanks. Harmony Farm Supply & Nursery, 3244 Gravenstein Hwy. N., Sebastopol. Sign up online at [harmony.farm.com](http://harmony.farm.com) or call 707-823-9125.

**Saturday, February 6, 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM** – Free talk on composting by Master Gardener Lyle Bullock. Learn the hows & whys of composting to improve your soil. Windsor Regional Library, 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Bldg. 100, Windsor.

**Saturday, February 6, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM** – Free workshop on pruning roses. Master Gardener Ellen Swenson will cover tools and techniques. Petaluma Regional Library, 100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma. Call 565-2608 or go to [sonomastergardeners.org](http://sonomastergardeners.org) for info.

**Friday – Sunday, February 26-28** – Pacific Orchid Exposition, Ft. Mason, San Francisco. Largest orchid show in the U.S. See [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org) or call 650-548-6700. Hours Fri. and Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5. Admission \$15/\$12 senior; \$1 less if you order tickets online.

**March 16-20, 2016** – San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, San Mateo Event Center. [www.sfgardenshow.com](http://www.sfgardenshow.com). Wed.-Sat. 10-7; Sun. 10-6. \$17.50 online before Feb. 28; \$22 at the door. AIS R14 will have a booth; contact Carolyn Craft (408-266-0945 or [theladygardens@aol.com](mailto:theladygardens@aol.com)) to volunteer for free admission.

**Saturday & Sunday, April 2 & 3** – Sonoma County Orchid Society Show “Orchids in Art”, Veteran’s Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa (across from the Fairgrounds). Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; admission \$8.00.

**Saturday, April 23** – Santa Rosa Garden Club Plant Sale, LBAGC.

From the Editor – **Thank you** for contributions to this issue: **Juanita Breckwoldt, Anna Cadd; Rudy Ciuca; Betty Ford; Diana Ford, Marlene Freetly, Anna Marie Hermansen; Joe Lawrence; & Ruth Norman** of CAL FIRE. *Alleah*

Bacterial Soft Rot  
Anna Cadd

Spring is coming and you are checking up on things in your iris beds. As you look closer you may see that some of the leaves are turning yellow and brown and some fans are falling over. The rhizome is mushy too...and what is that horrible smell? Oh, no – it’s soft rot!

Soft rot is a disease caused by *Erwinia carotovora*, a bacterial plant pathogen. *Erwinia carotovora* is widespread in occurrence, and different strains affect many vegetable and horticultural crops.

It typically enters the iris rhizome via an injury to the plant. Wounds that provide access for the bacteria can be created by slugs, snails, beetle larvae, wind damage, cultivation, animals or even careless leaf or stalk removal. The result of the infection is a mushy or slimy, foul-smelling rhizome, and usually, rot and decay in the lower leaves. The bacteria can overwinter in soil and on infected plant debris.

If the rot is extensive, you should dig up the plant; but if only a portion of a plant is infected, the plant can be treated in place. Since the soil immediately surrounding the infected plant has very high bacteria levels, it is best to scrape away and dispose of that as well and replace it with uncontaminated soil. With a sharp knife, cut off the rotted portion of rhizomes and leaves, and put into the trash. Make sure you cut back the rhizome to all white healthy tissue.

To sanitize the rhizome you can dip it in 10% bleach solution or use either a chlorine-based powdered cleanser like Comet® or garden sulfur. Usually, the replanted rhizome will survive, though it may not bloom that year.

The best treatment, however, is prevention, and proper cultural practices can dramatically reduce the occurrence of soft rot in your garden.



Based on [http://www.dvis-ais.org/iris-rot\\_remedies.html](http://www.dvis-ais.org/iris-rot_remedies.html) by JoAnn Mukherjee on the Delaware Valley Iris Society website.

*Well-balanced gardens have a quality of restfulness and exquisite perfection, with plants chosen and placed like words in a perfect poem. Jeff Cox*



### Notice: Changes to Roster

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

**Richard Berenter DPM**  
114 Spring Grove Ave  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
[lilreuven@aol.com](mailto:lilreuven@aol.com)



### Keeping In Touch

**Marlene Freetly** has been missing meetings of late due to back problems that hurt more as the day progresses. As needed she takes prescription pain medicine, and then it isn't safe for her to drive. She has seen two doctors who have suggested a "last resort" surgical procedure that involves numbing the nerves in her back. Marlene misses her friends in the Society and will be back as soon as she can. Meanwhile, she welcomes cards/calls to

1632 Adobe Rd.  
Petaluma, CA 94954  
707-762-1042

Remember **Betty and Bill Coyle?**



They were great friends of Santa Rosa Iris Society. Betty was Region 14 RVP and the Chairman of the 2004 AIS National Convention in Fresno. **Bill** lost his famous beard after recent cancer treatment. **Betty** passed away on October 17, 2015 at their daughter's home in Texas. Bill wrote recently:

"Hello family and friends. I just confirmed the time and place for Betty's memorial service. The service will be held at Wood Street Chapel, 1649 Wood Street, Fortuna, California on February 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. ... If you have any questions please contact me at 707-834-0750 or email me at [profcoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:profcoyle@yahoo.com)."

## Happy Birthday February Babies

Jeanne Plank 2/2  
Rita Cardoza 2/8  
Anna Marie Hermansen 2/11  
Cheryl Bryan 2/12  
Kathy McCallum 2/13  
Nancy Fortner 2/18  
Anthony Gee 2/19  
Rudy Ciuca 2/21

## February Wedding Anniversary

Christie and Hank Flum 2/25

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 **March 2016** issue of this Newsletter is **February 20, 2016**. E-mail copy to: [alleah.haley@gmail.com](mailto:alleah.haley@gmail.com).*

## DUES NOTICE

Your Newsletter mailing label gives the expiration date of your SRIS dues. If it reads "12/15", please write a check payable to Santa Rosa Iris Society for \$15/person and mail it to membership secretary Betty Ford. **Electronic Newsletter recipients: check your expiration date on the membership list printed in the October 2015 Newsletter unless you know you've paid for 2016.** Use the renewal form in this issue.

## A Valentine Gift – Pink Pacific Coast Irises

Anna Cadd

February is the start of spring, new hope for a beautiful bloom season. The first to bloom in our gardens are Pacific Coast native irises, some just in time for Valentine's Day! What is better to read about than pink PCIs? Below is an article by Kathleen Sayce, published first on the AIS blog of December 14, 2015.

The pictures are in color - or you may wish to ask Alleah to send you this Newsletter as an email attachment. Over time we've had more and more color pictures in our Newsletter, and she can easily add you to the e-newsletter list. Just ask.



I remember several years ago that Vern Wood introduced his first pink PCI 'Pink Cupid' (1993), shown at left. What a sensation it was!

I bought it for big bucks and enjoyed it for several years until it died, as they tend to do. So have fun learning about a new trend in iris hybridizing – pink PCIs!

Also linked to that blog are the following articles you might enjoy:

'First Pacifica Iris Flowers'

'When to Transplant PCIs: Wait for Fall'

'Yellow-flowered Pacifica Iris, from species to modern...'

Lifting, Dividing, and Transplanting Pacifica Iris

## Going Pink – Getting Brighter PCI Flowers

Kathleen Sayce

From the AIS Blog: <http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/2015/12/going-pinkgetting-brighter-pci-flowers.html>



PCI 'Broadleigh Rose' (Broadleigh Gardens, R. 2006) - Rose to pink PCI flowers appear in nature from time to time. Debby Cole urged me to collect seeds from a wild *I. tenax* population along the Columbia River a decade ago; this population is notable for its cool pink flowers.

'Broadleigh Rose' is a typical wild-type selection with rose pink flowers, a yellow signal, narrow petals and veining in darker pigments.

But pinks have gotten bold in the garden, moving into modern forms with wider, ruffled petals and more intense colors. The following is a small selection of the variety of modern pinks. As with other reddish-hued flowers, the pink coloration is a balance between cool blues/lavenders/purples in the intracellular fluid and warm tones (yellows/oranges) inside plastids [pigment containing structures] in each cell.



PCI 'Altar Boy' (Ghio, 1998) - is a light pink, near flesh-toned flower with a dark signal and some veining. Petals are broad, and the two-toned color of the falls is very pleasing.

complexity.



PCI 'Erika Denise' (Vernon Wood, 2005) - has intense veining on a light pink background. The darker signal band sets off the pink background, and the contrasting style arms and standards add to a nice



PCI 'Marriage Proposal' (Ghio, 2006) - with more intensely pink petals, 'Marriage Proposal' ... has with even wider falls and standards, and intensely dark signals on falls. Ruffling pale edges and lighter center streak add complexity to this flower.

towards solid colors and yet, being variations leaning the ordinary and into a



PCI 'English Rose' (Ghio, 2002). Hybrids that move include this one, with petals almost all the same PCI, there are veins and central petal color towards pale blues that lift this flower right out of lovely ethereal pink. Wide ruffled petals don't hold

up well in wet spring areas, but this one is worth contriving a cover for during flowering.



PCI 'Fallen Plums', (John Marchant, 1994) - edges towards purple, and displays a lovely intensity of color on the falls between the base color, darker veins, light signal and lighter rims. Moderate ruffling means this flower holds up well in wetter spring climates.

yellow signal, a small



PCI 'Blazing Speed' (Duane Meek, R. 2008). And then we move off into dramatic contrasts between pink and yellow, pinker and orange. Initially the contrast seems almost innocuous, some dark rose veins on a lighter fall, a nicely yellow slash.



PCI 'Rainbow Connection' (Ghio, `1994) - but these are PCIs, and so the contrast continues: more veins, lighter background on falls, darker halo on signal, more intensity of color on standards.

wider, darker, more



PCI 'On the Bubble' (Ghio, 2005) - and more: ruffles, more veining. More contrast.

And . . .



PCI 'Star of Wonder' (Ghio, 2002) - over-the-top gaudy, ... raspberry red edges and veins, darker halo on signal, and yellow gleaming through on the falls. And yet the effect is still pink, albeit a hot luscious pink with neon-bright color contrasts, like a brilliantly-colored shaved ice confection on a hot summer day.

### Curried Carrot Soup

Alleah Haley, based on Parade magazine, January 17, 2016

Peel 1 lb. carrots and 2 large shallots, run through food processor, and place in a medium saucepan with 3 Tbsp. olive oil; add 2 chopped garlic cloves, 1 tsp. curry powder and ¼ tsp. black pepper and stir. Cook 5 minutes over medium heat. Add 2 ½ cups low sodium vegetable broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 5-7 minutes until carrots are tender. Add 2 Tbsp. almond butter\* and juice of 1 lime. Puree in pan with immersion blender or use a regular blender. Serve garnished with lime zest. Serves 4.

\*A jar of almond butter costs \$8-12 and will you ever use it for anything else? In January, 2016 Safeway® had a special on 1.15 oz. packets of almond butter (in the peanut butter section) for \$1 each. Regular price is \$1.69 each. I used 1 packet for this recipe. Yum!

### Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Board Meeting, January 11 2015

Meeting called to order 6:15 p.m. Minutes from December meeting approved. Correction on newsletter of Adam Schmidt instead of Eric.

Treasurer's report read and approved

**Old Business:**

- 1. Sales chairman for show  
Action: Rudy will ask Marlene Freetly and Marlene Horn if they will co-chair
- 2. Show Chair  
Action: Anna Marie agreed to chair
- 2. Chair for rhizome sale at Heirloom Expo  
Action: Betty Ford agreed to chair
- 5. Chair for Farmers' Market sale  
Action: Alleah Halley agreed to chair

**Discussion:** Jeff will check out flea market; discussion on preparing the bags for Heirloom sale on Monday at the Center. This date will be reserved by Alleah. Alleah will also reserve all the dates for meetings, show and November potluck.

**New Business:**

- 1. Flowers for Gen Mattos Memorial  
Action: Jean Sharp will do these
- 2. Memorial Donation (this was done in November)
- 3. Region 14 Scholarship Application  
Discussion: this is a big job to contact all high schools and colleges in the area served by SRIS. Joe will write a letter to Sonoma County Board of Education and inform Phyllis that some areas will be left out. Most members agreed this job should be done by the regional chair and suggested some address lists are available. This will be included in the letter.  
Action: Joe will write a letter to Phyllis and contact Sonoma County.
- 4. AIS Affiliation renewal.  
Action: Joe will send the check, Betty provided needed paperwork.
- 5. Memorial for Betty Coyle will be held February 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Wood Street Chapel, 1649 Wood Street, Fortuna, CA. Donation was done in November.
- 6. Recommend the budget for 2016  
Action: Members agreed to recommend the budget to the general meeting.
- 7. LBA&GC Meeting Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. Rudy and Anna Cadd will be the representatives.
- 8. Member Gardens tour May 14, 15  
Action: Discuss this with group at the next meeting

For agenda next month;

- Budget for 2016
- Beardless type discussion for purchasing
- Theme for Iris Show
- Date and gardens for member garden tour
- Potluck date for a weekend, open doors at 12:00 noon, eating at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



**Door Prizes for February**

Rudy Ciuca

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.

**A GRAPE FIT** (Schreiner, 2015) 35" M. Rosy violet plicata; wide, cup-shaped falls' white ground is heavily peppered with a 1/2" ring of aster violet.

**AMBER RAINBOW** (Kerr, 2014) 36" M. S. pinkish amber, red lavender flush at base; F. pinkish amber, darker hafts, center blue lavender.

**BELLE FILLE** (Marky Smith, 2015) 34" EML. S. violet; F. Vatican purple, thin cream edge, luminata cream veins below white heart with ¼" bright yellow ring bleeding to brown shoulder, small white dart below beard; beards white, tipped yellow, orange in throat; heavily ruffled, luminata pattern; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**BETTER TOGETHER** (Schreiner, 2014) 40" M. S. light violet-blue, cream veining; F. darker blue-violet; beard hairs based purple, tips gold.

**CAMEO KEEPSAKE** (L. Miller, 2015) **SDB** 11-12" M-L. S. and style arms clear peach-pink; F. slightly lighter peach-pink; beards baby blue.

**CENTURY BOUND** (Schreiner, 2015) 40" M. S. pure white; F. blue purple with white center blaze, lavender edges; beards yellow flanked by chestnut hash marks.

**COMMANDING PRESENCE** (Black, 2014) 31" E-M. S. light lavender-blue; F. darker blend, narrow light blue band, plum haft veined pale blue; beards orange; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**ESCAPE FROM BOREDOM** (Black, 2014) 36" E-M. S. butter cream flushed peach; F. cream center lined purple, wide peach band, cream edge; beards orange; slight spicy fragrance.

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

**HEAVENLY HOST** (Ghio, 2014) 42" ML. S. white, light pink base and midrib; F. white; beards same.

**LAVENDER LEMON CAKE** (M. Sutton, 2015) 33". Mimosa yellow standards, wisteria blue falls, yellow shoulders and a golden brown 1/4" rim.

**MARDI GRAS BALL** (T. Johnson, 2014) 35" M-L. S. white; F. violet wash below beard becoming dark violet toward edge, yellow at hafts, 1/8" white band at rim; beards tangerine; slight fragrance.

**ONE LAST KISS** (T. Johnson, 2014) 40" L. S. light pink; F. white, deep pink thumbprint hafts, light pink edge; beards deep blue-violet.

**OUTCAST** (Marky Smith, 2015) 33" EML. S. peach, apricot midribs, cream edges; F. buckskin with veins radiating from darker area around beards, cream edges; wide vermilion beards; heavily ruffled; pronounced spicy fragrance

**PASSION FOR FASHION** (Schreiner, 2015) 35" L. Pale peach standards. Wavy magenta rose falls, lightening to lavender on the edges, flare attractively. Bright orange beards.

**RAGTOP DAY** (Schreiner, 2014) 36" ML. S. pale violet-blue; F. violet-grape, small amount of white by beard; beard hairs based orange, tips purple.

**SPLENDID SPRING** (L. Painter, 2015) 39" M-L. S. pink-salmon; F. orchid-pink; beards coral.

**TRIPLE DIP** (Black, 2014) **RE** 34" E-M. S. white, center butter-yellow, outer 1/3 petal veined butter-yellow; F. dark purple, dark plum-purple haft, light violet rim, white mottling over haft; beards marigold; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**VIBRATO** (L. Painter, 2015) 36" E-M. S. tan-beige, slightly darker narrow edge towards top, some veins and purple flecks at edge; F. white ground lined with purple; beards gold, hairs based white, tips gold; slight spicy fragrance.

**WATERCOLOR PRINT** (T. Johnson, 2015) 33" White standards, delicately tinted palest violet, yellow shadings part way up midribs, thin gold rims. Lightly ruffled circular falls have mid violet bands with paler washed watermark bands inside that. Vivid yellow to marigold beards.

## Rebloom Report

- On January 24 **Diana Ford** in Hopland emailed that December frost in the teens knocked down blooming 'Autumn Sunburst', 'Echo Location', 'Violet Turner', 'Traffic', 'Living on the Edge' 'Concertina', 'Precious Halo', & 'Autumn Explosion'. Earlier she had dug up irises with stalks and put them in a greenhouse and enjoyed a new seedling, 'Precious Halo' and 'Autumn Explosion' at Christmas. 'Traffic' has a stalk and 'Edge of the World' and 'Living on the Edge' both have multiple stalks but not yet in bloom.
- On January 24 **Juanita Breckwoldt** reported that December freeze in San Rafael zapped rebloom. Spiking now: 'Double Overtime' (IB), 'Magic Quest' (BB), and 'Chartered Course' (TB).
- **Anna Marie Hermansen** said 'Edge of the World' bloomed in San Francisco ~ January 15 and was budding again. 'Temporal Anomaly' was blooming January 30 in Santa Rosa.

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  
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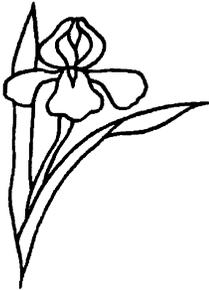
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## **Meetings & Membership**

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.

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.

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