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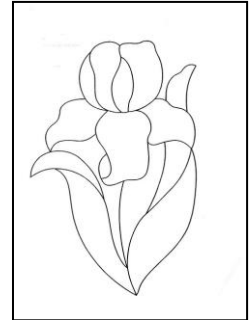
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2016 Summer Rhizome Sales Chm.

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SRIS BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 6:00 PM at
LUTHER BURBANK ART & GARDEN
CENTER



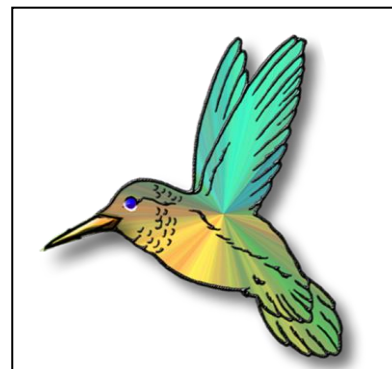
On Monday, January 9 the Santa Rosa Iris Society officers, directors, and all interested members will gather at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, our regular meeting place, to work on the budget for the club for 2017. Treasurer Joe Lawrence has prepared a draft budget, printed in this issue; so come with suggestions for any needed revisions.

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to have direct input into the workings of our society. Please join us, give a ride to a club friend who might not otherwise be able to come, bring a snack to share, and spend a couple hours with your fellow irisarians working on this year's budget.

Gardening Tips for January

Anna Cadd

1. "Legends say that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy and celebration. The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life's sweetest creation". This is a verse from a Papyrus® greeting card – how appropriate for the first days of 2017, the year of the Rooster. Admittedly, a rooster is a little bigger than a hummingbird, but still a bird! In winter feed hummingbirds with a little feeder to enjoy their beauty and grace and to do your part to help God's creatures.



2. The New Year starts with wet soil, morning frost, shy sunshine in the afternoon and the urge to run out and work in the garden. So much to do and so little time! We are tempted to cut perennials back to a few inches above ground and clean up and dispose of debris to limit overwintering diseases and pests. But leave perennials such as purple coneflowers, black-eyed Susans and ornamental grasses standing tall. Their seed heads enhance wintry views and feed foraging birds.
3. Roses are ready to be pruned, but they are still blooming! We have a tough decision – to prune or not to prune. Pruned roses will look better in spring, so let's do it; cut them short as the rose society members do in their display garden, Make cuts leaving good buds on the outside side of canes. One exception is "Tropicana" rose, a very strong grower. On this one we keep buds on the inside of the canes; otherwise it will grow wide and huge!
4. There will still be frosty nights until late February, so it is good to protect tender, frost sensitive plants with burlap coverings, towels, bed sheets and even mulch for low growing plants. If there are frost damaged parts of plants, leave them there on the plant. They will protect the new growth.
5. Some plants drop their leaves in autumn, but evergreen foliage hangs on. Needled evergreens and acid-loving shrubs such as rhododendrons and camellias rely on good hydration to get through winter. Evergreen leaves lose water under winter sun and drying winds, and roots in frozen soil can't easily replace it. In warm-climate gardens, continue limited watering of evergreens during winter.
6. Without the extra insulation garden soil provides, many container plants can't survive outdoor winters. Even tough, hardy plants that normally breeze through blizzards can die in pots left unprotected outdoors, and houseplants that summered outdoors need to come back inside. Winter preparations involve some extra work, but your garden will be beautiful next spring!
7. Irises don't need any attention now, of course provided they are growing in weed-free beds. If there are weeds, it is easy to pull them out. Don't fertilize irises until February. We don't want to break their dormancy, and new tender leaves can be damaged by frost. February will come sooner than we think.

From the President's Desk

Whew! Another holiday season is in the books. Now I can get back to my garden. January seems like a slow time, but it fills up quickly and suddenly you realize that spring is on the horizon. Gardening is a year-round endeavor and there is always something pressing you. I saw a TED Talk recently about people who are over 100 years young, and one of the common links was they all had gardening as a part of their daily lives throughout their lives. Whether it was farming or for pleasure the exercise you get and stress relief can help you live a long and healthy life. I know it has helped me, even as I sit and pull weeds, thinking it is as it should be. So, in between rain showers, get out and enjoy the benefits of your own garden. I do and I'm happy!

Jeff Davis

This Month

Monday, January 9, 6:00 p.m. – SRIS Board Meeting, LBAGC - 2017 budget. All welcome.

Saturday, January 21, 1:30-3:00 p.m. – Judges' Training "AIS Awards and Ballots" with John Jones. Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. In conjunction with Sydney B. Mitchell IS winter potluck.

2017 Iris Events and Important SRIS Dates

Monday, February 13 – Adam Schmidt of Nor Cal Gopher, "Getting the Gophers".

Monday, March 13 – Anna Cadd, "Entering the Artistic Division in an Iris Show".

Monday April 10 – Jim Begley & Ross BeVier, "Preparing Your Irises for the Show". Members will hold a mini-show. 1 hr. judges training credit.

Friday–Sunday, April 21-23 – Region 14 Spring Meeting "Iris Express", Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento. Frannie's and Horton's Iris Gardens; guest speaker and judges trainer Dell Perry, Plano Texas.

Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7 (open 1-5 Sat., 10-5 Sun.) – SRIS Iris Show/ Potted Iris Sale, LBAGC. Theme TBA.

Monday May 8 – Cheryl Bryan, "Irids" (iris family plants).

Monday – Saturday, May 23-27, 2017 – AIS National Convention “Rhythm of the Prairie”. Convention Hotel: Des Moines, Iowa, Marriott. Six gardens incl. Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. For info go to www.irises.org, Member Services, Conventions/Activities. Registration form & hotel info on page 44 of the Fall 2016 AIS Bulletin. Registration \$250 on or before Jan. 31.

Monday June 12 – Kitty Loberg & Anna Cadd, Report on 2017 Region 14 Spring Meeting. Show awards presented.

Monday July 10 – Marlene Horn, “Club Irises available at the August Picnic/Auction”.

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

Saturday or Sunday August 5 or 6 – Potluck Picnic, Iris Auction and Raffle, location TBA.

Monday August 14 – No meeting.

Late August or September – Rhizome sale. Date, time, and location TBA

Tuesday thru Thursday, September 5-7 – 7th Annual Heirloom Expo, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds. SRIS will have a booth.

Monday, September 11 – Anna Cadd, “Iris Culture”. Free seminar for new members.

Monday, October 9 – Beardless Irises. Speaker TBA.

Early November – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Costume Party, LBAGC.



2017 Board Meetings - Board Members and Officers, please mark your calendars:

Monday, January 9, 6:00 PM

Monday, March 13, 6:00 PM

Monday, May 8, 6:00 PM

Monday, July 10, 6:00 PM

Monday, September 11, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 13, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM

Rose Pruning Classes

Saturdays, January 7 & 14, 9 a.m. - noon – Redwood Empire Rose Society is holding free pruning lectures and hands-on demonstrations in the rose garden, LBAGC, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa. Bring pruning shears.

Saturdays, January 28 & February 4, 9-3 (heavy rain postpones to Feb. 11). Russian River Rose Co., 1685 Magnolia Dr., Healdsburg. \$35, pre-registration needed. Call 707-433-7455. Bring hooded jacket, boots, warm socks, work gloves, pruners, clipboard, sack lunch. Warm drinks & muffins provided. Rose propagation workshop 3-4 p.m.

Other Events of Garden Interest

Friday – Sunday, February 24-26 – Pacific Orchid & Garden Exposition “Big Ideas for Small Gardens”. New location: SF County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco. Largest orchid show in the U.S. See 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.

Saturday & Sunday, April 1 & 2 – Sonoma County Orchid Society Spring Show “Orchids in Wonderland”, 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 22 – Santa Rosa Garden Club Plant Sale & “indoor garage sale”, 9-2, LBAGC. Tools sharpened by Andy the Tool Sharpening Guy.

DUES NOTICE

Your Newsletter mailing label gives the expiration date of your SRIS dues. If it reads “12/16”, 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 2016 Newsletter unless you know you’ve paid for 2017.** Use the renewal form in this issue.

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Barb Baruth, Anna Cadd; Jeff Davis; Betty Ford; Diana Ford, Joe Lawrence; Steve Schreiner, Jean Sharp and Susan Wiseman.**
Alleah

Judges' Training on January 21, 2017

“AIS Awards and Ballots” will be offered in Oakland in conjunction with the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society annual potluck on January 21, 2017. AIS Registrar and Master Judge John Jones will give the two-hour training that is required for an apprentice to advance to fully accredited Garden/Exhibition Judge.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch at 12:00 noon - bring a dish to share

Training at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. In Lakeside Park at Lake Merritt. \$5 entry fee upon entering the park.

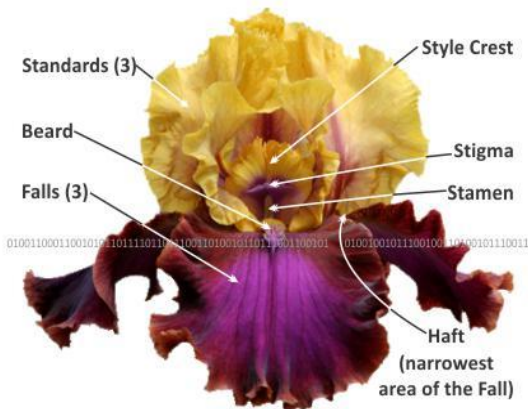
Bring your own table service and serving spoon. Distance guests bring appetizers, salads, desserts or beverages to feed 10. Locals will bring hot dishes and the Society will provide napkins, hot drinks, rolls, and the main dish. Come for the potluck or just the training. Contact Jean Richter 510-864-7962 re food and for driving directions. Contact Alleah Haley 707-799-1422 or alleah.haley@gmail.com for judges' training info.

A Refresher Course on the Iris Flower

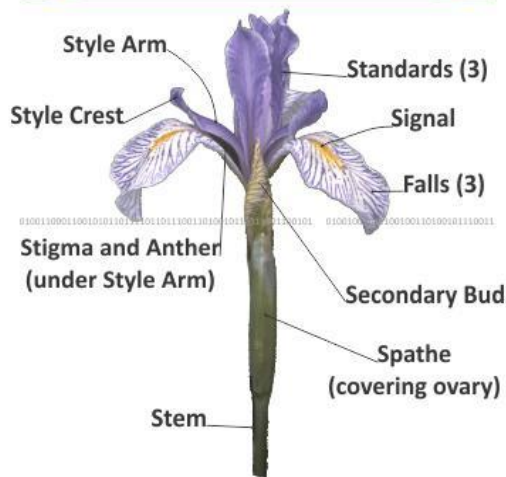
Anna Cadd

We probably all know this stuff, but sometimes we get questions about iris flowers from different gardeners and we have a lot of new members also, who may not know all the names – so maybe the New Year is a good time to learn or refresh our memories. Here, based on www.leonineiris.com but available from several sources, are terms for parts of the iris flower:

Bearded Iris Flower Parts



Beardless Iris Flower Parts



Family: Iridaceae – Iris family

Genus: Iris

Spathe: The papery covering surrounding emerging buds. It turns brown and protects the ovary as it develops.

Standards: The three upright petals of the iris flower.

Falls: The three lower petals of the iris flower that may either hang down or flare out.

Beard: The fuzzy “caterpillar” from which bearded iris get their name. They are found at the base of the falls, tucked in towards the center of the flower. They are also found on the inside of the standards of some species of aril irises.

Haft: The hafts are the base of the falls and standards where they begin to narrow near the center of the flower. In older cultivars and some species the hafts of the falls are often marked with veins and lines. Flowers so marked are sometimes referred to as being "hafty" and it is often considered a fault unless it pleasantly adds to the distinctiveness of the flower.

Pistil: The female reproductive structure of a flower which in iris consists of ovary, style-arms and stigma.

Ovary: The ovule-bearing part of the pistil at the base of the iris flower which develops after fertilization into the seedpod containing seeds derived from the ovules.

Styles: The part of the pistil that rises from the ovary and bears the stigma. In the iris, it branches into three flat arms that may or may not be the same color as the petals.

Style Crest: The flared end of the style arm usually split into two projections and often serrated.

Style Arm: Three style arms rest above the anthers; may be the same or contrasting colors as the iris flower.

Stigma: The part of the pistil that receives the pollen. In the iris, it is a lip projecting from the underside of the style arm, below the style crest.

Stamen: The male reproductive structure of a flower consisting of a filament, and an anther containing the pollen grains. They rest between the style arms and the falls.

Anther: Stiff, fuzzy stem-like appendage holding pollen grains, located under the style arm.

Signal: On beardless irises there is often a signal consisting of a bright contrasting spot of a different color that replaces the beard.

Crest: Instead of a signal or a beard the crested or Evansia irises of the Lophiris section have a ridge or cockscomb of petal-like material called a crest.

Spur: A short side stem that may or may not be near the top of the stigmatic lip.

Stigmatic Lip: The lip-like petal under the style crest which receives the pollen.

Space Age Iris: These irises have horns, spoons or flounces extending out from the end of the beard

Horned: Horned iris have petal extrusions below the beard that curve up and away from the fall to form a pointed horn.

Spoons: Spoons are long stringy filaments that extend out from below the end of the beard and are tipped by small, cupped petaloids.

Flounces: Iris with flounces have multi-petaled fan shaped appendages without beards that arise from the center of the fall.

Perianth Tube: The bases of the petals join together into a tube that surrounds the style and extends down to the ovary. Some species, such as *Iris unguicularis*, have very long perianth tubes that replace the stem and extend down to the ovary which is at ground level.

The Iris Learning Corner – *Iris afghanica*

Anna Cadd

Iris afghanica has been described as the finest plant introduction from Afghanistan, and the most superb of the Regelia irises.



Iris afghanica Wandelbo

The genus *Iris* has around 250 species. *Iris afghanica* is one of the rarest species, growing among boulders on steep rocky slopes at attitudes from 4900 to 11,000 feet. It occurs only in northeast Afghanistan. It is a striking species. The slender, bluish-green leaves can be up to 12 inches long, though are often shorter, and the outer ones are sickle-shaped.

The flowers of *I. afghanica* are about 3-3.5 inches across. The pointed standards are pale yellow and have a beard of greenish hairs on the lower part. The pointed creamy-white falls are heavily veined with purple-brown and have a solid purple patch in the center. Each fall has a beard of yellowish or purple hairs.

At higher altitudes the plants are more strongly colored and only about 4 inches tall. At lower altitudes the flowers are larger and more softly colored, and plants can reach 10-12 inches tall.

The discovery of this species is quite colorful. English Rear Admiral Paul Furse and his wife Polly made several expeditions to western and central Asia in search of plants during the 1960s. Furse was an accomplished botanical artist and amateur botanist who, after his retirement from the Navy, spent several years searching for bulbs. While in Afghanistan in 1964, they came across this beautiful iris growing on the northern side of the Salang Pass in the Hindu Kush, north of Kabul. They initially thought it was a form of *Iris darwasica* but after finding it again on their second expedition to the region in 1966, came to the conclusion that it must be a new species. The species was eventually described in 1972 and given its name - *Iris afghanica*.

In its natural habitat, *Iris afghanica* experiences hot, dry summers and freezing winters so it is perfectly hardy. In cultivation it must be kept dry when dormant. For this reason it is best grown in a well-ventilated cold frame or greenhouse, to protect the rhizomes from rain in the summer.

Iris afghanica is rare in cultivation and it is even rarer to find two clones grown together, so seed is very seldom available. Different clones are needed because the plants are self-incompatible, so a flower cannot be fertilized by its own pollen.

Regelia irises often do better if planted directly into a raised bed. Some species, such as *I. hoogiana* from the Pamir Alai in Central Asia and *I. korolkowii* from the Tien Shan and Pamir Alai mountains of Central Asia, can be grown outside in a well-drained, sunny border. Plants can be increased by dividing the rhizomes in late summer, as the plants are re-potted.

Based on <http://www.kew.org/science-conservation/plants-fungi/iris-afghanica> .

All gardening is landscape painting. Alexander Pope

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, if it rains much the 12 days after Christmas it will be a wet year. Maybe there's hope for turning back the drought in the West.



Keeping In Touch

Barb Baruth emailed on December 22: "Just a quick update to let you know that it has now been 67 days since [our son] Alex's bone marrow transplant and he is still doing okay. This week has been hard - he has been more fatigued than usual and his white blood and platelet counts were down. Only a blip, we hope ... his doctor is not worried. Alex continues to need an IV bag of magnesium every day, a time-consuming annoyance and it means he can't have his PICC line removed yet. However, we are very pleased that he still has not developed GvHD [a complication of bone marrow transplant]. I hope you have a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Love, **Barb**"

1900 E. Newton Ave.
Shorewood, WI 53211

Received from **Steve Schreiner** on December 6: "Thanks for the latest Santa Rosa Iris Society newsletter. There is always something worthwhile in it. This month had more. I enjoyed Anna Cadd's piece on the *Iris Palaestina*, and even more, her #6 Gardening Tip [Curl up with warm tea, a blanket, and a book to enjoy the holiday season]. And it was fun reading about your iris naming contest [the "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" Party]. I'm forwarding this email to Sarah (my wife) and Liz and Dyna in the [Schreiners Gardens] office.

And then Clive Russell's article was fabulously informative. I'm forwarding it to Bonnie Nichols who loves flatties.

Steve"

Happy Birthday January Babies

Doug Dolezal 1/3

Bill Tatham 1/9

Patricia Franz 1/22

Bill Fuller 1/23

Linnea Polo 1/28

Jim Begley 1/29

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 February 2017 issue of this Newsletter is January 20, 2017. E-mail copy to: alleah.haley@gmail.com.*

Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Board Meeting, December 12, 2016

Attending: Anna Marie Hermansen, Kitty Loberg, Jeff Davis, Jim Begley, Cheryl Bryan and Diana Ford. Corrections to November Minutes: Judges for the Spring Show - remove Christine Dickinson and add Carol Dahout. Kitty said she may invite one or more apprentice judges who need the experience. Correct Cheryl Bryan instead of Chery Bryan for May 8th program.

Diana read the email from Phyllis about the medals question from AIS. AIS just wanted to get an idea from the membership on how to proceed and were open to suggestions. Board chose to stay with the same vote.

There was a discussion about the planting demonstration next September. A suggestion was made to provide larger, better iris for giving to new members, maybe freshly dug from members yards so that the iris bloom well that first year.

There was a discussion of where to sell the iris next year. It was suggested that we revisit the question of using the Center for the sale before the Heirloom. This will be added to the agenda for a general meeting. There will also be a question on how many farmers market days or even if that venue is needed, on a future agenda.

Jean Sharp has agreement for the gopher program in February.

Check to see if March could also be a judges training.

Picnic/Auction 5 or 6 of August.

Add December 11, 2017 as a Board meeting to finalize programs to the programs list.

The revised programs list was approved.

There was a discussion about the garden at the center. A suggestion was made that we need a sign saying SRIS and explaining some of the shorthand on the labels, such as TB for Tall Bearded. Also a sign designating an area, since we have Dykes Medal winners in one place, Historics, Tall Bearded, Louisianas etc. Also having a bench to sit on. It was decided that at the next general meeting we would call for a committee to work on this project. Steve Albert came into the meeting about then and suggested he could build a planter with a bench on it. Then the question came up about how many Historics or spuria or Siberians did we want in the garden. This will be another question to be determined at a general meeting.

Round Robin:

There was a discussion of a balance of work and fun. Too often we focus on the work to be done in the garden or for shows and not enough on social contact around our interest. There were a number of suggestions that other clubs have used. It was decided that we would propose at a general meeting some simple meet and eat events, such as lunch with or without a lecturer, having lunch at the garden with just French bread, cold cuts and a veggie tray when something was blooming. These would be non-working lunches, set up a table and chairs, talk, look and eat.

It was questioned if we had \$1,500 to care for the garden; add to January agenda.

It was suggested that we might be able to hire out some of the work in the garden.

There is a missing board in the fence. The Center will be notified.

The electric hook up for the timer needs to be caged so the homeless or kids don't unplug the timer and use the electric plug. This happened last year and for months nothing got watered.

Kitty suggested that we give a choice of iris from the whole list to Best of Show winner and runner up. She will be making some small changes and adding a section for seedling that had to carry the hybridizers name and seedling number, entered by another person.

She will need a plaque or AIS Award for Best of Design for the new design section. The Educational section R under Youth will be changed to have an actual Section.

Changes to color awards; Best Bi-color or Bi-tone, Best Plicata or Emma Cook pattern, Best Reblooming, Best Broken color or novelty specimen.

At a general meeting she would like to talk more about keeper awards.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Diana Ford, SRIS Secretary

If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it. ~Michael Jordan, recipient of the 2016 Presidential Medal of Freedom

Don't Forget the Past

Anna Cadd

Historic irises are "Irises introduced over 30 years ago. Those that have survived this time period generally are the toughest of plants of their generation," according to information found at <http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Hist/WebHome> .To learn more about historic iris, visit www.historicirises.org .

At the 2016 AIS Convention there was issued "a call to action to save the historic irises of the past that we, our parents and previous generations loved, and which were the cutting edge of their time. They are disappearing at an alarming rate and it is our call to save as many as we can. It is the responsibility

of all iris lovers to do this,” stated Dennis Luebkin, in his article “Guardian Gardens — A Call to Action Strengthens a Program by Prescott Area Iris Society” in AIS Region 15 Newsletter, Fall 2016.

“Catalogs of the 1930’s and 1940’s show the best irises of the day to be strappy-falled with little or no flare or ruffling. The iris world was taken aback in 1939 when Clara Rees’s ‘Snow Flurry’ was introduced, for it had pronounced ruffling and it passed this trait to its offspring. A prolific parent, ‘Snow Flurry’ gave outstanding seedlings in a wide range of colors. The importance of this iris can hardly be overestimated, and in 1974 the American Iris Society Board of Directors Award, the first of its kind, was voted to ‘Snow Flurry,’ ”according to The World of Irises, Chapter 4, by Melba B. Hamblen and Keith Keppel.

Look at:

<http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Hist/DevelopmentOfFormAndShape>



'Snow Flurry' (Clara Rees, 1939). TB. Blue white, ruffled, sweet fragrance. 'Purissima' X 'Thais'.

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 1st 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:

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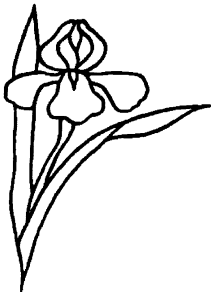
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Meetings & Membership

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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.

February Newsletter Deadline – January 20th