

The Newsletter of

# The Santa Rosa Iris Society

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Jeff Davis

### **2017 Potted Iris Sale Chairman**

Alleah Haley

### **2017 Summer Rhizome Sales Chm.**

Need volunteer

MONDAY, June 12, 7:00 PM

## ANNA CADD & KITTY LOBERG – 2017 REGION 14 SPRING MEETING

This year's Spring Regional was held in the Sacramento area, co-hosted by the Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies. Two gardens were on tour: Frannie's Iris Garden in Elk Grove, California and Horton's Iris Garden in Loomis, California. Ruth Ostroff, President of the Sacramento Iris Society, opened her garden in Rio Linda for optional visits.



Members Anna Cadd and Kitty Loberg will show digital photos and talk about the gardens we visited and the irises we saw at the April 21-23 meeting.

*Shown is Steve Albert's specimen of 'Core Values' (Ghio, 2013, TB), which attracted a lot of attention at our spring show. Photo by Kitty Loberg.*

## Gardening Tips for June

1. For the first time in 27 years I missed this year's SRIS show, "An Iris for all Seasons" [I was at the Spuria Convention in Burbank]. But I heard good reviews about the show and especially about the iris flower arrangements. I really would like to see more pictures of them and the decorative bouquets made by Jean Sharp and her crew. Can someone send me pictures? We are anticipating the 100 year anniversary of the American Iris Society in 2020. Maybe we will have futuristic arrangements at next year's SRIS show.
2. During my travels I always hear that people grow irises because deer will not eat them. Sure, adult deer don't like them very much, until you stumble on some deer with peculiar taste. So why not try deer resistant plants as companion plants; the following are herbs, so they can be used in the savory kitchen:
  - a. Bee balm - *Monarda didyma*. It blooms red flowers in July and August, attracts honeybees, butterflies and other beneficial insects. But it is susceptible to powdery mildew and rust.
  - b. Catnip - *Nepeta cataria*. Blue or white flowers bloom from May to September. It can grow to 3 feet tall and wide. The leaves can be used in stews and soups, and its flavor is slightly minty. The tea can soothe an upset stomach and

anxiety, and can be used as a sleeping aid. It attracts butterflies and, of course, all the neighbors' cats!

- c. Lavender – *Lavandula angustifolia*. Blooms in blue or purple from May to November. Flowers are used in salads, drinks and ice cream; and oils are used to enhance relaxation and sleep.
  - d. Lemon balm – *Melissa officinalis*. White to pale pink flowers bloom from June to August. It belongs to mint family. Lemon scented leaves are used in soups, pastas and salads. It has been used to soothe the nerves and helps with colds, and attracts honey bees.
  - e. Mint – *Mentha*. It is best to plant it in the pots, because spreading by underground stems it can take over the whole garden. It is delicious in salads, teas and soups. Perfect for garnish and floating in sun tea. The flavor is strong, but very pleasing. Attracts honey bees and other beneficial pollinators.
  - f. Russian oregano – *Origanum vulgare* subsp. *gracile*. White to pink flowers, bloom June through October. Grows from rhizomes reaching 18 inches tall and wide. Grown for culinary uses rather than aesthetic purposes.
  - g. Rosemary – *Rosmarinus officinalis*. Fragrant pale blue to white flowers bloom whole year around. An evergreen shrub, with needle like leaves, grows 2-6 feet tall and 2-4 feet wide. Highly desirable as culinary herb, perfect for grilling, soups, and marinades. Attracts butterflies.
  - h. Sage – *Salvia officinalis*. Deep purple flowers, blooms in June –October on wilder that is tall plant; it has a shrub like appearance. It is highly desired for seasoning fish, meat and for stuffing.
  - i. English thyme – *Thymus vulgaris*. Pale purple flowers bloom from May through October. Evergreen herb that adds winter interest in the garden. It is a very popular culinary herb, added to salads, marinades, and pizzas, stuffing and grilling. Can be grown indoors in a sunny window for winter cooking. Attracts Butterflies.
3. Now is a quiet time in the garden – we need to keep the weeds down, cut or break off iris bloom stalks, fertilize with balanced 15-15-15 fertilizer, work it into the soil and water until the end of July. After July reduce watering, let them go semi-dormant and clean off the diseased leaves, so problems will not spread and the bad bugs and snails will have no place to hide. A fairly “quiet” and peaceful time in the garden, indeed!
  4. Rebloomers are irises that bloom more than once a year; this means that they bloom outside regular blooming time. Every iris blooming from the end of May to March of next year is considering a rebloomer. The public is really interested in them and it is good to know which iris to recommend to them. Not all reblooming irises rebloom all over USA, so it is good to have a notebook with the names and time of rebloom in your area. If you are interested in them, please join the Reblooming Iris Society (RIS) and buy the “RIS Checklist of Reblooming Iris,” available on the RIS website: [www.rebloomingiris.com](http://www.rebloomingiris.com); go to Activities. It's available spiral bound for \$22; on CD for \$16.50. Cadd's 'Hakuna Matata' (AB OGB) has already re-bloomed twice in my garden this year.

## From the President's Desk

I went out this morning [June 5<sup>th</sup>] and picked the last tall bearded stalk in my garden, Paul Black's 'Magic Masquerade'. It had three blooms open and could have been entered in the show. It was like it waited until everything else was done and then pushed up a stalk to extend the bloom season. I looked at my records and 'Jesse's Song' was the first tall bearded to bloom on March 17<sup>th</sup>. That's almost 2 ½ months of beauty along with the other spring flowers. The rains this year actually did make a difference in the length of the bloom season. So, now I can put my beds to rest and think about how next year's bloom is only 10 months away. I can't wait.

*Jeff Davis*

## This Month

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

## 2017 Iris Events and Important SRIS Dates

**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 August 5** – Potluck Picnic, Iris Auction and Raffle, C&L Vineyard, Sonoma.

**Monday August 14** – No meeting.

**Saturday August 26, 9-3** – Rhizome sale, LBAGC.

**Tuesday thru Thursday, September 5-7** – 7<sup>th</sup> 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** – Rick Tasco, “My Iris Hybridizing Program”.

**Saturday November 4, 15-5 PM** – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Name Costume Party, LBAGC. We’ll eat at 2:00 PM.

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

Monday, July 10, 6:00 PM

Monday, September 11, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 13, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM

### **2017 Plant Sale Dates**

**Sonoma Co. Jail Plant Nursery & Teaching Garden**, 2254 Ordinance Rd., Santa Rosa.

**Saturdays September 9 & October 7 – 9 AM – Noon.** Checks or cash only. Native & drought tolerant shrubs, perennials, succulents, fruit & ornamental trees, veggies. Master Gardeners on site to help you select plants and answer questions. Info and plant list at [www.scoe/jailindustries](http://www.scoe/jailindustries) or call Rick Stern 707-525-8310 or email [jailind@mcn.org](mailto:jailind@mcn.org) .

**Occidental Arts and Ecology Center Nursery**, 15290 Coleman Valley Rd., Occidental.

**Saturday & Sunday, August 12-13, 19-20 – 10 – 5**, Fall Plant Sale

<https://aoaec.org/events/plantsales> .

Nursery open Saturdays & Sundays, April – October, 10 – 5 (closed April 14-15) – vegetables, flowers, herbs, drought tolerant plants, habitat and pollinator plants.

**Willowside School**, 5299 Hall Rd., Santa Rosa (corner of Willowside and Hall Rds.)

**Saturdays June 24, August 19, Sept. 9, Sept. 30, October 21, November 11 – 9 AM – 2 PM.** Low water & drought tolerant perennials, natives: \$4/ 1 gallon pot. Japanese maples 3-5’ tall: \$25 - \$45/tree. No veggies. Call 707-569-4724 with questions.

**Windsor Garden Club**, Windsor Town Green @ McClellan & Market St., Windsor. **Sunday, October 22 – 10 AM – 1 PM** (succulent- topped pumpkin sale).

**Graton Community Club**, 8996 Graton Rd., Graton at the corner of Graton Rd. & Edison St.

**Fall flower show Friday October 13 and Saturday October 14 – features lunch including homemade dessert for \$10 11-2 both days.** Handcrafted quilts and tea towels; raffle, live music. 707-829-5314 / [www.gratoncommunityclub.org](http://www.gratoncommunityclub.org) .

**American Fuchsia Society – Sebastopol Branch**, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Veteran’s Bldg., 282 High St., Sebastopol. **Saturday, July 29 – 9 AM – 1 PM.** Hanging plants, upright plants. For info contact Gerri Crane 415-892-5808; Facebook Sebastopol Fuchsia Friends.

**Milo Baker Chapter, California Native Plant Society**, Santa Rosa Vet’s Memorial Building, 1351 Baker, Ave., Santa Rosa. **Saturday, October 13 – 9 AM – 1 PM.** Native shrubs, perennials, bulbs, seeds. [www.milobaker.cnps.org](http://www.milobaker.cnps.org) .

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Carla Bisagno, Anna Cadd, Jeff Davis, Ann Frisch for Hank Flum, Betty Ford, Diana Ford, Joe Lawrence, Kitty Loberg, Linnea Polo, Jean Sharp, John Viebranz, and Susan Wiseman.** *Alleah*

*One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides. W.E. Johns.*

2017 SRIS Show: "An Iris for All Seasons"

Kitty Loberg, Show Chairperson

The show this year was a success, in participation and in attendance! This year we had 14 exhibitors, up from last year's 11. Our total entries were 93 in Horticulture, and four in Artistic Design. Last year's count for entries was 105 which included two youth, so our overall entries dropped by only 8%, not bad considering Anna Cadd entered 37 specimens last year and decided this year to go to the Spuria convention this same weekend.

This year's judges for Horticulture were John Pesek, Yarda Hansen, Carol Dahout and Carolyn Craft, with Melinda Wolcott and Susan Coolidge judging our new Artistic Division.

The Santa Rosa Perpetual Trophies this year went to:

| <b>Trophy</b>               | <b>Category</b>                            | <b>Winner</b>  | <b>Variety</b>   |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| Luther Burbank Cup          | Best Specimen of Show                      | Kitty Loberg   | 'Celebratory'    |
| Redwood Empire Cup          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up to Best Specimen | Steve Albert   | 'Dividing Line'  |
| Santa Rosa Cup              | Best Tall Bearded                          | Kitty Loberg   | 'Celebratory'    |
| Burbank Cup                 | Best Bearded Other than Tall               | Steve Albert   | 'Dividing Line'  |
| Beth Jolly Memorial Cup     | Best Bicolor                               | Kitty Loberg   | 'Only in Dreams' |
| Emmons Cup                  | Best Plicata                               | Steve Albert   | 'Mme. Chereau'   |
| Monty Byers Memorial Plaque | Best Space Age                             | Diana Ford     | 'Conjuration'    |
| Beeman Memorial Cup         | Best Historic                              | Marlene Horn   | 'Oriental Glory' |
| Plaque                      | Best Broken Color/Novelty                  | Marlene Horn   | 'Lacy Lynx'      |
| Morris Cup                  | Best Beardless                             | C & L Vineyard | 'Black Gamecock' |

Three Horticultural Sections qualified for AIS Best of Section Certificates: the Best Tall Bearded, the Best Historic, and the Best Space Age iris and they had a SRIS trophy above as well. The AIS Silver Medal for the most blue ribbons went to Kitty Loberg for her eight blue ribbons. The AIS Bronze Medal for the second most blue ribbons went to Marlene Horn for her seven blue ribbons.

In our new Artistic Design Division, the Best Design of Show went to Jeff Davis for his entry in the 'From Forest to Shore' in the Novice class. There was no award for sweepstakes as there weren't enough blue ribbons.

Many people come to our show not only to see flowers, but to peruse through our potted iris sale, and take many home! A huge thank you to all members who brought potted irises, as it is a lot of work... work planting and growing them, work preparing labels and photographs for the display binders, work hauling them all down to the Center on Friday, and work sorting and alphabetically arranging them on tables. I know that Rudy Ciuca, Joe Lawrence, Diana Ford, Alleah Haley, and Patricia Franz grew potted irises, Jim Begley also donated rhizomes, and Anna Marie Hermansen prepared the photo binders this year. If I left off names from this project, I apologize.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with setup and tear down of the show. Jeff Davis for doing the signs and backing me up as Assistant Show Chair, Jim Begley, Jeff Davis, Anna Marie Hermansen, Alleah Haley, Steve Albert, Cheryl Bryan, Diana Ford and others helping with tables, tablecloths and carrying vases and materials from the shed; to Alice Kemper, Joe Lawrence, Rudy Ciuca, Mary Pagonas, Alexa Pagonas, Gilda De Niro, Alleah Haley, Marlene Horn and others for manning the sale cashiering and plant and show table networking; to all the clerks who helped with the show judges; Betty Ford and others who helped with classification and placement; to Steve for being my right hand person; a special thanks to Jean Sharp and her crew for creating the beautiful artistic displays; to Rudy Ciuca for preparing and providing the main pasta dishes, and to everyone who brought in the rest of the food for both days. Many of you wore many hats. With everyone pitching in when a job needed to be done, our show proceeded pretty smoothly, and the public and ourselves enjoyed beautiful flowers and fantastic camaraderie!

## Shed Organization

Jean Sharp

Jeff Davis, Jim Begley and I spent from 9-3 (six hours) on Tuesday, May 16 tackling our garden shed. Jeff brought lumber and plywood and he and Jim used their considerable construction skills adding shelves to the left side of the shed to maximize storage space. Since they wouldn't give me a hammer, (I have no construction skills), I had the boring job of sorting things and organizing and consolidating boxes of paper bags.

The shed is now clean and organized with room to spare. Amazing! We found stuff in there from 2000. Got rid of excess ratty bags, broken tubs, old useless signs, heavy wooden boxes and tried to make access to everything easier. I started labeling boxes so we can keep like with like, e.g., garden and irrigation items, fertilizers, hospitality stuff, show and sale handouts, signage, tables and shade spiders and new and used bags for show and Heirloom Expo sales. It's certainly not perfect but it's a work in progress and a huge improvement.

*SRIS owes a huge debt of gratitude to Jim, Jeff, and Jean for all their hard work.*

*Ed.*



## The Iris Learning Corner – *Iris graminea*

Anna Cadd

Everyone knows that I am sort of crazy about spuria irises, and *Iris graminea* is a short spuria with evergreen leaves – it does not go completely dormant during late summer. *Iris graminea* belongs to the subgenus *Limniris*, series *Spuriae*. It is a rhizomatous perennial, with purple or violet blue flowers almost hidden by narrow, grass-like leaves, and a plum scented fragrance. I tried several times to get on my knees and sniff the flowers, but I couldn't smell the "plums". It is cultivated as an ornamental plant in temperate regions. It has several common names, including Grass-Leaved Flag, Grass Leaved Iris, Plum Iris and Plum Tart Iris. This species naturally occurs in the southern half of Europe, from Spain and France in the west to Russia and the Caucasus in the east.

*Iris graminea* has the following known varieties: 'Achtaroffii', 'Adami', 'Colchica', 'Graminea Lamprophylla', 'Graminea Sylvatica', 'Graminea latifolia', 'Gravenia', 'Hort's variety', 'Pseudocyperus'.



Ref.: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris\\_graminea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_graminea)

I've always felt you can't do much wrong in a garden providing you enjoy it. ~David Hobson, Canadian garden writer

## Happy Birthday June Babies

Vivian Estrada 6/15  
Kitty Loberg 6/24  
Barbara BeVier 6/26  
Jeff Davis 6/29

## June Anniversary

Diana and Don Ford 6/28



### Notice: Changes to Roster

Please note the following new members and help them feel welcome to our Club:

**Darlene L. Anderson**

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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Rich Arik**

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**Krystle Coffman**

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Willits, CA 95490  
[Kjifford17@hotmail.com](mailto:Kjifford17@hotmail.com)

**Ann Elizabeth Shippey**

2643 Oaks Dr.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

**Robert and Dawn Wright**

2875 W. Steele Lane  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403



### Keeping In Touch

Newer member **John Viebranz** emailed May 8: "I've very much enjoyed the various pictures of S.R.I.S. member gardens over the last few weeks. As the only member of the Society's Korean branch, I thought I'd share some of the beauties from my wife's lovely garden, just now taking off for the growing season. It's been a very cool Spring, so far. I wish I could participate in more of the Society's activities--including weeding, surely one of my least favorite activities. It's a heckuva commute, so you'll have to settle for my moral support."



Former longtime member **Lucille Bisagno** has been ill. Her daughter Carla Bisagno emailed May 14: “Mom suffered a compression fracture in her spine in December and hasn't been able to walk since. Being bed bound has taken a toll on her general health, so now she is on hospice. In addition to the compression fracture, she has chronic kidney disease and congestive heart failure, so her body isn't keeping up with her mind.

“Mom celebrated her 87th birthday in January and is usually in good spirits. For the first couple of months after the fracture, she couldn't stand to be moved and couldn't move herself. However, now the bones must have reknitted because she doesn't seem to have any pain at all.”

Here's the contact info we have:

Lucille Bisagno  
1518 Tamar Drive  
Petaluma, CA 04954

[lubsagno@sonic.net](mailto:lubsagno@sonic.net)

or email her daughter Carla Bisagno at [stillnotsilly@gmail.com](mailto:stillnotsilly@gmail.com) .

**Susan Wiseman** emailed from Elkhart, Kansas on June 2: “The best iris I've ever smelled — Thought I'd share a picture from my garden this afternoon. I spent several minutes with my nose tucked deep inside Sugar Blues! I love the way it smells!



### *In Memoriam*

Christie Flum, former SRIS member and longtime member of the Petaluma Garden Club, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2017 at her home in the care of loved ones. She was her usual spirited self right up until the last couple months, despite dealing with lung cancer. She had good care along the way, and her husband, Hank, is doing well and also receiving good support.

Christie had wanted to keep her condition private, and so many people may not have known about it. We understand that this may come as a shock to some, but know that Christie wanted to enjoy her life and relationships in her way for as long as she could. There are no plans for a public memorial service.

Christie was a Master Gardener, a docent at Quarryhill, and years ago was a docent at the Huntington Gardens and Library in southern California. She will be missed.

Sympathy may be expressed to her husband:

Hank Flum  
1721 Stonehenge Way  
Petaluma, Ca 94954

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 **July 2017** issue of this Newsletter is **June 20, 2017**. E-mail copy to:*

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

WaterSmart Compost  
Jean Sharp

Did you know the City of Santa Rosa has a large compost facility on Llano Road? I've used this compost for many years and am always surprised when gardeners are unaware of its existence. This Biosolids Management System is certified as a Platinum Level National Partnership Agency - one of five in California and one of 28 in the US. The staff has always been pleasant and helpful and the price is certainly right. From 1-5 yards is \$16 each and 6 yards and above is \$10 each. Primarily used as an amendment, the compost is classified as A-EQ: A for suitable for use for food crops and EQ for excellent quality. For further information, you can search "WaterSmart Compost".

### **The Language and Meaning of Iris in Human History**

Anna Cadd

Since Iris is the Greek goddess for the Messenger of Love, her sacred flower is considered the symbol of communication and messages. Greek men would often plant an iris on the graves of their beloved women as a tribute to the goddess Iris, whose duty it was to take the souls of women to the Elysian Fields. In ancient times the iris was a symbol of power and majesty; it was used as the original scepter.

In the 1600's, a language of flowers developed in Constantinople and in the poetry of Persia. Charles II introduced the Persian poetry to Europe, and Lady Mary Wortley Montagu brought the flower language from Turkey to England in 1716. It spread to France and became a handbook of 800 floral messages known as the Book *Le Language des Fleurs*. Lovers exchanged messages as they gave each other selected flowers or bouquets. A full red rose meant beauty. Red and white meant unity. Crocus said "abuse not", while a white rosebud warns that one is too young for love. Yellow roses were for jealousy, yellow iris for passion, filbert for reconciliation and ivy for marriage." Fascinating!

If you are interested in iris history, especially as we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Iris Society, consider ordering the book "Classic Irises and the Men and Women who Created Them" by Clarence Mahan. You will love the wonderful stories and your resulting knowledge of obscure iris facts will be an exceptional conversation piece, when there is nothing else to complain about during social gatherings. You will shine in our Society!

"Classic Irises and the Men and Women who Created Them" is available from Amazon® for ~\$63 used, but I have a copy you can look at.

## **Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Board Meeting, May 8, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m.

Jeff Davis thanked everyone for all the hard work on the Spring Show. There was discussion of judging and judges training was discussed. Jeff asked for feedback to improve the show for next year.

Rudy Ciuca said everyone did a great job. He suggested a number of ways to direct people through the show before the pot sale. There was a discussion about the signs and where to place them. Alice pointed out the plant sale is early and people need to be pointed around the show to not interfere with judging. These signs need to be moved once judging is complete. The plant sale is a big job with lots of effort on everyone's part but it does really help us to make our expenses to operate the rest of the year. Preliminary numbers put sales at \$1,124 on Saturday and \$819 on Sunday. Another suggestion was to create one more binder of pictures that gets tied to a space to help people have access. Kitty suggested that maybe we can help each other and volunteer to help someone who is bringing in a bunch of pots for the sale.

Kitty reported on publicity with radio stations, Press Democrat, and other publications. She suggested that a small amount of paid advertising might be helpful and would look into the cost. She has compiled a list of resources for advertising next year.

It was agreed to reimburse people for printing materials for the club.

Board Meeting was over at 7:03 p.m.

There was a technical problem between the computer and projector so the General meeting was started with an introduction of some new members; Krystle Coffman, Dawn Wright, Bob Wright, Dawn's mother Darlene Anderson, and Leslie Cooney.

Anna Cadd spoke briefly about the spuria convention she attended.

Cheryl Bryan gave a presentation on Irids with about 25 people attending. It was a wonderful presentation with beautiful photos. We were very impressed that she was able to pronounce some of the names. We have all been enjoying the iris family plants she added to the beds and it seems like there will be many more in the future.

## **Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Members Meeting, May 8, 2017**

The general meeting was restarted at 8:26 p.m.

The minutes from April were approved.

Kitty announced the trophy winners from the weekend show.

There were 97 entries. Kitty won the silver medal for most blue ribbons, Best of Show and Best Tall Bearded. Marlene Horn won the bronze medal for second most blue ribbons and Best Historical. Jeff Davis won Best Design in our new Artistic Division. Steve Albert won first runner up to Best of Show, Best Bearded not Tall and Best Plicata. Marlene Horn won Best Broken Color with 'Lacy Lynx'. Joe and Rudy won Best Louisiana with 'Black Gamecock'. Best Bicolor or Bitone went to Kitty. Best English Box went to Alleah Haley for "Shades of Pink". Special horticultural awards ??

Treasurer's report was approved.

Jeff is still trying to work with LBAGC to get a better date for the show in 2018. LBAGC meeting is May 16.

Marlene Horn agreed to work up the attendance report for Joe for the LBAGC dues payment.

We need a new attendance director.

We have three members going to the National Iris Convention in Iowa.

There was a discussion about the 2019 National Convention.

August 26<sup>th</sup> will be the sale date for here at the Center. September 5 – 7 is the Expo Sale.

Next month Kitty and Anna will report on conventions. In July Marlene Horn will present the pictures of iris for auction. Please send a list any 2016 and 2015 iris you will be donating for the rhizome sales to Anna Marie and Alleah.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Diana Ford, SRIS Secretary

### **Door Prize Winners for May**

**Banana Daiquiri** – Marlene Horn

**Bee My Honey** – Anna Cadd

**Black Cherry Sorbet** - Steve Albert

**Blissful** - Linnea Polo

**Bold Awakening** – Joe Lawrence

**Brazen Gold** - ?

**But Darling** – Gilda D Niro

**Candy Basket** – Alice Kemper

**Coconut Snow** – Alleah Haley

**Flash of Brilliance** – Krystle Coffman

**Got the Picture** – Cheryl Bryan

**Idle Rich** – Delores McKey

**Irresistible Charm** – Jeff Davis

**It's Our Time** – Rudy Ciuca

**Kyla Rose** – Anna Marie Hermansen

**Looking Glass** – Diana Ford

**Luminaire** – Jean Sharp

**Ninja Warrior** – Kitty Loberg

**Popped White** – Cheryl Bryan

**Purple Panache** – Lynn Williams

**Raspberry Lemonade** – Jim Begley

### **Door Prizes for June**

Joe Lawrence

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.

**BELLE FILLE** (M. Smith, 2015) 34" EML. S. violet, primrose ruffled edge and base; F. Vatican purple, cream edge and area around beard, luminata cream veining just below white heart, surrounded by ¼" bright yellow ring bleeding out to brown shoulder, small white dart below beard; beards white base, hairs tipped yellow at end becoming solid golden orange in throat; heavily ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**BLAME IT ON RIO** (Mike Sutton, 2016) 37" E-M. S. and style arms cantaloupe; F. white bleeding to red-violet blending into a plum band, tan edge; beards orange.

**BUD TO BLOSSOM** (L. Lauer, 2015) 32" E-M-L. S. white, barium yellow midrib and light rim; F. oxblood red, violet flash from beard, tan shoulders and white rim; beards tangerine-orange in middle, orange-buff at end; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**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.

**COZY COTTON** (M Sutton, 2015) **RE** 36" M-L. White self; beards butter yellow, hairs based white; ruffled and lightly serrated; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**EXIT STRATEGY** (Filardi, 2015) 40" L-VL. S. and F. edges bright rosy-mauve; style arms and F. centers slightly lighter, pale blue wash around red orange beards; ruffled, lightly laced.

**FLAMBOYANT PEACH** (J. Painter, 2015) 34" M-L. S. peach; F. light peach center & narrow edge, dark rose-mauve shoulders & wide band; beards coral-orange; pronounced musky fragrance.

**GENTLE SOUL** (Ghio, 2015) 38" ML. S. topaz-peach, deeper peach base and midrib; F. creamy topaz-peach; beards pale blue.

**HAVITUR WAY** (Annand, 2015) **SDB** 12" M. S. light creamy olive, lavender midrib and wash on lower half of petal; F. mid-olive, darker olive veins, hint of purple on hafts; beards white; fluted.

**HEART OF HEARTS** (Black, 2015) **AB (OGB-)** 24" M-L. S. icy blue-white, mid old gold base and up ⅓ of rib; F. mid-light lavender, mid auburn hafts and blended veined margin around black cherry signal veined darker, light gold haft veins; beard hairs based white, tips mid grey-brown.

**MAGIC MIRROR** (Ghio, 2015) 35" EM. S. blue-white, cocoa pink at base and midrib; F. cocoa pink, blue flush below beards, hairline blue-white rim; beards tangerine.

**MENEHUNE** (M. Smith, 2016) **SDB** 12" E-M. S. deep red toned black, F. velvet burnt umber-black, red wire edge, small surround of pure yellow feathers at beards; beards yellow orange ends, darker orange in throat; some ruffles.

**OUTCAST** (M. Smith, 2015) **TB** 33" EML. S. peach heart becoming apricot yellow up midrib, blends to cream edges, occasional orange yellow veins, faint yellow-orange tips; F. tawny buckskin with some veins radiating from darker area around beards, pale golden-cream edges; wide beards vermillion, cream base tipped vermillion at end; heavily ruffled; pronounced spicy fragrance

**PASSION FOR FASHION** (Schreiner, 2015) 35" L. S. pale peach; F. rose-purple lightening to lavender on edges; beards orange.

**RAVISHING RUBY** (T. Johnson, 2016) 36" E. S. magenta blending to darker rose; style arms magenta; F. light rose-maroon with blue cast, hafts and band at edge in standards color; beards dark mustard, tips brown; sweet fragrance.

**RIDGECREST** (M. Sutton, 2016) **BB** 25" M-L. S. cream, ½" yellow rim; F. dark red-violet nearly black, white zonal around beards, lighter red-violet wire edge; beards tangerine orange; ruffled; serrated; slight sweet fragrance.

**RINGS TRUE** (Schreiner, 2016) 37" M. S. white, rimmed pale lavender; F. snow white, blue-purple rim; beards yellow in throat, white towards end.

**RUBY RED DRESS** (L. Painter, 2015) 36" L. S. dark cranberry; F. cranberry, violet area below beards, deeper cranberry shoulders; beards old gold; pronounced musky fragrance.

**SICILIAN ORANGE** (M. Sutton, 2016) **BB** 26" M-L. S. & style arms yellow-orange, flushed peach-pink at midribs; F. ruby red, veined yellow-orange, ¼" yellow-orange edge; beards bright orange; ruffled; slight musky fragrance.

**SPICE RACK** (Mego, 2016) 35.5" ML. S. canary yellow, slight burgundy veining at edges; style arms canary yellow, burgundy tipped crests; F. greyed purple; beards aureolin.

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

**SWIVEL HIPS** (T. Johnson, 2016) 32" L. S. smoky pink heavily infused royal purple; F. very wide and ruffled velvety deep royal purple, lighter band; beards smoky pink; sweet fragrance.

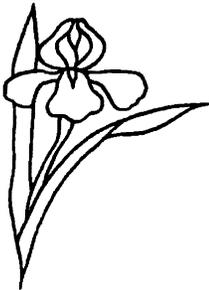
**SYNCOPATED RHYTHM** (Markham, 2016) **MTB** 26" ML. S. and style arms bright yellow; F. white ground in center, yellow at edges, dark red dotting varies from very light sanding to very heavy depending on weather and can include occasional irregular red splashes; beards bright gold, long and pointed.

### Passing of Russian Hybridizer Sergey Loktev

On May 25, 2017, after a severe and prolonged illness, the first President of the Russian Iris Society (ROI), Sergey Nikolayevich Loktev passed away. He was 63 years old. President of the ROI for 20 years and editor of their Bulletin for many, Sergey was an iris hybridizer of renown both in Russia and the US. He authored several books about irises and promoted the concept of a World Iris Society.

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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.

**July Newsletter Deadline – June 20<sup>th</sup>**