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The Santa Rosa Iris Society

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Need volunteer

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 7:00 PM
ALLEAH HALEY – DOUGLAS
KANAROWSKI PROGRAM:
“SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
– THE IRIS GARDENER,
HYBRIDIZER, &
BUSINESSMAN”

SRIS newsletter editor Alleah Haley will give a PowerPoint presentation done by iris hybridizer Doug Kanarowski focusing on his garden and his iris origins.



Doug rocketed to iris stardom at the 2015 AIS National Convention in Portland, Oregon, when his 2014 TB introduction ‘Tijuana Taxi’ (pictured above) was voted first runner-up for the Franklin Cook Memorial Cup for best out-of-region origination. **And** Doug’s 2015 TB ‘Why Cow’s Gossip’ tied for second runner up in the same category. [The winner was Bob Hollingworth’s 2006 Siberian iris ‘Swans in Flight’, which subsequently won the Dykes Medal.]

This spring’s Region 14 meeting was the 3rd opportunity for Alleah to visit Doug and Diane Kanarowski’s stunning garden near Mariposa, California. Doug’s pictures will show his gardens, planting procedures and marketing strategies, and many of his unique iris creations. Come and expect to be awed!

2019 AIS National Convention Chair Shirley Trio Probst expects to attend our August meeting to answer questions members may have about participation and planning for the national event to be hosted by Region 14. **Please write down your questions and come prepared to ask and discuss them.**

G Gardening Tips for August

Linnea Polo

I can hardly believe it's August. We've had a different summer again. Some more days over 100 degrees and some cool mornings. I had several days in a row that were 50 degrees in the early AM.

- We've had our dig so now we move on to the rhizome sale and Heirloom Expo. So we still need to dig irises.
- Jeff reminded us: Wash your irises to remove any seeds from spurge from the Center. I can attest that this has happened to me

in my iris beds. Where I had no spurge before, I've found a few clumps growing.

- Now is when we should start replanting our irises either from the auction/ raffle or from growers you ordered from. Irises can stay out of the ground for awhile. A good idea is to add more compost to your irises. Also, when planting add a small handful of super phosphate or bone meal to the hole or around the planted rhizome. You should use a lower nitrogen fertilizer in the winter. Otherwise your iris stalks may be weak and fall over. Fertilizing at planting time makes the new food ready for the iris to absorb when the rains come. You can also broadcast fertilizer at this time. Dig the fertilizer into the soil and then water.
- Irises waiting to be planted should stay in the shade. One year I put mine in my garden shed. A mouse family broke in and ate all the tops off my irises. Now the irises go in the garage or the office.
- The fans of your irises should be cut in a V as they are dug. This is for two reasons. One is for nicer aesthetics and so that the iris has a better chance of standing upright in the hole you've made. This will also stimulate new growth. And make sure they don't fall over after planting.
- Remember, TBs really want full sun.
- Some people apply a pre-emergent for weed control after they are done planting. You can also apply a layer of compost to help control weeds.
- Make sure each plant has a label and that you make a schematic of your planting beds.
- At this point water 1-2 times a week until you see 3-4 leaves coming out or the winter rains start to fall. We are so lucky in California that summer can go into October. But this often requires more care and watering of newly started plants. A gentle tug on plants will assure you that rooting has started on your newly planted plants.
- Remember that irises should be divided and replanted every 3-5 years.

Things I would do differently:

- My irises are planted in beds so I wish I had planted them by years. This would make digging for events easier.
- Also rebloomers would go in a different bed, due to different care needs.
- Roger at Superstition Gardens told me that they water and feed their arilbreds the same as their TBs. They water them right up to digging. This works best in sandy soil. I would keep them drier in other soils.

Enjoy your garden

President's Message

What a nice day we had at our picnic/auction on August 5. A special thanks to our hosts, Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence. Their great property in Sonoma is a wonderful setting for this event, and we appreciate them inviting us.

I keep getting back to the message I've often said that it is the camaraderie of a club that makes it worth all the work it takes to keep it going. And it certainly reverberates with ours, and many garden clubs, as many members belong to multiple clubs and organizations. It is a challenge to keep interest in members and to bring something new to meetings. We are very fortunate to have such a great newsletter to keep everyone up to date with club activities and interesting articles. We cannot take it for granted that the hard work we do can keep it going. It is the dedication of everyone who makes up a club. And we have done well to keep that camaraderie. Thanks to all who contribute. See you all at our next meeting on August 13.

Jeff Davis

This Month

Monday, August 13 – Alleah Haley, PowerPoint presentation from Doug Kanarowski: "Something for Everyone – the Iris Gardener, Hybridizer and Businessman".

2018 Iris Events and Important SRIS Dates

Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19 – Iris digging, dividing, and replanting demonstration by Roxie Nall at 10:00 and 2:00 both days. Russian River Rose Co., 1685 Magnolia Dr., Healdsburg. Garden and nursery open 10-5 featuring butterfly garden in full bloom. \$2 donation requested.

Saturday, September 8, 9-3 – Rhizome sale, LBAGC.

Monday, September 10 – Set up booth at Heirloom Expo. Time TBA.

Tuesday thru Thursday, September 11-13 – 8th Annual Heirloom Expo, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds. SRIS will have a booth.

Monday, October 8 – Glynis Johnson, Enchanting Sweet Peas, will speak and sell seed.

Friday & Saturday, October 19 & 20 – Region 14 Fall Meeting, SureStay Plus Reno Airport Hotel, Reno, Nevada. Registration \$120 by Sept. 30/\$135 thereafter. Hybridizer Lynda Miller, Canby, Oregon, will speak & give judges' training.

Saturday, November 3 – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Costume Party, LBAGC.

2018 Board Meetings - Board Members and Officers, please mark your calendars:

Monday, September 10, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 12, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 10, 6:00 PM



SRIS Members Really Dig It

On Friday, July 27, 15 members of our Society and one relative gathered at our Display Garden to dig the door prize iris and increase for our August 5 auction/raffle. In just over two hours the job was DONE and we were packing up to leave.

Many thanks to the following members: Jim Begley, Cheryl Bryan, Anna Cadd, Rudy Ciuca, Jeff Davis, Betty Ford, Don and Diana Ford and their grandson Tyler Thornsberry, Alleah Haley, Anna Marie Hermansen, Joe Lawrence, Delores McKey, Linnea Polo, Ann Shippey, and Bob Wright. Their hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

Irises for Sept. 8 LBAGC Rhizome and Sept. 11-13 Heirloom Expo Sales

If you are planning to dig and bring rhizomes for our September rhizome sales, please send me the list before Aug. 15. Please dig only rhizomes that are good size, not a bunch of tiny TB ones. They just dry out and do not get sold easily. Even if you're not quite sure that you might dig and bring some varieties, send me the info anyway so I can get ahead of doing the bag labels. I'd rather be prepared early than to scramble at the end, when I might not be able to do a colored bag label. Thanks, Anna Marie Hermansen: email: amrmah@ix.netcom.com

Happy Birthday August Babies

Jean Sharp 8/3

Alleah Haley 8/28

August Wedding Anniversaries

Lynn and Rick Williams 8/2

Barb and Chris Baruth 8/5

Barbara and Ross BeVier 8/26

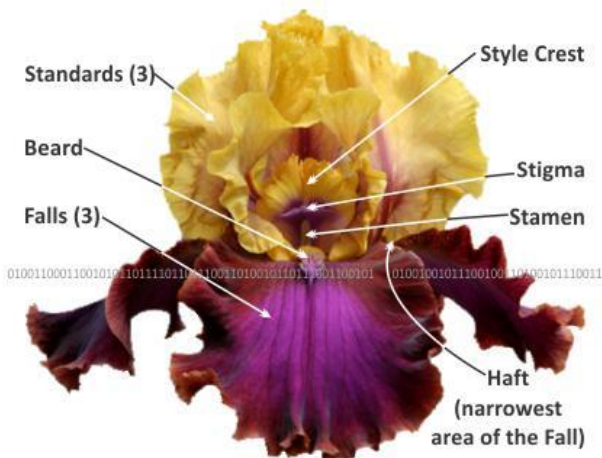
*February through October of each year meetings of the Santa Rosa Iris Society are held on the second Monday of each month at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, California. The Program starts at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting follows after the break. Come early and visit. The doors open about 6:00 p.m. for set up and coffee making. The deadline for all submissions for the **September** issue of this Newsletter is **August 20**. Email copy to:*

The Iris Learning Corner – Flower Parts & Color Patterns in Bearded Irises

Alleah Haley

For many of you, much of this information will be “old hat”, but it may fill in some gaps for newer members. An iris flower is arranged in 3’s – the three upper petals are called “standards”, the three lower petals that sort of hang down are called “falls”, and in the middle are three small basically horizontal “style arms” that house the sex parts: the sticky female lip (stigma - 3 of them, one at the end and below each style arm) and the male 1” long stamens (composed of a stalk bearing a pollen sac) - also 3 of them. The “beard” is that fuzzy thing down the center of the upper falls. There are three beards, one on each fall. This is diagrammed here:

Bearded Iris Flower Parts



Color Patterns - Iris colors relate primarily to the colors of the standards and falls and are arranged in patterns denoted by a number of terms, described here. Most examples listed are TB iris varieties, many Dykes Medal winners.

Self – standards and falls are the same color. Examples: TBs ‘Paul Black’ - Medium dark purple blue; beards dark orange; ‘Silverado’ - pale blue; self beard; ‘Dusky Challenger’ - rich purple; deep violet black beard.

Bitone – standards and red or such), with the falls. Example: manganese violet.

Bicolor – standards and Silk’ - Standards peach, orchid midrib; falls



falls are of the same general color (blue or pink or standards generally of a lighter shade than the ‘Melodrama’ - standards pallid violet; falls mauve to

falls are of different colors. Example: ‘Florentine slight orchid basal infusion; style arms peach, medium violet.



Wabash c. Pickle Barrel House Iris Gdn.

Amoena – standards are white, falls are a different color. Examples: 'Wabash' (above right) – Standards are white, falls are a deep red-purple. 'Stairway to Heaven' (above left) - Standards creamy off-white; falls medium blue undertoned lavender.

Reverse amoena – standards are a darker color, falls are white or nearly so. Example: 'Crowned Heads' - Standards wisteria violet; falls light blue shaded deeper in heart, aging silvery blue white.

Neglecta: - an old term, not used much today. Means (I think) two shades of blue or purple, as in 'Fatal Attraction' - light purple standards and darker falls.

Variegata- another old term, means yellow over red. Example: 'Supreme Sultan' (left) is a classic example of a variegata:



Squalens – another old term; means “blend” which is the term we use today. An example of a **blend** is 'Rameses' (right).

Broken Color – has another. Classic rather than BB) - hybridizer Brad

irises, and Keppel's Color Irises” in the

Plicata – to me this

“Emma Cook pattern”. White or lighter ground color finely marked (stitched) with a darker color with a band of the dark color around the falls. 'San Francisco', the Jim Gibson plicatas including Dykes Medal winner 'Kilt Lilt', 'Jesse's Song', 'Splashacata' and the myriad of Keppel plicatas are examples. It's not by mistake that Keith Keppel is called the “plicataman”. Witness the success of his Dykes medalist 'Drama Queen' (next page) - Standards near-solid dark blackish cyclamen purple, very faint golden buff ground toward base; falls cyclamen, golden capucine buff ground showing as blaze and distinct veining. And watch the voting for his newer 'Ghirardelli Square' (second image on next page) - Standards blended brazil brown and horsechestnut; falls white, $\frac{3}{8}$ ” purple-chocolate solid plicata edge, some speckling extending inward, short dark veins beside beards.

irregular streaks of one color over (or under?) examples are 'Batik' (recently thought to be TB white ground, striped royal purple, a number of Kasperek's introductions in several size classes of 'Humoresque'. Also see Anna Cadd's article “Broken April 2018 issue of this Newsletter.

means “dotted” but the experts refer to it as



Drama Queen



Ghirardelli Square

Luminata – Plicatas and luminatas the pigment is in unpigmented and hafts and “Moonlit Sea” (right) is a winner ‘Montmartre’ (rim) is another.

Glaciata also known as and come from plicata with plicatas. ‘Boston Cream’ (upper edges of the falls).



luminatas are almost the reverse of each other. In the center of the petal with the edges often style arms are unpigmented or essentially so. classic example. Keppel's 2017 Dykes Medal (bishop's purple luminata with pale straw-colored

Ices, ice whites and lemon ices are white or lemon, breeding. Glaciatas yield plicatas when crossed is an example, a white with lemon on the hafts

It may take all of us awhile to be able to accurately recognize an iris as a luminata or glaciata, but at least we've heard the terms.

References:

Iris wiki

www.leonineiris.com , an online iris source based in Seattle, Washington. Iris flower diagram.

Various other commercial iris websites.

The greatest loss of time is delay and expectation. I never yet talked to the man who wanted to save time who could tell me what he was going to do with the time he saved. Will Rogers.

Vote the AIS 2018 TB Symposium

This is a reminder to vote the Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot.

Did you know that **ANYONE CAN VOTE? You don't even have to be a member of the American Iris Society!** All the regular AIS awards and medals are awarded by AIS judges and its convention awards by convention attendees. Regular AIS members and plain old iris fanciers have nothing to say in these matters. But the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium is open to all.

You can print the ballot and pass it around at a Society meeting. Of course, all AIS members received the blue ballot in the Spring AIS Bulletin, and they can use that. The ballot can also be downloaded from the AIS website: www.irises.org. Click on About Irises, then on Awards and Surveys. You don't need to waste a stamp to mail the whole ballot to the RVP. Just send Phyllis a list of 25 numbers or

names, via email (abirder@aol.com). If you feel that you must send it by mail, the address is Phyllis Wilburn, P.O. Box 9, Rescue, CA 95672. Either way is welcome. The deadline is Sept. 1, 2018, but the sooner the better.

Region 14 Guest Iris Dig

The final step in winding up the fantastic 2018 Spring Regional is the digging of the guest irises in the Collings' Garden in Oakhurst and the Kanarowski Garden in Mariposa. The dig has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11 and 12, starting with a dig in the Collings' Garden, and ending with digging, labeling and distribution in the Kanarowski Garden on Wednesday. We need help both days to do this big job, as there are almost 200 guest irises to dig. As usual, some rhizomes are returned to hybridizers, and the seedlings will be destroyed; but there will still be around 150 for distribution to clubs who wish to receive them and reimburse Region 14.

I know that it is late in the season for some auctions, but it is still possible to pot them for selling during the year. This has been the practice of Sacramento Iris Society for years. As you may know, as a courtesy to the hybridizers, it is agreed that clubs will not sell the rhizomes directly to the public. However, holding them over in pots does allow them to be sold later. Of course, newer introductions should only be sold within your club to members. By doing this, you are helping members to have new introductions in their gardens for shows and evaluation by judges. In this way, the guest iris process supports the hybridizers and the clubs at the same time.

Please let me know if you will be sending members to help with the dig. Many hands make light work, and I hope to see you there. If you send someone to help, they can take the distribution for your club when they leave. If the rhizomes have to be shipped, the club will have to pay for shipping.

Phyllis Wilburn, AIS Region 14 RVP, 2018 Guest Iris Chair
P.O. Box 9
Rescue, CA 95672

Note: This dig is during SRIS's rhizome sale at the Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Anna Cadd will be helping with the dig and has reserved a time share in Bass Lake from Monday night to Thursday morning that sleeps six, so members not working the Heirloom Expo are invited to help with the dig and share expenses at the resort. See Anna Cadd at the August meeting .

In Memoriam

Shirley Tatham, SRIS member and wife of **Bill Tatham**, passed away from ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease) on April 24, 2018. She was 75 years old. Born in Rochester, New York, Shirley worked as a secretary for 15 years for the City of Whittier, California. At age 48, she decided to quit her job and start college. She earned a BA in social work from Cal State Fullerton and a MA in social work from Long Beach State. She then worked as a social worker in hospitals until retirement about five years ago. Shirley and Bill were married for 51 ½ years. She is also survived by their son Bill Jr. and 13-year-old twin grandchildren, a boy and a girl. Shirley was very outgoing, doted on her family; and her passing was a shock to most all who learned of it. Santa Rosa Iris Society lost a charming member in Shirley Tatham and we will miss her friendly presence.

You may express condolences to:

Bill Tatham

4065 Montecito Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Bill@WilliamTatham.com

In Memoriam

Walt McCallum, husband of SRIS member **Kathy McCallum**, passed away June 29, 2018 of complications following cancer surgery. He was a native of Santa Rosa, attended Montgomery High School and St. Mary's College in Moraga. He later earned a Master's Degree in English at Sonoma State University. After graduation from St. Mary's, he worked there as an art professor. Walt was an abstract painter and sculptor. He also created short films and advertising.

Returning to Santa Rosa, Walt began his career at Santa Rosa Junior College in 1979. He taught film history, screenwriting, film genres, and film and television production. He retired in 2005. In retirement Walt was a dedicated artist making collages and abstract geometric paintings. He loved cooking, military history, gardening, and travel.

In addition to Kathy, his wife of 33 years, Walt is survived by his mother, Dorothy Peracca, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

A memorial service at the Eggen and Lance Mortuary, followed by lunch at the Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa, was held on July 28 and was attended by many family and friends including seven members of our Society. You may express condolences to:

Kathy McCallum

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Keeping In Touch

Bill Tatham is experiencing the aftereffects of aggressive radiation treatment following shoulder surgery for a neglected skin cancer. He had surgery this March, the 6" wound became infected, and he spent two days in the hospital after which doctors sent him home with antibiotics. In all, he's had about 20 radiation treatments which have "taken his energy level to zero". Bill welcomes get well greetings to:

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From the Editor – Many thanks for contributions to this issue: **Anna Cadd, Jeff Davis; Diana Ford, Anna Marie Hermansen, Kathy McCallum, Linnea Polo, Bill Tatham, and Bob Wright**
Alleah

Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Board and Members' Meeting, July 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Regarding the 2019 National Convention:

- Rudy was concerned about questions going to Shirley Trio about the day Joe and Rudy are hosting the convention. He wanted the questions to go to one person and have that person communicate with Shirley to keep things manageable.
- His understanding is they will be the only garden on tour that day and that attendees will stop at a winery or some other spot as well. Lunch will be in shifts by color group. Everyone will be at the garden at the same time.
- Rudy was concerned that he couldn't accommodate more than 150 people at a time on the property with chairs, canopies and bathrooms. The Region level is responsible for providing bathrooms, chairs, canopies and tables; our club will be taking care of coffee/tea/water/juice and snacks. Rudy has an agreement with the Region for the food.

There was a discussion about having a show next year. The majority of people wanted to skip it and support the national. It was still not formally voted in the general meeting.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

There was a discussion about beardless iris. Many have been lost from the garden. Watering needs to change. We have a small budget for beardless. Everyone who has beardless please email to Jeff the names of varieties you would be willing to donate.

A date was set to dig club iris for the Auction/Picnic: Friday July 27th at 8:00 a.m.

Anna has rented a condo during the regional dig and offered to share space if someone wants to help with the dig.

Auction Picnic:

- Jeff and Don and Diana will bring tables from the center.
- Jeff will pick up 16 chickens.
- Bring a side dish or desert to share, bring your own plates, utensils and beverages.
- Setup is at 10:00 a.m. and lunch is at 12:00.

We agreed to donate \$25 to the Region in honor of Shirley Tatham.

Marlene Horn gave a wonderful slideshow of the iris available at the auction.

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July Door Prize Winners

A New Beginning – Rudy Ciuca

Antsy – Kitty Loberg

Baby Duck – Cheryl Bryan

Coconut Snow – Anna Cadd

Flash of Brilliance – Diana Ford

Folies Bergere – Betty Ford

Garden Time – Joe Lawrence

Ghirardelli Square – Delores McKey

Jelly Bean Parade – Marlene Horn

Lucky – Bob Wright

Mystic Image – Linne Polo

Raspberry Lemonade – Jeff Davis

Ridgecrest – Marlene Horn

Rings True – Bill Tatham

Soft Elegance – Anna Marie Hermansen

Spring Celebration – Alleah Haley

Swivel Hips - Steve Albert

Zucchini Bread

Jeanne Wright, Bob Wright's mother. SRIS' Dawn Wright brought this to our August Picnic/Auction

3 eggs

1 cup oil

1 cup white sugar

1 cup brown sugar

3 tsp. maple flavoring

2 cups shredded zucchini

Mix all of above together.

In a separate bowl, blend 2½ cup flour, ½ cup wheat germ

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

½ tsp. baking powder

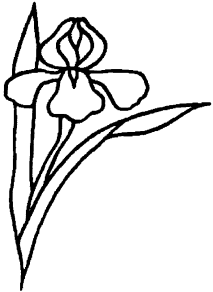
1 cup chopped walnuts (or pecans)*

Add to the liquid ingredients. Put in baking pans, spread sesame seeds over top. Bake at 350 °F. Time will vary according to size of pans.

*Can also add dried raisins or cranberries.

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Name and Address Correction requested



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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 Alleah Haley, 208 Eucalyptus Ave., Cotati, CA 94931. 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