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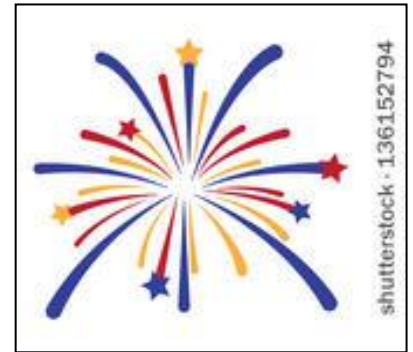
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2018 Summer Rhizome Sales Chm.

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MONDAY, JULY 9, 7:00 PM MARLENE HORN – CLUB IRISES AVAILABLE AT THE AUGUST PICNIC/AUCTION

SRIS member Marlene Horn will show digital photos of irises we will be able to bid on at our Sunday, August 5 picnic/auction. Using her considerable photography skills, Marlene has generously prepared and presented this program for several years, based on the then-current Club irises. We certainly appreciate her ongoing efforts.



Marlene holds an AS degree in horticulture and is an accomplished gardener, artist and musician. She grows over 100 varieties of roses including miniatures and over 200 varieties of irises plus a vast array of companion plants. She has developed a line of iris greeting cards that she markets under the name "Marlene Horn Nature Photography and Fine Art". Our society frequently benefits from bouquets of cut flowers including spectacular irises from her garden that Marlene brings to our meetings.

Come enjoy Marlene's stunning iris photos and bring pen and paper to take notes on those you'd like to bid on at the picnic.

Board Members and other interested persons – don't forget we have a Board Meeting at 6:00 PM before the program.

Gardening Tips for July

Linnea Polo

It's hard to believe it's time to think about digging and planting irises. It seems like only yesterday we were showing our irises.

- If you haven't done so already, it's a good time to make sure you have weeded and removed the stalks from your irises. Also remove those dead leaves. Weeds are competing for nutrients with your irises.
- If digging your irises, make sure that the replants and extras are washed well and the roots and leaves are trimmed. Then let them dry in the shade for a few days.
- If you have gotten new irises, make sure you add some compost to your soil. And fertilize them with 6-10-10 as per Shreiners, or a

low-nitrogen fertilizer. You can also add bone meal at the same time. When adding fertilizer, make sure you add a small amount of fertilizer to each hole or around each plant and dig it in. Some people suggest broadcasting and then digging in. Don't let the fertilizer touch the leaves or the iris plant.

- Make sure that each plant has a label and you have a schematic (map) of your planting. I can tell you that this is really important. It seems that night creatures run off with my labels. One year I didn't do the schematic, and I still have some iris I like but don't have names for. Sound familiar?
- Keep unplanted iris in the shade or a cool garage until planted.
- I make a list of all my irises. I label them and then plant them in the beds. TBs seem to like the sun hitting the top of the rhizomes. I put a little compost over the top and let winter rain wash it off.
- Water your irises about once a week until 4 leaves begin to show. Or, if you're like me and have sandy soil and it's hot, water more often. Hope for early rains.

It seems I know the right things to do but I must say that I don't always get things done like this. Life gets in the way. Happy gardening!

P resident's Message

Here we go again. We are getting ready for next year's iris season. There are many events coming up for planning your garden as well as for the club, starting with this month's meeting. Marlene Horn spent many days this spring photographing our Club irises and she will be presenting a slide show to help us prepare for the upcoming Club picnic and iris auction in August. We will also be digging iris for our sale and the Heirloom Expo. And planning for next year's National Convention. Whew! I am exhausted already. There is no rest for Iris Lovers.

Jeff Davis

This Month

Monday, July 9 – Marlene Horn, "Club Irises available at the August Picnic/Auction".

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

2018 Iris Events and Important SRIS Dates

Sunday, August 5, 10 AM– Potluck Picnic, Iris Auction & Raffle, C & L Vineyard, 1595 Denmark St., Sonoma.

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

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, July 9, 6:00 PM

Monday, September 10, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 12, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 10, 6:00 PM



Auction and Raffle Iris for August 5th

Anna Marie Hermansen

For our annual picnic at C & L Vineyard in Sonoma, we always have iris available for auction and raffle. We will only auction off 2016 and 2017 iris. If you plan on digging and bringing rhizomes for the auction, please email or send me a list of those names by **JULY 30** so it will be included in the listing handed out at the auction. Bring large rhizomes if possible.

For raffle iris, please bring only 2014 and 2015 varieties, or others that are super bloomers from earlier years. I do not need those names since they will not be auctioned. There will be no list for those. For all rhizomes that you bring, please label it with the name and any other pertinent information you deem necessary. Thanks.

Remember, you might also delay some digging so that you can bring some rhizomes for our September 8th sale at the Center and the Sept. 11-13th Heirloom Expo at the Fairgrounds.

Happy Birthday July Babies

Marlene Horn 7/11

Delores McKey 7/16

July Wedding Anniversary

Susan and Ray Wiseman 7/1

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 **August** issue of this Newsletter is **July 20**. Email copy to: alleah.haley@gmail.com.*

The Iris Learning Corner – Japanese Irises

Alleah Haley

Japanese irises (JIs) have the largest flowers of any iris, up to 8 inches across or even larger. They are all derived from the species *Iris ensata* and have been hybridized in Japan for over 500 years – grown by the shoguns (military dictators appointed by the emperors) and hybridized by their gardeners. JI leaves have a raised midrib, unlike the leaves of Siberians and bearded irises which are flat. JIs bloom for a month about a month after the tall bearded, in very late May to very early July in this area. A well-established 2-3 year clump will bloom for about two weeks, especially if the variety has branching. A flower will last 2-3 days. Blooms open about 10 – 11 a.m. The flower expands 2" as it opens. The flower pumps up and fades in color. In the middle of the 3rd day, it will fold and the edges will curl. Some JIs are known to rebloom about 3 weeks after the initial blooms have faded.

Japanese iris seedlings initially imported into the US were generally of poor substance and hybridizing for good substance to get rid of the "wet Kleenex on a stick syndrome" (a Bauer and Coble term for the typical appearance of an historic JI) has been a primary goal. Pink JIs have less substance than other colors. Other hybridizing goals include development of true blues and pinks, elimination of pinching just below the haft of the fall, and earlier bloom times.

JIs require acid soil (pH 5.0 - 6.5 is best) and are heavy feeders. Horse manure, chicken manure, or Miracid® fertilizer is preferred, but addition of bone meal will raise the pH so much that the plants may die. Most references caution against fertilizing at time of transplant. Fertilize established plants in early spring and then again right after bloom. They need 6 hours of sun per day and will grow in full sun. They need 1" of water per week; 2" of water or rainfall is preferred during the growing season. They grow vertically from rhizomes, so by the end of three years the rhizome will be on top of the ground. Mulching 2-3" deep is preferred. They must not be allowed to dry while dividing and replanting. They

can be transplanted as 4- to 6-fan divisions in spring or fall as long as temperatures do not exceed 90°F for a month after transplanting. In California, they are generally transplanted in fall after temperatures have cooled.

JIs are ideally suited for pot culture in California. I prefer to plant in a minimum of a 5-gallon plastic nursery pot which is set into a black plastic “oil drain pan” (available in the automotive section of a dollar store, K-Mart, or Walmart for \$1-3 each), which is kept filled with water during the growing season. JIs grown in pots can be left in the oil drain pan through the winter as long as the water doesn’t freeze. Siberians cannot – they can’t tolerate “wet feet” year round, and will rot if standing in water over the winter. JI experts Bob Bauer and John Coble of Michigan (see below) can grow them in the ground; but they recommend that they be transplanted every three years into “virgin soil; i.e., soil where JIs have never been grown before, because after three years in one place they will die for unknown reasons. This information was from a judges’ training they gave in Auburn, California in 2007. It is now known that nematodes pathogenic to JIs build up in the soil and kill the plants. I have never had this problem in potting soil in pots, but I repot at least every 5 years in “virgin potting soil”.

The first American to do serious Japanese iris hybridizing was W. Arlie Payne starting in 1932. Over almost 40 years he registered 170 JI cultivars, most of which were of exceptional quality and 80 of which are still extant today. When his new cultivars were sent to Japan, the Japanese were astonished to see their diversity and quality. In 1963 the Society for Japanese Irises of the United States was organized and it became a Section of the American Iris Society (AIS). In 1966 Arlie Payne presented AIS with a silver cup to be awarded to the best Japanese iris, the equivalent of the AIS Award of Merit. This was converted to the Payne Medal in 1993 and is awarded each year to the best Japanese iris that has won an AM in the last three years.

Iris ensata has three tall, skinny standards that tend to flop over and three recurved, strappy falls. The standards are purple and falls are white with blue veins. Modern hybrids come in purple, white, blue, pink and red-violet. Amoenas (white standards, colored falls) are not possible and there is no yellow pigment in standards or falls in JIs except for signals (chevrons) on the falls. Hybridizers are breeding for shorter standards and better substance and trying to get rid of pinching in the falls. Hybrids have either three falls, six falls, or nine to twelve falls. In the last named, standards have converted to falls and the flowers tend to be flatter. The top three falls on a 6-fall type are always smaller but there should not be a large difference in size. Petalloids may be present, produced by modification of the style arms. The more the better. This is a sign of good culture. And speaking of culture, the same variety may be 10” tall with 2”-diameter flowers to 5’ tall with 8” flowers. The difference is culture. Give it manure and lots of water and it will be huge! The average height of a JI bloomstalk is 36”, but good culture will increase the height considerably.

Iris fanciers in Japan prefer 3-standard, 3-fall fairly tailored irises, an example of which is the pink ‘Coho’ (Chad Harris, 2005), winner of the Payne Medal in 2012. I personally think that “more is better” and the 9-12 fall types are my favorite, with lots of ruffles and petalloids. Examples are the 9-fall ‘Lion King’ (Bauer and Coble, 1996), Payne Medal 2003 (pictured to the right here), 12-fall ‘Dragon Mane’ (Bauer and Coble, 2000) and 12-fall ‘Frosted Pyramid’ (Marx, 1960).



Bob Bauer and John Coble are the owners of Ensata Gardens in Galesburg, Michigan, midway between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. Ensata Gardens is the largest grower of JIs in the US with about 450 varieties. Through 2014 they had 48 JI introductions and sell by mail order only (their website is www.ensata.com), mostly to Japan and Russia. Their 2018 online catalog has 141 varieties of JIs. Bauer and Coble have won the Payne Medal for the best Japanese Iris introduction five times; for 'Bellender



Blues' in 2000, 'Lion King' in 2003, 'Raspberry Candy' in 2008, 'Lake Effect' in 2011, and 'Sugar Dome' in 2015. 'Lake Effect' (2004) is an especially fine blue near-self.

On August 10, 2015 Chad Harris of Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm in Washougal, Washington spoke to our Society. He said that only 7 farms and 11 people (in the US?) hybridize JIs. His 2018 online catalog (mtpleasantiris.com) lists 72 varieties of JIs. Through May, 2017 he has introduced 26 Japanese irises and won the Payne Medal twice, for 'Coho' in 2012 and for 'Bewitching Twilight' in 2013. Terry Aitken of Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden in Vancouver, Washington has introduced 28 JIs through March, 2018 and has won the Payne Medal five times: in 1995 for 'Cascade Crest', in 1997 for 'Electric Rays', in 1998 for 'Butterflies in Flight', in 2002 for 'Electric Glow', and in 2014 for 'Lady in Pink'. The last two named are stunning by their pictures on the Iris wiki.

Other notable JI hybridizers include Hiroshi Shimizu of Japan who through 2017 has introduced 15 Japanese iris hybrids in the US, primarily through the Society for Japanese Irises of the United States or the Draycott Gardens of Carol Warner in Maryland. Region 14 iris hybridizers have dabbled in JI's: Ben Hager of Stockton won the Payne Award in 1976 for the 3-fall type 'Stranger in Paradise' (1970) - standards white, edged rose-fuchsia; falls rose-fuchsia, white blaze; yellow signal. And Jonnye Rich of Citrus Heights won the Payne Award in 1978 for the 6-fall 'Tuptim' (1974) - standards white, sharply veined dark blue-violet; falls same, lemon yellow signal; deep violet styles edged white. She also won the Payne Medal in 1999 for the 6-fall 'Geisha Obi' (1989) - Medium fuchsia red, veined white from pale yellow signal to 1/2" solid border; white styles, fuchsia red crests. Breeders have learned that whites are easy to get. 3 falls are dominant, 6 falls are recessive.

I admit that JIs are my favorite irises. I ordered five new ones from Ensata Gardens this year, mostly multipetalled varieties, to increase my collection.

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Display Garden Update

Jean Sharp

Kudos to the people who weeded, fertilized and put pre-emergent on the display garden at the end of May and beginning of June. Cheryl Bryan, Anna Cadd and her sister and brother-in-law Irena Majewska and Ryszard Majewski visiting from Poland, Jeff Davis, our worker Genaro, Alleah Haley, Anna Marie Hermansen, Jean Sharp and Bob Wright contributed their efforts getting the weeds - mostly spurge - under control.

Summer is a busy time for all and the hard work is much appreciated.

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.



Keeping In Touch

SRIS member **Barb Baruth** emailed on June 26:

"Hi everyone,

Just a few lines to let you know that [our adult son] Alex is doing quite well. It's been 20 months since his bone marrow transplant. There's still no sign of GVHD or any other complication. He has discontinued most of his medications and feels and looks well. Last week he had the first of three rounds of childhood inoculations for measles, mumps, whooping cough, polio, etc. He goes to the gym regularly, runs and bicycles, and has resumed his social life. He still needs to take naps and easily catches colds, but continues to improve.

This is probably the last Alex Update I'll send. Thanks so very much for all your love and support during the last three years.

Much love,
Barb"

Barb Baruth maintains homes in both Wisconsin and Santa Rosa. Her regular mailing address is:

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Walt McCallum, husband of SRIS member Kathy McCallum, passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018. He was diagnosed with bladder cancer at the end of April, 2017, and was hospitalized and treated with chemotherapy and radiation at that time.

Walt spent four weeks in the hospital in June, 2018. He had abdominal surgery on June 12 to correct an intestinal blockage caused by the radiation therapy. During the surgery, doctors found that the cancer had spread to his small intestine. He passed away due to complications from the surgery. The last two years were difficult for Walt and Kathy, and the Society extends deep sympathy to her.

A Celebration of Life for Walt will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Eggen and Lance Mortuary, 1900 Franklin Avenue, Santa Rosa, 707-545-3747. You may express condolences to:

Kathy McCallum

1267 Burbank Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
kt7mccallum@gmail.com

Marlene Freetly "doesn't feel well." She had back surgery some time ago, but the pain has returned and now her knees hurt. She misses being able to attend SRIS functions. You can send get well wishes to:

Marlene Freetly

1632 Old Adobe Rd.
Petaluma, CA 94954
marlene.freetly@gmail.com

From the Editor – Many thanks for contributions to this issue: **Barb Baruth, Anna Cadd, Jeff Davis; Diana Ford, Marlene Freetly, Anna Marie Hermansen, Kathy McCallum, and Ray Wiseman** husband of SRIS member Susan Wiseman. *Alleah*

Cadds Win Region 15 Best Spuria Trophy

During a recent vacation, **Anna Cadd** received a trophy in the mail with the following message:

"This letter is to congratulate you and David for winning the Best Spuria Cultivar Award at the 2018 AIS Region 15 Spring Trek. Your 'Speeding Star' was outstanding! And we thank you for participating in the 2018 Region 15 Spring Trek, Phoenix, Arizona.

Hope you have a wonderful growing season!

Claire Schneider and Janis Shackelford

Award Co-chairs for Region 15"



Bumper sticker seen on a cattle truck hauling manure in Kansas: "Don't tell my parents I'm a truck driver. I told them I went to school to plant flowers." Submitted by Ray Wiseman, who is SRIS member Susan Wiseman's husband.

Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Board and Members' Meeting, June 11, 2018

Called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Anna submitted expenses and introduced her sister Irene and brother-in-law John.

We went over the minutes for the March board meeting.

Kitty made a treasurer's report.

Jeff spoke about a Wells Fargo Bank phone scam.

At the show one of the judges was unable to attend and so Kitty took her place and judged the show.

We voted to pay Kitty her judge's fee.

Anna said that our Siberian iris didn't survive and that she had spoken to Jim Hedgecock and he offered that if we ordered introductions he would give us a very good deal.

Diana reported about the iris ordering project and said there was room in the budget to order from Kanarowski as well. We have ordered from Superstition Gardens.

Show comment: need more books of photos for the next show, more cultivating sheets and information about joining the club. Questions arose about next year. We won't have a show and pot sale next year since we will be putting our efforts into supporting Joe and Rudy's garden and luncheon. The National is in Dublin for entering stalks; we don't know how many to expect for Joe and Rudy's luncheon, maybe 100-200. We would like to contact Shirley and Phyllis to get an idea of what we need to do to make a good job of this National.

The Santa Rosa Garden Club is putting in a concrete walkway by their shed to deal with standing water. We wondered if we should participate in the cost. There was a lively discussion. This ran over.

We just extended the board meeting into a general meeting.

There was a discussion of Luther Burbank Center and concern about financial aspect and full time manager as well as maintenance on an older building. Jeff will get a copy of the budget and annual report so that we can discuss this with more information.

Anna Marie would like the names of iris we plan to dig for the rhizome sale. It takes some time to organize the photos and information to place on sale bags.

Next month is Marlene Horn's program showing the pictures of iris available at the auction.



June Door Prize Winners

Aloha Spirit – Bob Wright

Banana Daiquiri – Jeff Davis

Black Lipstick – Anna Marie Hermansen

Blame it on Rio – Alleah Haley

Bold Awakening – Anna Cadd

Breathtaking – Linnea Polo

Close to My Heart – Anna Cadd
Cool Dude – Anna Cadd
Deeper Meaning – Anna Marie Hermansen
Dress to Impress – Betty Ford
Flauntress – Cheryl Bryan
Funday Monday – Anna Cadd
Idle Rich – Anna Cadd
Infidel – Anna Cadd
Kyla Rose – Cheryl Bryan
Marry the Night – Jim Begley
Menehune – Delores McKey
Mixed Signals – Steve Albert
More Please – Kitty Loberg
Morning World – Anna Cadd
Party Rock – Steve Albert
Pink Sugar – Diana Ford
Restless Spirit – Rudy Ciuca
Rise Like a Phoenix – Cheryl Bryan

Door Prizes for July

Anna Marie Hermansen

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 NEW BEGINNING (T. Johnson, 2017). 37” ML. S. white with peach pink centers; F. cream and peach in the center with a wide lilac rose band; medium orange beards.

ANTSY (T. Johnson, 2017). **SDB** 14” ML. Brown spot pattern with great blue beards.

BABY DUCK (Kanarowski, 2016). 43” ML. S. yellow w/pink-peach flush, veined deeper; F. peach-orange, golden edge, veined wine, wine dotting on edge; tangerine beard over white base.

COCONUT SNOW (J. Painter, 2016). 35” EM. Ruffled white self; white beards, gold at throat.

COOL OPERATOR (M. Sutton, 2016). 37” EML. S. pure white; F. white, marbled blue-violet at edge; beards yellow.

FLASH OF BRILLIANCE (Mego, 2016). 33” M. S. white, flushed Dresden yellow at midribs and veining; F. plum, yellow blaze around beards, lighter plum-purple edge; beards yellow-orange.

FOLIES BERGERE (Ghio, 2017). 36” EM. S. orange domed and very bubble ruffled; F. orange with a coral cast and striking bubbly frilly black fuchsia band.

GARDEN TIME (Schreiner, 2017). 35” M. Yellow self.

GHIRARDELLI SQUARE (Keppel, 2016). 38” EM. S. blended Brazil brown and horsechestnut; F. white, purple-chocolate solid plicata edge; beards mustard tan to violet.

JELLY BEAN PARADE (Kanarowski, 2014). 33” EM. S. white ground tinged palest blue-violet, substantial mid-yellow basal infusion; F. yellow-cream ground; beard hairs based white, tips marigold; slight spicy fragrance.

LOOKING GLASS (L. Painter, 2016). 44” ML. Tall pinkish white self with a deeper pink in heart of flower; beards white with pink coral tips.

LUCKY (Black, 2016). **SDB** 14” ML. S. white, wide mid-orchid plicata band; F. white, wide mid-orchid plicata band; beards white, tips blue-violet.

MYSTIC IMAGE (Tasco, 2016). 37” M. S. light bronzed yellow, light rosy plum wash over midrib spreading towards edge; F. burgundy-black, bright yellow-orange veins on both sides of beard; beards based bronze, tips rusty brown.

RASPBERRY LEMONADE (M. Sutton, 2016). 35" EML. S. primrose yellow, edges darker; F. cream, primrose yellow shoulders and veining, red-purple marbling $\frac{1}{2}$ down petal, $\frac{1}{4}$ " aureolin edge; beards orange in throat, yellow orange in middle, yellow ends.

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

RINGS TRUE (Schreiner, 2016). 37" M. S. white, lavender edge; F. white, purple rim; beards white.

SOFT ELEGANCE (M. Sutton, 2017). 29" ML. S. white, pale yellow at midribs and top middle; F. violet, white zonal burst, $\frac{1}{2}$ " pale lavender rim; beards based white, tips butter yellow.

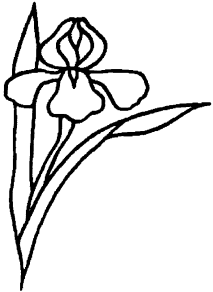
SPRING CELEBRATION (M. Sutton, 2017). 43" M-VL. S. yellow; F. ruby red; beards yellow.

SWIVEL HIPS (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.

TROPICAL TREASURE (L. Painter, 2016). 36" EML. S. peach-apricot, slight rose tinted midrib; F. orchid-mauve; beards white, hairs tipped coral.

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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.

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