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MONDAY, MARCH 12, 7:00 PM JEFF COX, THE GARDEN AS A SPIRITUAL PLACE

Jeff Cox, who lives with his family in Kenwood, is the author of 21 books on food, wine, and gardening. He writes the science column for *Horticulture* magazine each issue, and has been the host of two TV series, *Your Organic*



Garden on PBS and Grow It! on HGTV. For 22 years, he was the restaurant reviewer for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and today writes a monthly feature for that newspaper's garden page. He's the former managing editor of Organic Gardening, and the recipient of numerous awards for his garden writing.

Jeff will talk on "the Garden as a Sacred Space". From the Garden of Eden to the Ringing Cedars of Russia, gardens have been considered sacred places. In this talk, Jeff will discuss why.

Officers, Board Members, and other interested folks: We'll have a Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. immediately before the program. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Gardening Tips for March

Anna Cadd

1. Okay, kids, it is time to stop hibernating and start some serious work! Weeding is the most important task at hand, as irises in weeds will not produce beautiful stalks; and in California weeds can move you out of the house! I was sick for two months, so couldn't do my work, and even after applying the pre-emergent weed killer "Preen" I still got a wide variety of weeds. Every time you buy soil from a "reputable" source, you will bring in new weeds you've never seen before. This year it was Senecio vulgaris, often known by the common names groundsel and Oldman-in-the-Spring. It is a flowering plant in the daisy family Asteraceae. It is an annual herb, native to Europe and widely disturbed habitats worldwide. After pulling wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow of this malady, I felt like an "Old Man" myself. Another "beauty was Cardamine hirsuta, commonly called hairy bittercress. Strangely enough, mine was not bitter (I think that this is the stuff used in Poland for salads) and it was not hairy. But at least it was easy to pull. It shoots its seeds up to 10 feet! It is an annual biennial member of the mustard

Brassicaceae, with a rosette of leaves and tiny white flowers. It is common in moist areas around the world, and of course in my garden. These two weeds were real pests in our society's Display Garden this spring.

- 2. Granular fertilizer 5-10-10 (or 10-10-10 on lighter soils) usually tends to change in the ground from nitrates to nitrites in about 6 weeks. Nitrites are the form which plants can absorb, so it is really time to finish fertilizing now. After weeding, when the ground is soft, sprinkle it around iris clumps and work into the soil with a hoe. This is a costly process when you have many irises, but not so difficult to do and the effect will be spectacular in May!
- 3. While weeding, a person can think about the wonders of the world. One of them is the lady bug. This is a small beetle from the family Coccinellidae. There are thought to be 6000 species worldwide. They are commonly yellow, orange, or red with small black spots on their wing covers, with black legs, heads and antennae. Entomologists widely prefer the names ladybird beetles or lady beetles as these insects are not classified as true bugs. You may wonder why there are so many of them in the garden now, as there are no aphids for them to eat. The red ones are widely loved, when these of a different color are usually hatred with a vengeance. Where is the justice?
- 4. Talking about food: nothing tastes better then salad made from lettuce fresh pulled from the garden, with fresh radishes, basil, dill, chives and parsley. And what about spaghetti on a cold night with basil, thyme, oregano, sage and rosemary? A half wine barrel next to the doorway will supply fresh herbs for the whole family. But we are not supposed to cook when it is weed-pulling time!

References:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senecio_vulgaris https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardamine_hirsuta https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coccinellidae From the President's Desk

I was reading through the latest *AIS Bulletin* and came across the wonderful article on our own member, Jeanne Clay Plank, congratulating her on the honor she received as AIS Gold Medal Recipient 2017. I always enjoy learning of the life accomplishments of the leaders who have helped shape the world of iris. And Jeanne has given much including serving as AIS President from 2006-2008. Hopefully many of you get the AIS Bulletin *Irises*[†]. It is always full of great articles. We are very fortunate for the dedication of our parent organization to bring us information on all kinds of irises and the people who are making it happen. Then I think of how great our own newsletter is and the dedication of our own members to inform and enlighten us. Yes, we live in great times.

[†]Consider joining The American Iris Society (AIS) if you're not a member. Membership benefits include 4 issues/year of the full color Bulletin *Irises*, membership in its Northern Cali-fornia/Nevada/Hawaii chapter (Region 14). Dues are \$30 single annual, \$70 single triennial, \$35 dual annual, \$85 dual triennial. Emembership is \$15 annual but does not include printed Bulletin. Does provide online Bulletin viewing, access to online iris register database of registrations and introductions. Make check payable to the American Iris Society or provide your VISA or Master Card number (see www.irises.org/About_AIS/Membership_Info/AIS_Membership.html). Send membership form (available at above website location) and check to:

Tom Gormley – AIS Membership Secretary PO Box 177 DeLeon Springs, FL 52130

This Month

Monday, March 12 – Award-winning garden writer Jeff Cox, "The Garden as a Sacred Space."

2018 Iris Events and Important SRIS Dates

Sunday April 8 – Saturday **April 14, 2018** – AIS/ Society for Louisiana Irises (SLI) combined National Convention "Fleur-de-Gras". Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel, 901 Airline Dr., Kenner, LA. For info go to www.irises.org, Member Services, Conventions/Activities. Six gardens. Registration form & hotel info on pages 37-47 of the Winter 2018 AIS Bulletin. Registration required by March 31.

Monday April 9 – Jim Begley, Jeff Davis, and possibly Ross BeVier, "Preparing Your Irises for the Show". Includes mock show.

Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29 (open 1-5 Sat., 10-5 Sun.) – SRIS Iris Show "Spring to the Next Century" (AIS will celebrate 100 years in 2020)/Potted Iris Sale, LBAGC.

Friday, May 4 – tour to gardens of award-wining garden designer Kate Frey (10:30-11:30 a.m.) and Diana and Don Ford, Hopland. Lunch & meeting at the Ford's, 1310 University Rd.

Saturday, May 5 – garden tour to the gardens of Betty Ford and Rudy Ciuca/Joe Lawrence in Sonoma and possibly the Jim Begley/Marcelline Nelipowitz in Santa Rosa. Start at 10 AM at Betty's. Bring bag lunch and drink.

Friday May 11 – Sunday May 13, 2018 – Region 14 Spring Meeting "Butterflies in the Mountains". Bootjack Stompers Hall, Mariposa, CA. Rick Tasco of Superstition Iris Gardens will speak and give 2 hr. garden judging training; visits to the Kanarowskis' Mariposa Iris Garden & garden of Gary & Gail Collings in Oakhurst.

Monday June 11 – Jeff Davis, Region 14 Spring Meeting near Yosemite/Anna Cadd, AIS National Convention, New Orleans. Show awards presented.

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.

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 Gardener, the Iris Hybridizer and the 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 - 8^{th} Annual Heirloom Expo, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds. SRIS will have a booth.

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

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, March 12, 6:00 PM

Monday, May 14, 6:00 PM

Monday, July 9, 6:00 PM

Monday, September 10, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 12, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 10, 6:00 PM

Other Events of Garden Interest

Saturday, March 31, 10-5 and Sunday, April 1, 10-4 – Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale "Rainbow of Orchids". Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa (across from the Fairgrounds). Admission \$8, children 12 & under free.

Convention Tours Almost Sold Out

This from the 2018 AIS National Convention Committee:

We're so very happy with the enthusiasm demonstrated by both AIS and SLI members as shown by their early registration for the 2018 Convention in New Orleans -- we are thrilled beyond measure, but unfortunately we have -- almost -- reached a point that we're having to stop selling garden tour tickets.

Some of the gardens tours have space limitations for the number of buses they can handle at a time, and some also have space limitations for the number of people that can be accommodated for lunch. We will start <u>a waiting list</u> once the garden tours have reached their limit, and will allow people to register for garden tours if cancellations are received by the registrar. Those affected will be notified immediately.

We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we had to limit the number of people that can attend each of the garden tours per the above reasons. We hope you understand, and that you will continue to make plans to attend the Convention; you won't want to miss many of the other important scheduled events that are other-than garden tours.

Also, New Orleans is a very beautiful city and is celebrating its 300th Anniversary this year; there's lots to do in and around, and if you're in town, there will be many activities attached to this celebration that you may want to take part of.

From the Editor – Many thanks for contributions to this issue: Jim Begley, Ross BeVier, Anna Cadd; Rudy Ciuca, Jeff Cox, Jeff Davis; Betty Ford, Diana Ford, Frank Foster, Anna Marie Hermansen, Alice Kemper, & Mary True. Alleah

The age-old wisdom of gardening: first it sleeps, then it creeps, then it leaps. Horticulture Magazine.

DUES NOTICE

Your Newsletter mailing label gives the expiration date of your SRIS dues. If it reads "12/17", please write a check payable to Santa Rosa Iris Society for \$15/person and mail it to membership secretary Alleah Haley. Electronic Newsletter recipients: check your expiration date on the membership list printed in the December 2017 Newsletter unless you know you've paid for 2018. Use the renewal form in this issue.

The Iris Learning Corner – *Iris stolonifera* Anna Cadd

As I am planning to attend the Aril Society Convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico this year, just before the AIS National/Louisiana Convention in New Orleans. I can't wait for the adventure! The gardens for arils and arilbreds are located at 6000' elevation, where they don't have a lot of moisture and the conditions are similar to their native habitat in Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East. There is no way to see them now in nature so this will be as close as I can get. I don't know a lot about these Oriental beauties, so it is time to learn (with great expense of time and money ... hmm, the wonders of the internet).

The aril irises include some of the most amazing plants in the genus *Iris*, from the largest flower (over a foot in length) to tiny dwarfs (the whole plant only a couple of inches high). Arils can also be the most challenging plants to grow. Arils have been crossed with the true bearded irises to create arilbreds, with easier culture; but they still retain some of the exotic traits of the pure arils. They have unusual beards, from big and bushy to tiny, velvety patches or a big spot on the falls. They are often referred to as desert Iris. Most require dry summer dormancy.

Aril iris includes sections: Oncocyclus, Regelia, <u>Psammiris</u>, <u>Hexapogon</u>, and <u>Pseudoregelia</u>. These are all very different irises. The <u>Oncocyclus</u> and <u>Regelia</u> are the best known. The <u>Psammiris</u> are more easily grown as long as it is in sand. The <u>Pseudoregelia</u> are rarely encountered and the <u>Hexapogon</u> are little known in cultivation. Note that the Aril Society International presently restricts the designation "aril" to the Oncocyclus and Regelia sections only, and to hybrids involving only these two sections. The highest award for this class is the <u>Clarence G. White Medal</u>.

Let's get friendly with *Iris stolonifera:* (from the *Regelia* section):







Iris stolonifera Maxim. (Carl Johann Maximowicz, 1880, Bokhara & Turkestan); *Regelia* L. Height 12-24" (30-60 cm); Color Code-S3M. It is easily distinguished by the band of yellow, reddish, or dark brown bordering the standards and falls. In some varieties it may suffuse into the centers but usually the central area has a light, almost white, ground washed with metallic lavender. It is named for its stoloniferous rhizomes which are not unlike those of some other Regelia.

So what is a stolon? This iris has a rhizome, that in the spring, sends out thin and long (up to 8 inch) secondary roots or stolons, which have a red skin. At the end of each stolon, it forms a new rhizome, creating widespread colonies of plants. In *Iris stolonifera* blue, yellow or lilac beards are located on **both** standards and falls.

Iris stolonifera has been crossed with Iris korolkowii to create different colored hybrids that have dark brown or deep blue beards. It has been crossed with other irises but did not produce very suitable hybrids. There are several different cultivars, including 'Chocolate', 'Decorated Blue Beard', 'Decorated Delight', 'Decorated Giant', 'George Barr', 'Here I Am', 'Leichtlini', 'Merlin's Magic', 'Network' 'Real Harmony', 'Red, White, and Blue', 'Conical', 'Turkish Dancer', 'Turkish Delight', 'Vaga', and 'Zwanenburg Beauty'.

References:

http://wiki.irises.org/Ar/WebHome http://wiki.irises.org/Spec/SpecStolonifera https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_stolonifera



In the Shadow of Greatness



Santa Rosa Iris Society members can once again bask in the glory of our own **Jeanne Plank's** recognition as recipient of the AIS Gold Medal for 2017. We mentioned this award in the December 2017 SRIS Newsletter, but the truly stellar achievement is celebrated in Jill Bonino's article in the Winter 2018 AIS Bulletin *Irises*, pages 14-15. Do read it! Congratulations, Jeanne. The award couldn't go to a more deserving person!

E Keeping In Touch

Received by email on March 4, 2018: "I am sorry that I have to resign from the Iris club. I enjoyed my time with the club enormously. Blessings, **Mary True**

Ross and Barbara BeVier, who lost their home in the October wildfire, are planning to relocate. **Ross** emailed on March 7:

"I'm up in Sequim, Washington right now and hopefully will close on a property the end of MarchI may be down there for another load of misc. gardening equipment and whatever furniture I can scare up for my last trip up. I do plan on continuing as a judge here in region 13...and plan on attending 2-2hour garden trainings...one near Seattle and one at Chad Harris' place on the Columbia in May ...so I'll have plenty of hours. I have spoken to my sister about starting an Olympic peninsula club as there is really no other within a couple hours drive...we'll see. I'm bringing about 250 varieties with me and will establish an open garden of sorts here in the next year or two. I'll send off a check when I return in a couple days with the renewal form....

Thanks for the assistance....life continues to throw interesting moments.....what would we do if it



My best, Ross

On February 24 former SRIS member **Frank Foster** emailed:

I REALLY ENJOYED THE SRIS NEWSLETTER, IT IS GOOD TO KEEP UP WITH THE OLD GANG. GLAD TO SEE YOU ARE THERE TOO. WHEN I SENT JIM [Begley] THAT LIST OF IRIS NAMES I AM HOPING TO FIND, I FORGOT COTATI, A BB ABOUT '79 OR '80. I HAD A PHOTO OF IT BUT HAVE NOT SEEN IT LATELY. IT WAS A PIX LARRY GAULTER TOOK OF IT AT OKLA. CONVENTION. WE GAVE SEVERAL RHIZOMES OF COTATI TO A MEMBER WHO LIVED IN THAT AREA [probably Colin Rigby — Ed.] AND THEY WERE PLANTED IN A CITY PARK GARDEN SOMEWHERE IN THE TOWN. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTACTS WITH ANY CITY FOLK THERE, MAYBE WE COULD LOCATE IT HOPEFULLY. COLOR WAS AN OFF BEAT PURPLE. IF THE PIX SHOWS UP I WILL MAIL IT TO YOU. TWO OF THE IRIS I WAS HOPING WOULD STILL BE AROUND SANTA ROSA GARDENS WERE AGE OF AQUARIUS AND SCATTERED SHOWERS. THE FRAGRANCE IN SS WAS A KNOCKOUT. I GET NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM HIPS MEMBERS FOR BOTH. I SENT JIM PHOTOCOPIES OF APPLICATIONS FOR REG. MEETING IN MAY. SALEM OTIS IS SPONSORING THIS ONE. HOPE SOME OF YOU WILL COME UP. DETAILS ON INTERNET.

LATER AND THANKS AGAIN. FRANK

From the Iris Wiki:

'Cotati' (Frank Foster, R. 1979) Seedling #299B. BB, 22" (57 cm). Midseason to late bloom. Standards greyed violet; falls very dark violet-purple, ruffled; gold beard. 'Return Engagement' X V. Mathews seedling #4-TR-19: (yellow remontant TB). Foster 1979. Honorable Mention 1982.

Frank's address is 370 Church St. SE, 11B, Salem, OR 97301

Alice Kemper is doing better. She "misses meetings and can't hardly wait to get back".

Happy Birthday March Babies

Ann Shippey 3/15 Krystle Coffman 3/17 Lynn Williams 3/31

March Anniversaries

Debby and Art Hertz 3/26

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 **April 2018** issue of this Newsletter is **March 20, 2018**. Email copy to:

alleah.haley@gmail.com.

Iris Culture – Do as I Say, Not as I Do Anna Cadd

There is never a good time for a gardener to get sick, but winter is better than spring. And cold, flu and pneumonia bugs know this well, so we all get sick at the "right" time. Well, this took a toll on me this year. I had irises ready to be planted, but the ground was not weeded. December was wet and long story short, I planted the first batch of irises on January 3. They really took it off and are only slightly smaller than irises in established clumps. They don't have clumps, of course, but single rhizomes look good. I lost only two or three rhizomes. I planted the second batch on March 1. When I pulled them from the boxes that were sitting in the shed, I expected to have very little to plant. Surprise, surprise! All big and medium rhizomes were still nice and firm, a little shriveled, but alive with small increases! After a week in the ground they perked-up, and I will be not be surprised if some of them put up small stalks in June! Small rhizomes, which will be planted this week after I will weed and cultivate two remaining beds, don't look very promising, but you never know. Irises have a tremendous will to live! I had promised myself never to test this theory again. I love irises too much to stress them and myself again!

Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Member Meeting, February 12, 2018

The meeting began with a very entertaining flower arranging demonstration by Melinda Wolcott and our own Anna Cadd. Melinda is a master of mechanics. This was a very fun and instructive talk complete with several arrangements that were raffled off and a mini judging.

In attendance were: Anna Cadd, Delores McKey, Jeff Davis, Linnea Polo, Cheryl Bryan, Marlene Freetly, Alleah Haley, Betty Ford, Barb Baruth, Diana Ford, Jim Begley, Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence. Also attending were Juanita and Bob Jr Breckwoldt. Juanita and Bob Jr. will be moving soon, Juanita joined in 1988. They will be sorely missed. Juanita brought in a few things she thought we could use and some gifts were exchanged. Wonderful to see them and hope they enjoy the new place.

The general meeting got underway at 8:45 p.m.

The minutes were approved.

We went over the budget line by line.

Treasurer Kitty Loberg didn't attend this meeting because she is recovering from an injury. There were a few changes to the budget and it was approved with the changes.

Anna Cadd will find out about trophies later this week.

There was a reminder to please bring things in for the Regional Gift basket at the March meeting.

There was a vote approving a \$25 donation in honor of Rich Kunde.

The iris ordering committee will consist of Diana Ford, Cheryl Bryan, Linnea Polo and Kitty Loberg.

Betty Ford and Jim Begley will consider hosting garden visits on the 5th of May.

Diana Ford will be hosting the May meeting and garden visit as well as a visit to Kate Frey's home garden in Hopland on Friday May 4.

Jeff reported that he has been working with the school garden program for Sonoma County Schools to provide them with iris rhizomes.

Iris were raffled off and there were a few left. If you missed the meeting you missed out on some great new iris.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Ford, Sectetary

Door Prize Winners for February

A New Beginning – Jeff Davis

Antsy – Juanita Breckwoldt

Baby Duck – Rudy Ciuca

Bold Awakening – Delores McKey

Breathtaking – Joe Lawrence

Coconut Snow – Anna Cadd
Folies Bergere – Marlene Freetly
Garden Time – Anna Marie Hermansen
Ghirardelli Square – Jim Begley
Idle Rich – Bob Breckwoldt
Jelly Bean Parade – Barb Baruth
Party Rock – Linnea Polo
Pink Sugar – Diana Ford
Sicilian Orange – Alleah Haley
Tropical Treasure – Betty Ford

Door Prizes for March 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 <u>name</u> (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.

BANANA DAIQUIRI (G. Sutton, 2016). 37" EML. S. butter yellow, lighter edges with, white veins; F. white blends to lavender with butterscotch edge; beards orange; ruffled; serrated; pronounced spicy fragrance.

BLISSFUL (P. Black, 2016). SDB 15.5" EML. S.

yellow; F. white, yellow band; beards tangerine; glaciata; slight musky fragrance.

BLUSHING GRAPES (L. Miller, 2016). 34" EM. S. mid-purple, lighter stripes into midrib; F. coral ground, deep purple border dotting to center; beard white, tangerine tips; slight musky fragrance.

CANADIAN BRASS (P. Black, 2016). 33" ML. S. dark gold; F. darker, olive-brown veins radiating from beard and over upper half of petal; beards dark old gold; slight musky fragrance.

CRAZY OVER YOU (P. Black, 2017). IB 23" MVL. S. burgundy; F. darker; beards orange.

FRONT OF THE LINE (Ghio, 2016). 34" M. S. rusty mahogany-red; F. gold overlaid mahogany-red, thin gold edge; beards yellow.

GIVE IT AWAY (L. Lauer, 2016). 34" E. S. white, yellow base and thin rim; F. white overlaid with rose lines, thin yellow rim; beards tangerine; pronounced sweet fragrance.

HANDFUL OF MAGIC (B. Blyth, 2016/2017). 38" VE. S. white, flushed pink at midribs; F. salmon; beards deep tangerine; slight sweet fragrance.

HEAVEN'S DOOR (Annand, 2016). 40" M. S. white, crinkled edges; F. white with blue wash, hafts golden yellow, crinkled white edges; lightly ruffled; beards bright red-orange.

MANGO MELTDOWN (M. Sutton, 2016). 38" MVL. S. peach; F. lavender-blue, pink band, lighter edge; beards yellow, light lavender ends; ruffled; slight sweet fragrance

MARGIN CALL (Keppel, 2017). 35" M. S. yellow; F. oyster ground, concord edge, darker red-purple band; beards yellow, faint lavender at end.

OCEAN LINER (Keppel, 2017). 34" EM. S. lavender-blue, deeper centers, darker texture veining; F. same with deeper veins, heaviest across haft with white ground; beards lavender-blue, tips shrimp.

OH WOW (T. Johnson, 2017). SDB 15" ML. S. pink; F. pink with white; beards blue.

PATH TO HEAVEN (Ghio, 2016). 38" EM. S. mid-deep pink; F. mid-deep pink, wide band of rosy orchid; beards tangerine-red.

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

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

ROYSTON RUBIES (A. Cordes, 2017). 32" M. S. old mauve; F. dark ruby red; beards mustard-orange, lavender base.

SUNSET BOULEVARD (Keppel, 2017). 37" M. S. golden orange; F. same, pale mauve marginal band, cream spot at end of beard; beards red.

TABLE FOR TWO (Schreiner 2016). 36" VE. S. brown, violet at midribs; F. black-red, white blaze around beard; beards yellow.

TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD (Kanarowski, 2017). 46" ML. S. cantaloupe, peach midrib; F. raspberry, lightens at edge, white spray pattern, and centerline, ½" cantaloupe rim; beards white, tangerine tips.

Region 14 2018 Spring Meeting Registration Form fits here. (2 pages)

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Name and Address Correction requested	



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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 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.

April Newsletter Deadline - March 20th