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Need Volunteer



## April 4th - 12:00 pm at LBA&GC - Show Prep

For those new to showing iris or those of you who need a refresher, this will be the perfect meeting for you! It will be a hands-on demonstration on how to transport, groom, and show your irises. Bring a stalk or two, and your grooming kit (if you have one). You will be given suggestions on what to include in your grooming kit as well as how to safely transport your stalks to the show. Transporting your stalks is most important; staging is easy. And keep all those return address labels you receive free in the mail since they come in handy to use on entry tags. Come, learn, and enjoy the afternoon with other club members.



## April President's Message ..... *Anna Cadd*

What a strange world we are living in today! About a month ago there was a small, 40 million people nation in the middle of Europe, and nobody even knew about it. This is a country where all the government people are in the 40-50 year age range, highly educated, and speaking perfect English. Most people on the street can communicate in 3-4 languages. Income per capita was one of the highest in Europe, the country being the “bread basket” for the whole world, and a country that was highly industrialized. The people there are very friendly, peaceful and loving. Nobody could even imagine that in one month, 10 million people, one quarter of the population, would be displaced, the country in ruin beyond imagination, and the death toll sky rocketing. As broken as I am, having family in Poland and iris friends in Ukraine, I am trying to cope with the pain over suffering children, older people and animals, broken trees and burned homes. Soon spring will come to Ukraine, but will be there anybody left to enjoy it? My escape is my garden and the beautiful weather, even if seen by eyes full of tears... God help Ukraine and all of us....

When man feels the pain – he Lives.

When man feels another person's pain – he is Human....



The garden of Robert Piatek from Poland in 2021. When will we see this beauty in California?

## Gardening tips for April ..... Anna Cadd



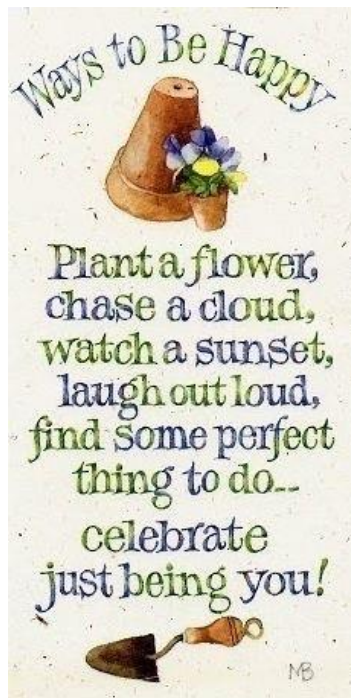
1. "Spring is just around the corner" – I loved this picture from The American Iris Society Newsletter: [aisnewsletter@irises.org](mailto:aisnewsletter@irises.org). The daffodils and lilacs are blooming, and some very early irises also. Of course "Litany of Magic" (R. Annand by B. Marshall, 2014) has 6 huge bloom stalks on 3 clumps blooming already over a month. Medians are starting to bloom also.



2. April is coming so quickly, and we will be in full bloom in the next 2-3 weeks or so. As your iris bloom, verify the flower against the name to be sure it is correct (consider using the AIS Iris Wiki for this). If you discover mistakes and the labels are

incorrect or faded, redo the labels, your bed map and the entries in your iris location book immediately. Don't rely on your memory to do it later; you will not remember it!

3. If you are a purist and like your iris garden looking great and fresh, carefully remove spent blossoms for maximum visual effect. But stop doing it two weeks before the show, if you think that you may enter this particular stalk. Don't let visitors touch the stalks or "help you groom!"
4. Cut the flower stalks at their base after they finish blooming, using scissors to help protect the rhizome from injury.
5. Continue applying a fertilizer high in phosphate, such as Super Bloom, six to eight weeks after bloom to boost the plant while it sets its future increases and buds. I usually use 15-15-15 fertilizer, as fertilizers are not cheap, and with a big garden it can be expensive. Work the fertilizer gently into the soil and water the irises after fertilizing in May or June. I use organic compost as a top dressing to cover the fertilizer.
6. Studies have shown that being around plants can help reduce stress. This works better if you are not around a field of weeds or plants dying from lack of water. But let's be positive.....
7. We are all waiting for the Spring Regional in Union City on April 30, 2022. Every club is asked to bring a beautiful gift basket for fundraising. We already have nice items for the basket, but if you still can donate something, it will be very much appreciated. Please, bring it to the April 4th SRIS meeting. A nice basket will be assembled. Thank you for contributing.





## 2022 SRIS Dates . . . . .

Monday, April 4: Noon at LBA&GC- show prep  
(**note the change of date** from April 11)

Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8: Show at LBA&GC  
with set-up on Friday, May 6

Monday, May 9: TBD

Monday, June 13: Noon at LBA&GC

Monday, July 11: Noon at LBA&GC



Alexa Pagonas  
Richard Shore  
Betty Ford  
Joe Lawrence  
Chris Bing

## Handy garden tips and tools:

From Marlene Horn:

I don't have any weeds in most of my Iris beds, only real small little things that can be scraped away very easily. This Cobra Head weeder is the best tool I've ever had. I'm not sure if I ever showed it at a weeding party some years back. It's not cheap, but worth every penny. It has a 4-ft handle so no bending, and if your soil is soft the head can be pushed down to grab the root and just pull it up easily. There is also a short handle version that I have that is great for raised beds etc. (Available online).



I presume that Preen is being spread properly every quarter, preferably March, June, September, and December. Do not get it on the plant foliage. Those seem to be the times when a new crop of weeds appears. The only problem is, at the Center, it should be watered overhead into the soil right away. This should be done early in the morning so the surface will dry, and any moisture on the irises also, to avoid leaf spot. Lightly raking it in right away at the Center would be the only way for a drip system to get the water down. But I doubt that the drip system there gets over the whole beds evenly. The directions also say that a good time to spread is over the new mulch then watered or raked in.

From Anna Marie Hermansen:

The Mini-Hula Ho is great for small areas and raised beds. I bought mine at Pricketts for \$20, but they are probably available at many garden stores. Total length is 17", with a 14" handle.



## Keeping in Touch .....

from Cheryl Bryan - March 5th

Cheryl reported that she had 3 PCI's in bloom by the end of February. The named ones are in our garden at the Center.

Western Queen (Stamback, 1967)

Going Bananas (Ghio, 2010)

Seedling from Joe Ghio's stock, 3-4 years old, about 30 blooms last year, currently more than 10 open.

*Western Queen*



*Going Bananas*



from Juanita Breckwoldt - March 28th

Juanita said that Larry Lauer is still in a rehab facility near Salem, and Frank Foster (known to many long time members) is finally home after being in the hospital.

She and Bob Jr. will be in the Bay Area during the time of our show, and plan on stopping by the show that Saturday morning to visit their SRIS friends here.



### Something to Look Forward To.....

**2022 Spring Regional, April 30:** to be hosted by SBMIS and MDIS at the Dry Creek Garden in Union City.

**2022 Fall Regional : October 7 - 8:** to be hosted by Leo T. Clark and Shasta Iris Societies - Chico

**2023 Spring Regional, May 12 - 14:** hosted by Yosemite Iris Society in Oakhurst, CA  
visiting Kanarowski Gardens and Gonzalez Iris Garden, Ahwahnee, CA

**AIS National 2022 Convention** April 11 - 16 in Las Cruces, New Mexico

**AIS National 2023 Convention** April 10 - 15 in Dallas, Texas

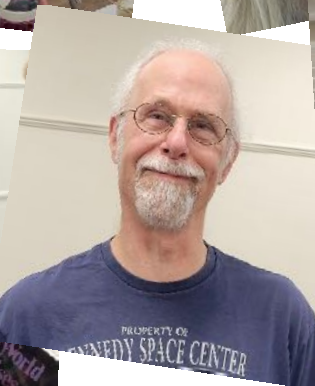
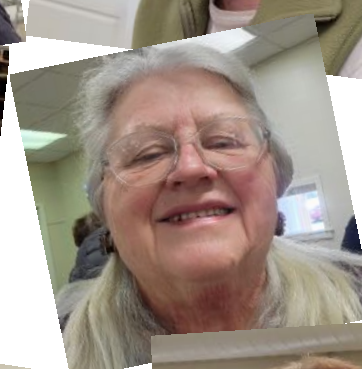
**AIS National 2024 Convention** June 17 - 22 in Portland, Oregon



## SRIS social - March 7



Our first meeting featured great food and camaraderie!





## Door Prize Drawing for April -

Members who attend the April 4th meeting will select their choices there. Those of you who do not attend the meeting will have a choice of what remains (I will email the names of those irises still available). Please email me with your top 5 choices, in order of preference, by noon **April 9th**. If your choices have already been selected, a random item from the list will be substituted. Let me know if you would rather receive no prize than a substitution. If door prize rhizomes need to be mailed, due to your distance from Santa Rosa, you must be willing to pay the postage.

**APRON STRINGS** (Kananowski/2019) 38" M; S. white slightly tinged blue-violet; F. white ground overlaid with wide dark grape-violet blue band with fine veined sunburst, narrow cream edge with wire rim; B. red-tangerine over white

**ARCTIC CHILL** (Keppel/2020) 40" M; S. white with a slight cool blue cast; F. same w. faint warm tone toward center; B. light blue tipped cream, yellow in throat

**AWESOME WONDER** (Johnson/2020) 37" E; S. blue with deeper blue center and veins, ending with light buff edges; F. salmon orange/pink, lighter area below beards; B. tangerine

**BEAUTIFUL MOMENT** (Johnson/2020) 40" L; S. coral pink; F. white with a narrow edge; B. coral pink

**BURGUNDY RULES** (Black/2021) 38" E-M; S. violet toned lavender; F. rich burgundy to red-violet; B. burgundy-brown.

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** (Ford/2019) 35" E; S. white brushed with med. yellow at midribs and yellow veining; F. dark maroon with pale edge and dark wire, maroon lines and yellow flash around beards; B. yellow tipped orange

**COLOR CAPERS** (Keppel/2020) 38" EM; S. smoky violet shading to buff apricot edges; F. yellowish apricot to apricot tan with faint blue-white patch; B. bright carnelian red

**CONSPIRACY THEORY - ABM** (Black/2020) 21" M; S. mid two pale lilac; F. rosy tan to ecru with big red brown signals; B. yellow-orange

**EYES OF AN ANGEL** (Johnson/2021) 35" L; S. pink; F. white with pink band; B. powder blue

**GROUP HUG - IB** (Keppel/2021) 24" M; S. dark purple; F. white with dark prune-purple band, few dots and faint midline; B. pale yellow tipped brown in throat, middle white, ends dark blue.

**HEY LOOK ME OVER** (Black/2021) 31" E-M; S. bright mid gold; F. mid-dark mahogany with a wide lighter tan gold blended band; B. marigold.

**MAGIC RING** (Keppel/2020) 36" EM; S. dandelion yellow; F. lighter yellow ground paling to warm white with dark port edge; B. port, white, tips chinese yellow.

**MIXED FEELINGS** (Johnson/2020) 28" M; S. lemon-yellow; F. white ground overlaid with raspberry plicata with center stripe and raspberry plicata band and narrow gold band with raspberry wire edge; B. based white, tips orange.

**MONARCH FALLS** (Dash/2020) 35" M; S. gold; F. maroon veining to maroon with burlywood edging; B. orange

**OUTSIDE THE LINES** (Duncan/2020) 38" M - L; S. amber yellow leaning towards salmon, lighter centers, few textured veins up midrib; F. light pink-orange ground, heavily veined red-purple, darker around beard, amber yellow rim; beards bright plush red

**PARTY CITY** (Johnson/2020) 32" E; S. blend of golden-orange and salmon; F. orange ground overlaid with deep wide red violet lines, encircled with an orange band; B. orange/salmon

**POETRY IN BLOOM** (A. Cadd/2021) 42" VE; S. lt. creamy yellow, darker at base, delicate light-brown lines; F. white base, reddish purple plicata, 3 distinctive dk. purple lines in center and small lines on falls, darker purple at end of falls, densely dotted between lines; B. white, tipped yellow

**ROYAL ACADEMY** (Keppel/2021) 39" M; S. fluorite violet; F. vatican purple; B. dk. concord

**SPLIT TICKET** (Keppel/2021) 37" ML; S. cool white; F. darker than canterbury, ¼" wisteria violet edge; B. hairs based white, violet at mid level, tips chrysanthemum

**SUPERCHARGED** (Ghio/2019) 33" LM; S. brassy gold; F. hot maroon-red w. tan-violet thin edge; B. brass



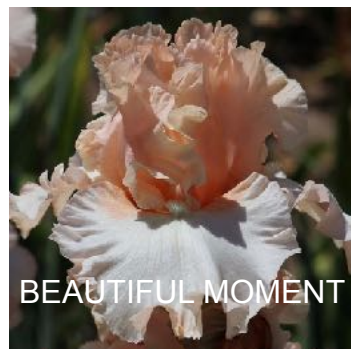
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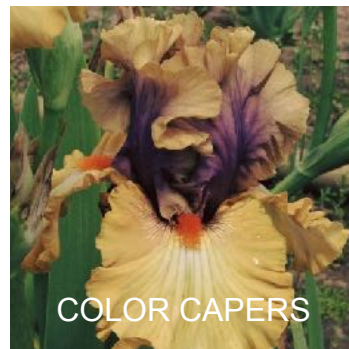
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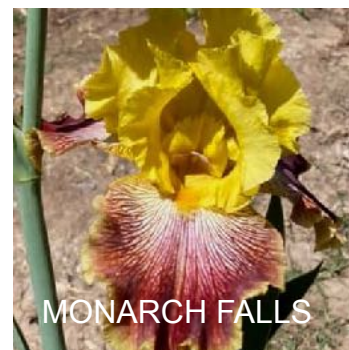
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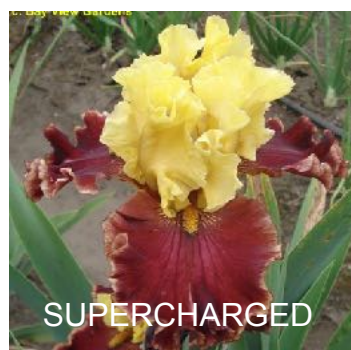
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SUPERCHARGED



***Spring Back To Dry Creek!***  
**AIS Region 14 2022 Spring Regional**  
**April 30, 2022**



**Dry Creek Garden - 550 May Road, Union City, Ca 94587**

**Speaker: Steve Poole from Illinois. Master Judge, Former RVP Region 9, AIS member since 1969**

Speaker, Judge's Training, Silent Auction  
Hosted by Mt. Diablo and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Societies  
Information: [Jeff13bennett@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff13bennett@gmail.com) 510-677-0803

**Saturday Agenda April 30, 2022**

9:00am	Check in/ Registration/Regional open
9:00am – 3:00pm	Fill out ballots and turn in
10:30am -12pm	Judge's Training (Possibly 2 at same time)
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch at Dry Creek
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Speaker - Steve Poole
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Iris viewing, <b>2nd Judge's Training TBD</b>
9:00am – 4:00pm	Silent Auction/Raffle Baskets
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Auction/Raffle winners/Silent Auction winners
5:00pm Adjourn	Closing comments and announcements

**Monday Agenda May 2, 2022**

6:30pm – 8:30pm Region 14 Meeting on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86704901624?pwd=dVgvRVNvZXI6WmllTm5Qc2pPTGg4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 867 0490 1624

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Thanks to the following people for contributions to the newsletter ...

Diana Ford, Cheryl Bryan, Lynn Williams, Juanita Breckwoldt,  
Marlene Horn, and Anna Cadd

## Minutes - March 7th - LBA&GC... Diana Ford, substituting for Anna Marie Hermansen

Our welcome back luncheon and meeting on March 7th was a great success. Anna Cadd and Jeff Davis had tables all set up. Anna decorated them with flowered tablecloths and bouquets of flowers. There were lovely little pieces of china set around in pleasing arrangements. Blue and yellow napkins were set at each table in support of Ukraine. The buffet table was piled high with a feast. Fancy sandwiches, fresh fruit, pickles, homemade potato and macaroni salad, watermelon, cookies and brownies. We enjoyed greeting each other in person and catching up. It was wonderful to hear the buzz of conversation.



Once we had eaten, Kitty Loberg gave a program on ranunculus and snapdragons, showing a time table of development for the plants, growing through the cold months and coming into bloom. I learned a couple of new things even though I grow them myself.

When we finally began our actual meeting, Anna led us through a moment of silence for our long time member Jeanne Plank who passed away a few days earlier. Then we gave a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine who have no place to sleep and eat with their children crying. The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved. I was directed to send out a thank you card to Garry Knipe and call Michael Mace about seeds to grow Moreau iris.

Our next meeting will be on April 4th at noon. This meeting will be about planning our show in May and the program will cover prepping iris for show display. Our last show was in 2018. In 2019 we didn't have one since we had to concentrate on the National Convention. If any long time members would be willing to help with this program, please contact Jeff, we all need a refresher. The June meeting will include a short program about the national and regional conventions.

There will be 2 judges trainings on Tuesday, May 2nd from 10-1. They will be held in the display garden. This has been approved. Kitty will give 1 1/2 hours on bearded and Lynn will give an hour and a half on non-bearded. For the historical record of our shows and winners we are going to get a hard bound book to record the information and keep it in our library. As a keeper medal for this year we are going to take pictures of the winners and present framed photos for members to keep. We may return to normal trophies in future years, but this is how we will handle it this year. There is quite a bit of work to do just to find all our equipment. We need to see if the banners need to be remade. The show will be May 7&8. Our pots sale will go on at the same time. They will sell for \$8 each or 3 for \$20. We are going with 4 judges and will provide a larger stipend since gas is so high at this point. We are tentatively setting garden tours for April 19-28. Please contact Anna Cadd if you are interested in participating. We had raffle tickets to select door prizes. We could hardly remember how to go through all the processes. It has been a long two years since our last in person meeting.

***If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining SRIS, there is an excellent promotion being offered for new members. See the last page for more information. Contact Anna Cadd.***

**May Newsletter Deadline - April 20th**



# Special Membership Drive



Join Santa Rosa Iris Society, at \$15 per year during March – June, 2022



Get a free membership for 1 year to the American Iris Society including 4 print issues of *Irises, The Bulletin of the American Iris Society* (must be a new member to both organizations).