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The RVP's Garden

Hello All,

I hope you are all enjoying the rain and snowfall this winter! My area has had over 40 inches of rain and mix of snow so far and 2 more months of winter ahead. I am looking forward to seeing you at the "Bees, Butterflies and Beauty" Spring Regional 2023, May 12-14th hosted by Yosemite Iris Society and cohosted by the James M. Gibson Iris Society. Registration forms are coming in now and it looks like it is going to be a fabulous time! The irises should be beautiful this year. Also, the waterfalls at Yosemite National Park will be spectacular with all the snowfall this year! Plan to visit the Park during your Regional stay in Oakhurst, CA. YIS will also be offering two in-garden Judges Training sessions. One on Saturday afternoon, May 13th at Mariposa Iris Garden and one JT on Sunday, May 14th at 10:00 am at Region 14's newest commercial garden, Bee Haven Iris Gardens, owners John and Carolyn Honnette, Coarsegold. They have over 600 newly planted Reblooming irises and several thousand newer varieties to view. Look for their advertising on the new garden on page 22 in this issue and the next AIS Bulletin. Some RE's are blooming right now at Bee Haven with snow on the ground. The two guest gardens are: Doug Kanarowski's Mariposa Iris Garden and Gonzalez Iris Garden. All irises are reported as looking good. YIS will also be having a Regional Iris Show, Friday at 6:00 PM at Oakhurst Community Center. Registration begins at 4:00 PM, May 12th. Please see the Proposed Schedule & Registration form of 2023 Spring Regional on pages 19 & 20.

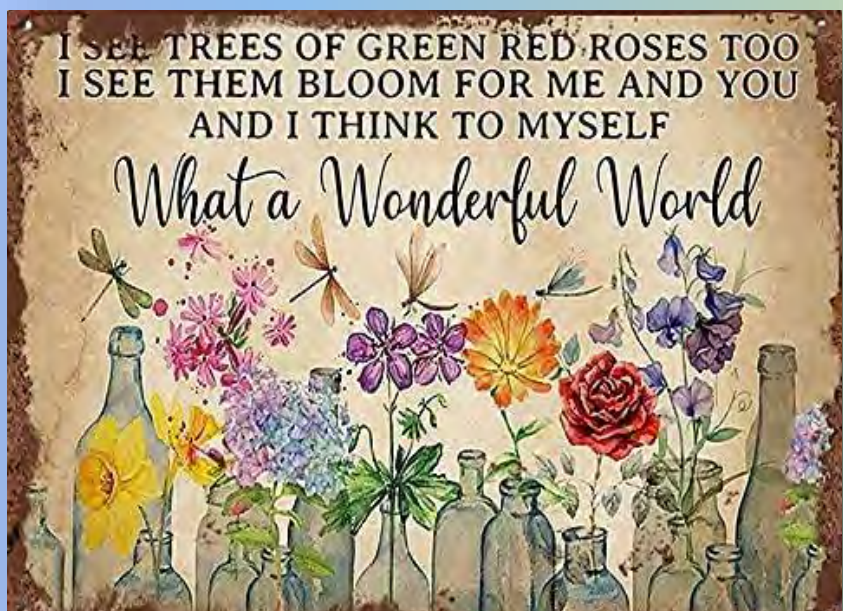
I want to thank all that attended the Fall Regional in Chico last Oct. 7-8th hosted by Leo T. Clark Iris Society and cohosted by Shasta Iris Society. What great attendance and fellowship! Many thanks to the members of LTCIS and SIS for all of their planning and tasks that go into putting on a fabulous Regional. Thanks also to Anna Cadd, Judges Trainer on Artistic Design. I loved the 3 sample, live design arrangements and the new AIS information and rules requirements for being an Artistic Design AIS Judge. Also, many thanks to LTCIS for bringing in program speaker, Andi Rivarola, President of AIS, who spoke about the AIS news/developments, and his trip to and being a guest Judge in Italy. Please contact Carol Cullen, Asst. RVP, for more details on how you can qualify to be an AIS Artistic Design Judge. AIS needs more Artistic judges in Region 14. Thanks also to the affiliates that donated beautiful baskets for the silent auction. Marilyn Kaplan reported we had huge revenue from baskets and the many donated rhizomes from Rick Tasco and Riley Probst. Also, thanks to Riley for being our auctioneer of the rhizomes. I also want to thank Kathy Oldham and her team for their work in selecting Riley Probst for the 2022 recipient of the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award. Look for 2023 nominating information on page 31. Congratulations to Riley!! Well-deserved Riley, who has contributed much to Region 14 over the years.

Speaking of Fall Regional 2023, thanks to MBIS for hosting the next Fall Regional on Oct. 13-14th, 2023. Mark your calendars for this upcoming event. Also, let's not forget the upcoming 2024 Spring Regional hosted by Sacramento Iris Society and Sierra Foothill Iris Society: April 26-28th 2024. Mary Ann Horton's and Ruth Ostroff's guest gardens will be on display. Guest irises are in the ground, thanks to Jean Richter, Chair of Guest Garden Irises. She has been chairing the Guest gardens for the past several Regionals. This requires a lot of work behind the scenes and I would like to recognize and thank Jean for all her efforts.

Please note that we have a change on the Region 14 Executive Board 1/1/2023. Helen Franklin is now the Treasurer of Region 14. Please forward any future Region 14 donations or contributions to Helen. Her email is: raffranklin@cs.com Mailing address: 5621 Oakhill Ct. Santa Maria, CA 93455 phone: (805)937-3445. I want to thank Bonnie Petheram for serving as Treasurer for Region 14 for the past several years and wish her well. Also, if you have any changes in your address, phone or email or have a new President of your society, please forward that information to me and I will update the list and make sure it gets over to the Region 14 webpage. I would love to visit your society during 2023. I have enjoyed being a guest speaker at MDIS, LVIS, MBIS and FIS. I can speak on many topics including LA irises, RE blooming Irises, Judging Artistic Design & AIS Youth Programs. I look forward to also seeing many of you at the Spring Regional 2023!

Iristatically,

Carolyn Hoover, RVP



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HIGH DESERT IRIS SOCIETY

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YOSEMITE IRIS SOCIETY

Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! In May of 2021, I began creating/planting what is now a massive pollinator garden. Here in Northern Nevada, (Reno/Tahoe) there has been an alarming decline over the last several years in the presence of two of what had always been common species of pollinators - Bumblebees and Monarch butterflies. I not only planted the garden for the diverse beauty it offers, but with the goal of doing what I could to try and attract these AWOL critters by providing specific plants for their needs. On July 5th of 2022, I was rewarded with this big girl, a Nevada Bumblebee (*Bombus nevadensis*) who then visited every day for about a month. She was easily identifiable due to a tear in her wing, so I'm sure it was the same daily "tenant". Monarchs = 0, and she was the only Bumblebee the entire summer, but it was **one more than zero...**



The next Bulletin will come out in August 2023. The deadline for submitting items is Tuesday, August 1, 2023. If you'd like to print this issue but don't want to use the volume of colored ink it requires, simply set your printer setting to print in black & white. For any links that appear throughout the publication, they are all live. Simply hold down the Control button on your keyboard, (ctrl) and simultaneously click on the link to be taken to the corresponding page.

Items for Submission - thank you for keeping the following in mind; as it will help me a lot:

- ◆ Please send articles/text in any MS Office application
- ◆ If providing an article written by someone other than yourself, please make sure you have obtained permission to use/reprint
- ◆ Please provide photos in jpeg format
- ◆ If you don't have the individual photo files, but they are already embedded in an article you're submitting, that's no problem
- ◆ Please identify (if known) the photographer of any photos
- ◆ If the photographer is unknown, please indicate from whom or the source from which you obtained the photos
- ◆ Please identify individuals in photos

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, ideas, etc.

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Minutes of the American Iris Society Region 14 Fall Regional Budget Meeting

October 8, 2022, Chico, CA: In-Person Meeting

(PRELIMINARY - awaiting member approval at 2023 Board & Spring Regional Business Meeting)

Region 14 Annual Budget Meeting Call to Order: Regional Vice President Carolyn Hoover called the 8:30 am meeting to order at 8:55am. Copies were available of 2022 and 2023 Budgets & Actual 2022 Expenses through Oct. 1, 2022. The updated Treasurer Report was also published as usual in the Fall 2022 Bulletin. (Hereafter, Region 14 may be abbreviated 'R14').

Carolyn Hoover proposed an increased **RVP Allowance** from \$2,500 to \$3,500 due to cost increases for gas, car rental, lodging, and the need to visit more affiliates, one of her key goals. Carolyn has been budget-conscious and paying many costs out-of-pocket because inflation has outpaced the RVP Allowance. Motion to approve **RVP Allowance** increase to \$3,500: Lynn Williams; second: Shirley Trio; all approved. **Lee Dickey, Scholarship Chair:** The R14 Fund awarded \$1,000 and the additional \$600 Affiliate donations to be allocated towards the scholarship awards for a total of: \$1,600, to one of the three chosen applicants; the other two had contact info changes making it impossible to reach them. The form should be updated for additional contact options. **Spring Regional Expenses** including microphone, printer and garden were discussed. Additional monies are needed for iris. After clarifications by Phyllis Wilburn, Anna Cadd and Shirley Trio between iris needs for Spring Regionals and Fall Regionals and the portion sponsor clubs cover, Anna Cadd made a motion to increase funds to \$500 from \$250 to make more iris available for Spring Regional; second: Lynn Williams; all approved. Regarding Fall Regionals, someone will be appointed to order beardless iris, for which Kitty Loberg made a motion to budget \$750; second: Phyllis Wilburn; all approved. **Region 14 Youth:** Carolyn Hoover reported approximately 70 new youth members 2022. John and Carolyn Honnette have been donating iris for youth. Lorraine Nicholson and Lynn Williams discussed aspects of budget and the challenge of the \$8 youth membership dues to receive AIS 'Irises' publication youth need for iris education and info to enter the Ackerman Youth Essay and the Iris Coloring Contest-- plus costs for soil, school gardens expenses. Lorraine pointed out that R14 used to have 300 youth members not long ago. Several shared their experiences regarding rewards and the main challenges and purpose of R14 youth iris programs. Anna Cadd and Cheryl Deaton made points members liked about putting Youth News on the R14 Website. Lynn Williams made a motion to change the budget from \$150 to \$1,000 for R14 to cover the \$8 membership fee; second: Lorraine Nicholson; all approved.

Memorial Donations to AIS: Phyllis Wilburn entered a motion to increase the memorial donation amount from \$200 to \$400 that the Region contributes to honor the lives of members when they pass away (which can also be donated to some other non-profit organization, if appropriate); second by Lynn Williams; all approved. **In Budgeted Revenue for 2023,** based upon success in recent years, Lynn Williams made a motion to increase the expected donations from **Fundraiser** drawings (baskets, auction items, etc.) from \$500 to \$1,000; second by Phyllis Wilburn; all approved. From members' advice, the line item label wording will be changed in Budgeted Revenues for 2023 from "Sales/Raffles" to "Fundraising"-- in keeping with non-profit 501(c)(3) status and avoiding any suggestion that R14 operates any for-profit store or gambling; a corresponding label change also will be made in the Budgeted Expense Items 2023 for the "Miscellaneous expenses for auctions, drawings, etc.". Lynn Williams made a motion to increase the revenue projection for **Membership Dues** from \$1,500 to \$1,750 to bring to par with the actual revenue from Societies' membership dues; second Riley Probst; all approved. With Lynn Williams making the motion and Phyllis Wilburn's second, all approved the **Judges Training revenue** allocation of \$200 being removed because of the rarity of non-members attending Judges Training events, thus unlikely outside revenue in this category. **Rhizome Fundraising/donations from Spring Regional Guest Gardens:** Revenue was increased from \$800 to \$1,000, with motion made by Lynn Williams and seconded by Riley Probst. A new line item was entered into the budgeted 2023 Revenue: Kitty Loberg moved that **Fall Regional Beardless Iris** fundraising should be entered at \$750; Lynn Williams seconded; all approved. After adjusted Budgeted Expenses and Revenues were re-calculated at RVP Carolyn Hoover's request, Phyllis Wilburn moved to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 10:10 am; Lynn Williams seconded; all approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Eisenberg, Region 14 Secretary
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**Minutes of the American Iris Society Region 14 Fall Regional
Board & Business Meeting**

October 8, 2022, Chico, CA: In-Person Meeting

(PRELIMINARY - awaiting member approval at 2023 Board & Spring Regional Business Meeting)

Region 14 Fall Regional Board & Business Meeting Call to Order: Following a lengthy Budget Meeting and a needed break, Regional Vice President Carolyn Hoover called the 10 am Board & General Meeting to order at 10:50 am. (Hereafter, Region 14 may be abbreviated 'R14' and Iris Societies may be abbreviated 'IS').

Officer Reports:

Judges Training Chair and Assistant RVP, Carol Cullen: We have 46 Judges that include 4 emeritus judges, 13 Master Judges, 29 Garden/Exhibition Judges; and 12 retired Judges; 1 Master Judge Joanne Jones, has requested retired status and 1 G/E judge has requested to be dropped. There are 2 requests for advancement: Jeff Bennett and Elaine Fisher to G/E. There have been 10 trainings. Let Carol know if you have trainings in your areas. Mary Ann Horton's garden may be used; on one day there were 30 trainings in Mary Ann's garden. Get permissions and information can be posted. The most JT hours, winning the **Star Award, Anna Cadd** had 14 hours of training! (Going forward, the winner will receive an iris gift certificate for the value we have been spending on the Star trophies). In Santa Rosa, two trainings were provided by Lynn Williams and Kitty Loberg. For significant class resources go to AISRegion14.org to *Region 14 Events* for dropdowns for Judges Training and Class details. Carolyn Hoover said Yosemite IS will host a JT on November 12 with Bryce Williamson. Carol C. reminded everyone that Judges training class attendees should keep their own records. She thanked everyone for returning Activity Reports in a timely manner.

Secretary, Patricia Eisenberg: Following corrections on James M. Gibson, not Jim, and meeting dates of James M. Gibson IS for 3rd Thursdays, not Tues., and clarification on SFIS and SIS co-hosting the Spring 2024 Regional, April 19-21, 2024, [featuring displays in the gardens of Ruth Ostroff, Mary Ann Horton and Cindy Eastman](#), a motion was made by Kathy Braaten to approve as corrected; second: Carol Cullen. Minutes approved.

Treasurer, Bonnie Petheram: absent. The Budget Meeting provided details and made budget adjustments. Current balance: \$37,873.74. Actual expenses: \$4054.58; actual revenue: \$4,723. Projected 2023 revenue: \$6,950; projected 2023 expenses: \$9,925. Projected shortfall: \$2,975. The updated Treasurer Report is normally in the Fall Bulletin.

‘Bulletin’ Editor, Stephanie Jennings: absent. No report. Last Bulletin published Aug. 19. Sent a ‘thank you’ that Jean Richter and Ann Pike are posting items timely on the new, easier website. ACTION: Spring Bulletin submittal deadline is Feb. 1. More photos and articles needed. Jeff Bennet made the point that March and October might be better because clubs are so busy in September with garden digging and planting. Future consideration.

Area Directors Reports: Carolyn Hoover prefaced the Reports with ACTION Item for all three Directors to send her their Reports from their Areas at the conclusion of the Meeting, and Affiliates need to submit their activities and photos for the R14 ‘Bulletin’. The Spring Regional Minutes were 5 pages long; we will be briefer, using the ‘Bulletin’ to announce and record activities. Besides fundraisers, shows and holiday parties, brief highlights:

Central Director, Jeff Bennett reported on: **Clara B. Rees IS:** Meeting at West Valley Library. Hybrid meeting using Zoom. Sold iris for favors for a bridal shower. **Sydney B. Mitchell IS:** Online fundraising totaling \$9,000. www.bayareairis.org to see activities. Ken Walker’s ‘Iris Across the World’ showed where various species come from, a wonderful visual. **Mt. Diablo IS:** QR codes were used; online Iris Show with People’s Choice Awards. Participated in the Benicia Peddlers Fair, bringing in \$4,500. Sold grab bags of unnamed iris. **Monterey Bay IS:** 70 members!

Southern Director, Helen Franklin reported on: **Fresno IS: James M. Gibson IS** has 20 members. Riley Probst was the rhizome auctioneer, bringing in \$750. **Las Vegas IS:** Uses Nevada Garden Club Center. Discusses different types of iris at each meeting. **San Joaquin IS:** Building up from 10 members, sharing iris with new members. **Yosemite IS: 2023 Spring Regional Hosts:** Fri. - Sun., May 12-14, based at **Oakhurst Community Center;** Iris Show Friday. “Bees, Butterflies and Beauty.” Saturday tours to Gonzalez garden (new) and Kanarowski garden will precede catered Awards Dinner. In-garden Judges Trainings on Sunday. The Coarsegold, Mariposa, Oakhurst area features over 1,200 Airbnb lodgings, more affordable than hotels or motels; attendees should book lodging asap. Hosted two JT trainings, and one more coming up. Guest speaker: Doug Kanarowski.

Northern Director, Dan Williams reported on: **High Desert IS** Iris Show was held midweek with another non-profit’s fundraiser of 400 attendees. California clubs brought many iris to save our Show suffering from weather, but they won all the awards! Pushing toward becoming a 501(c)(3). **Leo T. Clark IS** lost two members to long-term illness, both Board members. Working with Shasta IS for Fall Regional. **Sacramento IS** Record number of Artistic Entries. Hoping AIS focus on Artistic Judges will promote Artistics. Shepard Garden & Art Center, Sacramento. 5 garden diggings; potted 400 iris for future fundraisers. Trend: high demand. Co-sponsoring 2024 Spring Regional. Former RVP, Jean Richter, guest iris chair. **Santa Rosa IS** very active group, Zoom shifted to in-person. 1st Show in 4 years, with potted iris fundraiser and added 4 new members. Members help each other dig for rhizome fundraisers, offering 335 varieties. Presentation on how seed banks work and doomsday preservation of germplasm. Newsletter helps 34 members and others stay connected.

Shasta IS Show judged by Carol Cullen. Meet in homes. Fundraiser goal is to offer a \$500 scholarship to a Shasta College student. **Sierra Foothills IS** Cindy Eastman and SFIS hosted a 4-club picnic with HDIS, SIS and SRIS. Co-hosting 2024 Spring Regional in 2024 with SIS.

Nominating Committee, Immediate Past RVP, Jean Richter: absent. No report.

Standing Committee Chairs – Reports:

Honorary Awards Committee, Kathy Oldham: Thanked the Committee for their work. Kathy presented the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award for Region 14 service to Riley Probst whose extensive service has made a great difference Region 14 including presentations, public gardens, promoting bearded and beardless iris, fundraising, judging iris shows and more.

Fundraising Committee, Patricia Eisenberg & Marilyn Kaplan: Patricia thanked Marilyn Kaplan, Fundraising Events, and Bonnie Petheram, Treasurer; (Committee position R14 Event Coordinator, remains open). Marilyn's efforts brought in \$973 in drawings, and silent auctions and rhizome offerings. We need to protect Region and Club non-profit status. Two grant funders noticed our 501(c)(3) has not been maintained; steps are being taken to rectify our Region filings. Review of non-profit vocabulary including using "fundraiser" instead of "sale" and "suggested donation" instead of "price" or "cost." Also, "tax included" needs to be written under all pricing signs and banners. Grant apps are in process with requests for Dry Creek Iris Garden, R14 youth programs, historical preservation and scholarship fund.

Historian Committee, Jean Richter: absent.

Website, Ann Pike: absent.

Membership, Shirley Trio: Shirley reported 371 members in R14, most in the nation. Includes 97 renewals and 32 lifetime memberships.

Science, Riley Probst: We need basic, not complex, project ideas. High temps and iris observations: heat stress delayed or prevented rebloomer bloom. Send observations to Riley. Some members are tracking on Excel sheets. Phyllis asked if people would chart iris bloom at Spring Regional to correlate with weather.

Trophies, Bill Fink: Carolyn Honnette is the 2022 recipient of the Riley and Shirley Probst Award started in 2010 for winners of the Regional Fall Rebloomer Show. Carol also did so much work to hold a sanctioned fall Rebloomer Show in the Southern Area and sharing knowledge of iris. Beautiful silver vase. Not given in some years when a show is not possible or does not have enough attendees or blooms. Bill Fink thanked those who helped with transporting trophies. Bill announced all the Regional Awards Winners and they were listed in the Fall 'Bulletin.' **ACTION** Item: We need to vote in Spring to incorporate the Riley & Shirley Trio Probst Award into the Standing Rules. Riley announced that the Symposium is always in the January AIS 'Bulletin.'

Region 14 Trophies for award-winning iris over the past year:

Knopf Cup, Best seedling by R14 hybridizer: 814D, TB, Bryce Williamson.

Clara B. Reese Cup, Best introduced by a R14 hybridizer: 'Commedia Dell'Arte', TB, Bryce Williamson, 2022.

Jim Gibson Cup, Best plicata, fancy plicata, luminata, broken color, visual plicata: 'Serenade To Music', TB, Bryce Williamson, 2022.

Out of Region- Best iris by a hybridizer not in R14: 'Arctic Chill', TB, Keith Keppel, 2020.

Hager-DuBose Cup, Best bearded other than tall: 'Shampoo', IB, Virginia Messick, 1975.

Melrose Cup, Best beardless: 'Cajun Sunrise', LA, Joseph Mertzweiler, 1993.

Youth, Carolyn Hoover: Carolyn Hoover shared her 2022-23 AIS youth work @ Wasuma Elementary School, Ahwahnee, CA. She is enrolling 66 new students, 4-5th graders as members of AIS Youth Program. She has info to share for educating and enrolling youths. Please contact her. Ackerman Essay deadline is March 21st. Coloring Contest Feb. 1, 2023. Generous prizes available.

Scholarship, Lee Dickey: Scholarship details were given at the Budget Meeting.

Old Business: 2022 Spring Regional: Carolyn Hoover thanked Jeff Bennett for the 2022 Spring Regional at Cry Creek in the East Bay Regional Park System in Union City. Jeff shared financials: They had budgeted \$5,950 to cover everything. Actuals: \$5,355 total revenue; Park supplied \$2,800 in tables, music, furnishings and banners; \$206 was given to the Region in per person portions of the registrations, resulting in for Sydney B. Mitchell IS and Mt. Diablo IS receiving \$3,800. 65 people attended. Riley Probst and Steve Poole gave garden trainings.

2022 Chico Fall Regional: Carolyn thanked Leo T. Clark IS and Shasta IS for hosting and Carol Cullen, chair: Attendees enjoyed Friday night's speaker, AIS president Andi Rivarola on Fall rebloomers. After lunch, Anna Cadd will present a Judges Training (1.5 hrs.) on Artistic Design iris show entries.

Upcoming Region Meetings & Announcements:

Yosemite Iris Society will host **2023 Spring Regional:** Fri. - Sun., May 12-14, 2023.

Sacramento Iris Society will host **2024 Spring Regional:** Fri. - Sun., April 26-28, 2024.

***New Business: Events Coordinator for Region 14,** position open.

Region 14 Spring Regional Business Meeting was **adjourned** at 12:20 pm.

DRAFT Minutes of the foregoing AIS Region 14 Meeting are hereby respectfully submitted,

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Region 14 Treasurer's Report

Current Monies

Bank of America Checking Account	\$37,443.70
PayPal Account	1,937.82
Total	\$39,381.52

A few notes on monies received since the Fall Regional:

Fundraising at 2022 Fall Regional \$1,714 Many thanks to Marilyn Kaplan and Patricia Eisenberg!

Clara B Rees Iris Society	\$500	for Scholarship Fund
Leo T Clark	\$165	Registration money from Fall Regional
Monterey Bay Iris Society	\$500	for Scholarship Fund
Mt. Diablo Iris Society	\$200	in memory of John Jones, for Judges Training Expenses

Notes on monies out since Fall Regional:

Donations to AIS	\$600	\$200 each in memory of John Jones, Jeanne Plank and Robert Plank
Fund raiser Expenses	\$31.66	
CA Sales Tax 2022 Q3	\$102.30	
Larry Gaulter Award expenses	\$137.81	
RVP expenses	\$341	
CA Sales Tax 2022 Q4	\$124	

Helen Franklin will be returning as Treasurer, as she has retired and will have more time to devote to the role and I will happily hand the reins back to her.

Submitted by Bonnie Petheram

AIS Region 14 Spring 2023 Regional

Yosemite Iris Society hosts

AIS Region 14 2023 Spring Regional

“Bees, Butterflies and Beauty” May 12 - 14, 2023



- **Register Today! See Registration form on page , and on Region 14 Website**
- **Iris Show-Friday, 5/12 4:00-5:45 PM Oakhurst Community Center**
- **2 Guest Gardens: Saturday, May 13th-Mariposa Iris & Gonzalez Gardens**
- **Box Lunch served Saturday, May 13th at Mariposa Iris Garden**
- **Banquet Dinner-Guest Speaker: Doug Kanarowski, Sat. 5/13 6:30 PM**
- **Sunday Judges Training (In-garden) 1 hr.-Bee Haven Iris Gardens, 10:00 AM**



Doug & Diane Kanarowski of Mariposa Iris Garden

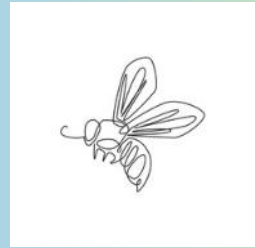


John & Carolyn Honnette of Bee Haven Iris Gardens, Coarsegold, CA



**Gonzalez 2023 Guest Iris Garden, Planted in 2021, Ahwahnee, CA
L: Joan Earnest, Yosemite Iris Society Secretary R: Laura Gonzalez**

AIS Region 14 Spring 2023 Regional



REGISTRATION

Region 14

2023 Spring Regional May 12,13,14

“Bees, Butterflies & Beauty”

Hosted by Yosemite Iris Society

Guest Speaker, Doug Kanarowski Hybridizer, G/E AIS Judge/Owner of the Mariposa Iris Garden

Friday Iris Show & Spring Regional Meeting and Sat. Dinner Banquet will be at held at
The Oakhurst Community Center

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Oakhurst, CA 93644

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Need Vegetarian meals, check box

Need Gluten Free meal, check box

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Make checks payable to: **Yosemite Iris Society**, and mail to:
Linda Hood, 43315 Ranger Circle Dr. Coarsegold, CA 93614
linda-hood@sbcglobal.net (559)789-7446

AIS Region 14 Spring 2023 (Tentative) Regional Meeting Schedule

Friday, May 12

- 4:00-9:00 PM Check-in @ Lobby of the Oakhurst Community Center, Oakhurst
4:00-5:45 PM Iris Show Registration/show prep/ Oakhurst Community Center
4:30-9:00 PM Silent Auction Opens-Oakhurst Community Center
6:00-6:45 PM Iris Show Judged-Oakhurst Community Center. Dinner on your own
7:00-9:00 PM Welcome & General Board Meeting-Oakhurst Community Center

Saturday, May 13

- 7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast/on your own
8:30 AM **Group A**-Leave for Doug Kanarowski's Mariposa Guest Iris Garden
Group B-Leave for Gonzalez Iris Guest Garden, Ahwahnee
11:30-12:15 AM **Group A**-Lunch @ Mariposa Iris Garden, then go view Gonzalez Garden from 12:30-3:30 PM
11:45 AM **Group B**-Leave Gonzalez's, go to Kanarowski's Mariposa Iris Guest Garden
12:15-1:00 PM **Group B**-Lunch served @ Mariposa Iris Garden
12:30- 3:00 PM **Group B**-View Mariposa Guest Iris Garden
1:00-2:00 PM Tentative: Judges Training (1 hr) In-garden @ Mariposa Iris Garden
4:00 PM Return to Oakhurst Community Center/Deadline to submit garden voting ballot
6-6:30 PM No host cocktails-Oakhurst Community Center
6:30 PM Banquet Dinner Served-Oakhurst Community Center
8-9:30 PM Guest Speaker: Doug Kanarowski Awards Presentation: Bill Fink
9:30 PM Basket Raffle
9:45 PM Silent Auction Closes

Sunday, May 14

- 7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast on your own.
9:30-10:30 AM Judges Training @ Bee Haven Iris Gardens, Coarsegold, CA-1 hr. (In-garden) Refreshments served.

AIS Region 14 Spring 2023 Regional Board Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 12, 2023 7:00 PM
Oakhurst Community Center
39800 Fresno Flats Rd. Oakhurst, CA 93644

7:00 -7:30 PM -Budget Report-Helen Franklin, Treasurer

7:30-7:45 PM- Break

7:45-9:00 PM- Regular Board Meeting as follows:

Approval of Minutes of the 2022 Fall Regional Meeting

Officer Reports:

Judges Training- Carol Cullen
Secretary- Patricia Eisenberg
Treasurer-Helen Franklin
Editor-Stephanie Jennings
Central Area Director- (2021-2023) Jeff Bennett
Southern Area Director- (2022-2024) Helen Franklin
Northern Area Director- (2022-2025), Dan Williams
Immediate Past RVP, Nominating Committee Chair-Jean Richter

Standing Committees:

Honorary Awards Chair-Kathy Oldham. (members- Aleta Kerr, Tiffany Rush, Carol Dahout)
Fund Raising Chair-Patricia Eisenberg/ Marilyn Kaplan
Historian Committee Chair-Jean Richter
Electronic Services Chair- Ann Pike
Membership Chair- Shirley Trio
Scholarship Chair- Lee Dickey
Science Chair - Riley Probst
Trophies & Awards Chair- Bill Fink
Youth Chair- Carolyn Hoover

Old Business

Report of the 2022 Fall Regional, Chair, Carol Cullen, Leo T. Clark Iris Society/Shasta Iris Society
Hosts of Spring Regional 2023: Yosemite Iris Society-May 12,13,14,2023 In Oakhurst/Mariposa, Chair, C. Hoover
Host of Fall Regional 2023, Oct. 13-14, 2023: Monterey Bay Iris Society, Chair, Craig Tarr
Hosts of Spring 2024 Regional: Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Society-Apr.26,27,28,2024, Chairs:
Cindy Eastman & Kathy Bratten
Any other Old Business: _____

New Business

Need an Affiliate to host the Fall 2024 Regional. _____
Need an Affiliate to host the Spring Regional 2025. Must plant Guest Irises by Sept. 2023.
Any other New Business-



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to the Region 14 Spring Regional!**

Judges' Training Report – Spring 2023

Thank all of you for supporting the classes offered by various Region 14 entities. So far we have had four JT classes starting this past Fall Regional, and all were well attended. The Fall Regional offered a 2-hour class in Artistic Judging that was given by Anna Cadd. There were 40 attendees. Thank you so much Anna! In November, a course in Iris Color Patterns, presented by Bryce Williamson, was sponsored by Yosemite Iris Society. This past weekend there were two courses offered via Zoom, sponsored by Sydney B. Mitchell and supported technically by Jean Richter and Bonnie Petheram that were attended by judges and AIS members from all over the US and even members from Canada! The classes were Arils and Arilbreds by Howie Dash, and Historic Iris In Exhibition given by Jean Richter. Thank you all so much for all of your efforts to bring these classes to our members. We have more classes in the pipeline!

At the Membership meeting during the Fall Regional, it was decided that the award of recognition that is presented annually to the Judge with the most training hours will be changed from an acrylic star to a \$65 gift certificate to the winner's choice of hybridizers. Great incentive!

At this time, Region 14 has 47 Judges (including 2 Apprentices) and 10 Retired Judges. Retired Judges, please remember that if you don't maintain your AIS membership, you will be removed from the Retired Judges list.

Please let me know if you have requests for Judges' Training.

Here is hoping that Spring will arrive in great fashion and we will have a wonderful growth and bloom season.

Carol Cullen, JT Chair Region 14

2022 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award

On October 7, 2022, at the Region 14 meeting held in Chico, the 2022 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award was presented by American Iris Society president Andi Rivarola and Region 14 vice-president Carolyn Hoover. Appreciation was extended to the Larry Gaulter award committee members for their time and consideration, thank you to Aleta Kerr, Tiffany Rush, and Carol Dahout. We will also be sitting as the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award committee for 2023.

The committee thanks the affiliate members who submitted thoughtful and thorough submissions in support of their candidate. Thank you, and we invite all members to continue supporting your choices for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award in the future. Please consider your candidate for the 2023 award and start collecting the supporting materials.

The 2022 Region 14 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award recipient has been an active contributor to our Region for more than fifteen years. This irisarian brought with him a long history in the iris community, and his life of service in the AIS started well before arriving in Region 14.

With more than 30 years of experience as a judge, he continues to conduct judges training sessions throughout our Region, and at affiliates and garden clubs as well as Regional meetings.

Though mostly focused on bearded iris, he has been known to grow beardless varieties, including Japanese iris. He shares his knowledge generously, especially in promoting the reblooming iris varieties, including his contributions to *The 2022 Cumulative Checklist for Reblooming Irises* now available through the AIS storefront.

He is a hybridizer, auctioneer, and a frequent exhibitor at our Region 14 affiliates' spring shows and meetings. He fosters public iris gardens and has hosted regional shows. He has also coordinated the guest irises for conventions and Region 14 meetings.

This recipient has grown iris for over 35 years. He has held numerous board positions, and other roles in many of the affiliates in our region, clocking up many hundreds of miles travelling to meetings and events in Northern California. He can also be found answering questions on iris culture as the Region 14 Science Chair.

A hybridizer since 1996, he has won the Williamson-White Award three times, Awards of Merit, and Honorable Mentions for his introductions. Most recently he was presented with The Hans and Jacob Sass Medal for 'Leave The Light On'.

His dedication and commitment to our Region and iris culture is without question. In Addition, he and his wife Shirley belong to multiple iris societies from the Foothills of the Sierras to the Bay Area and the Monterey Bay, at one time holding membership in no less than twelve American Iris Society Region 14 affiliate clubs.

It was an honor to announce Riley Probst as the American Iris Society, Region 14 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award recipient for 2022.

Congratulations Riley!



**Award Presentation at the Region 14 Meeting in Chico, CA.
From Left to Right: AIS President Andi Rivarola, Riley Probst,
Kathy Oldham and R14 RVP Carolyn Hoover
Photo by Marilyn Kaplan**



**Fine Focusing for a Beautiful New Addition
to his Photo Archive.
Photo by Mikey Lango**



**Ready to Roll to the Next Event!
Photo by Mikey Lango**



**Mt. Diablo Iris Society Spring Show and Fundraiser
Alden Lane Nursery Livermore, CA
Photo by Jan Blaedel**



**Dry Creek Garden
East Bay Regional Park District
Union City, CA
Photo by Mikey Lango**



**Auctioneer Extraordinaire
Photo by Mikey Lango**



**Bus Captain on Duty
Photo by Mikey Lango**

People's Choice - AUTUMN EXPLOSION by Riley Probst



BEST REBLOOMING

The Riley Probst Perpetual Trophy

TRIPLE DIP

Exhibited by

Riley Probst



**Mt. Diablo Iris Society Spring Show and Fundraiser
Alden Lane Nursery Livermore, CA
Photos by Jan Blaedel**

Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award

****Award Time Coming Soon!****

The 2023 Honorary Awards Committee, (Kathy Oldham-chair, Aleta Kerr, Tiffany Rush, and Carol Dahout) invites all clubs and members of Region 14 to submit recommendations for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award by the firm deadline of **August 1st**.

Please submit your nomination to the committee chair, Kathy Oldham (kathyoldham@comcast.net), or another LGLAA committee member, with as much information as possible to support your Region 14 nominee. Be sure the submission for an individual, or couple, or firm documents long-term dedication of eight years or more to Region 14, per Rule 7 below. If you have relevant photographs, please include them.

Once received, your submission will be confirmed by email from the chair, and each committee member will receive a copy to review in confidence. Please include contact information in case the committee has questions. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted. The committee is honored to be able to receive your recommendations and will treat the information submitted with respect.

The qualification guidelines as they appear in the Region 14 Standing Rules follow:

7. Qualifications of awardees for the Larry Gaulter Award.

- i. The Larry Gaulter award may be awarded to an individual, firm, or couple that have made a significant, long-term contribution to Region 14.
- ii. A Larry Gaulter awardee shall have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to service to Region 14 over a long period of time. The award is meant to honor those individuals that have demonstrated exceptional service over a period of 8 years or more.
- iii. Service to local clubs, iris shows, judges' training, other local activities and the general promotion of irises may be considered, but only as an adjunct to primary service as defined below. Service at the National is not to be considered.
- iv. Service to the region is demonstrated by (but not limited to) any of: service on regional committees, as regional committee chairs, as regional officers, on the executive or general committee, and service in conjunction with Regional or Regionally sponsored show and meetings.

The announcement of the winner will be made and Award presented at the Fall Regional meeting 2023.

Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

1990	Larry Gaulter	2006	not known if awarded
1991	Adele & Lewis Lawyer	2007	Joseph Ghio
1992	Roy Oliphant	2008	Betty Coyle
1993	Marilyn Holloway		Alan Robbins
1994	Jean Erickson	2009	Kitty Loberg
1995	Jim McWhirter	2010	not awarded
1996	Carl & LaRue Boswell	2011	Kathy Braaten
1997	Ruby Wilson	2012	Anna & David Cadd
	Evelyn Hayes	2013	not awarded
1998	Ben Hager	2014	not awarded
	Bryce Williamson	2015	Bob Canning
1999	Elsie Mae Nicholson	2016	Teri & Jay Hudson
2000	John Weiler	2017	Lorraine & Gordon
2001	Glenn Corlew		Nicholson
2002	Claudia & Bill Owens	2018	Helen Franklin
2003	Margaret & George Sutton	2019	Carolyn & Wayne Craft
2004	not known if awarded	2020	Phyllis Wilburn
2005	not known if awarded	2021	not awarded
		2022	Riley Probst

Dry Creek Garden Union City, CA

Rebuilding in the Wake of Destruction

Article and Photos by Jeff Bennett

Dry Creek Iris Garden's Creator, Protector, and Steward

Nature's Devastation

Since most of you have been to Dry Creek Garden, I thought I would inform and update you on the garden in general. As we all experienced, beginning on December 31st, a wave of storms slammed into California with a deluge of rain after rain after rain and then one night (for us) of unbelievable wind a week after the last storm on January 15th. The heart of Dry Creek Garden sits at the base of the East Bay Hills. Black Creek runs through the garden-an ideal location for a garden among the shadow of towering Sycamores and large live Oaks. Most winters the creek begins to flow somewhere between early December and mid-January. This year it began flowing on December 26th with little fanfare, and we were thankful that the water had arrived to reset the garden and spur the winter growth of native and non-native plants, including the beds with *Iris douglasiana* growing where it chose.

As December 31st, 2022 approached, the weather forecast was warning of atmospheric rivers that were lined up and headed our way. Since our creek doesn't run until the surrounding soils are saturated, this was going to increase the depth and flow of water. At approximately 6:30am, I received a text from the resident in the cottage at Dry Creek that the gardens in the creek area were flooding and she sent me a video. Upon seeing the video, I drove to the garden to get footage and rescue what I could before the water got too high. It was my day off, but this was an emergency. The 45-minute drive gave me time to think of what I wanted to get out to higher ground. I got there just before 9:00am. I was too late. The initial flooding had put the pathways from between 30" and 36" underwater. All I could do was take pictures and video, and watch in awe as the brown silt-laden waters poured through the beds and paths. All of our big pottery plants were washed away. Benches were taken 75 to 100 feet from their original locations. There were logs as thick around as 24" and up to 15 feet long strewn among the beds, blocking pathways and buried in debris and silt.





Of the three bridges, two were log-jammed to a height above the bridge rails. However, the bridges held. This restricted the water flow in the creek and sent those waters through the garden. For days on end, the creek level rose up and down. By January 14th, we were down to one more rain event, and then a drying out period would give us a chance to work. This last storm finally did in the bridge with the first log jam. It fell down on one end into the creek, blocking it further. Luckily, we had already cleared the second bridge of debris and spared it from the same fate.





We also had one very large live Oak come down in our picnic site.





Dry Creek Picnic Site Before and After





We worked all week with a few core volunteers and staff from other parks cleaning pathways and removing logs in our way, as well as making great inroads opening things up and assessing what was really left and what future plans we needed to make.

On the weekend of January 21st, high winds from the northeast arrived for one last kiss. Eight more trees came down, one even blocking the road to the iris garden. Destruction complete. The garden is closed indefinitely to the public until clean up and repairs can be finalized. As of February 2nd, the major big items have been cleared out of the way, and now the detail work begins. The garden is forever changed, but gardens are renewed every few decades, and scars disappear.





Mankind's Devastation

Just before the initial storm, on Christmas Day, the thieves returned to the iris area. They again climbed the fence, covered our lights and one camera with towels. They proceeded to remove rhizomes that were potted for the Mt. Diablo Iris Society 2023 Spring Show. Just like last time, they cut the roots off in the pots and took just the rhizomes. They also took the entire bed of Mt. Diablo door prize iris and 4 of Clara B. Reese Society's door prize iris that were planted in the ground. Again, the same methodology-they used a sharp object to cut the rhizome roots off in the ground, and cut off the leaves. This time they took the name tags. We re-set our cameras right away not thinking they would be back so soon. They returned on January 15th, the same night as the wind storm, and took more from the remaining pots. This time, one camera caught movement between 2:00 and 3:00am, but no images of their faces in the dark came through. All in all, they took almost 350 varieties. It's a terrible loss for the societies and really diminishes the pride of the iris garden for all to enjoy. More measures must now be added to try to catch and stop these thieves.



Sorry for all the bad news, but thought it easier to put it here rather than through the grapevine chatter.

Thank you all for your past and continued support. Thankfully, this was not a regional year here.

Jeff Bennett

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

August 2022 found CBRIS members digging iris for their annual rhizome sale at Yamagami's Nursery in Cupertino and potting up more rhizomes so we can sell potted (and hopefully blooming) iris next April.



Jane Jordan Potting Iris
Photo by Mikey Lango

The club has decided to hold hybrid meetings in person and via Zoom. Our September meeting featured Jane Jordan's slide show of the award-winning irises for the last three years. Her presentation included the history of the AIS awards as well.

At our October meeting, Jeff Bennett of Dry Creek Garden reported on his trip to the Siberian/Species Iris Convention in Washington in May 2022. Jeff showed us pictures of the iris gardens in Oregon and Washington he visited along the way: Mid-America, Schreiner's, and Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden. The convention itself featured visits to Highline Sea Tac Botanical Gardens, Bellevue Botanical Garden, and Cascade Iris Gardens.

In November, Garry Knipe gave us a talk on his hybridizing program with PCI's, with a slideshow showing many of his favorite seedlings. He discussed his current priorities for hybridizing, such as breeding for increased hardiness in different climates for the PCI, and his efforts to produce the truest blues and turquoise hues in his flowers.



PC Seedling 1610_3

We held our annual holiday party in December at the Blue Pheasant in San Jose. The Secret Santa Gift Exchange was lively as usual.



**Chis Dickerson with a Beautiful Gift
Photo by Mikey Lango**

2023's first meeting featured our vice-president Trang Bui's presentation on strategies for building a more climate resilient garden. She discussed the importance of using native and drought tolerant plants in your gardens, how to harvest rain water, and how to plant a garden for maximum fire resistance.

We will be busy in the coming months planning our spring show, scheduled for Sunday, April 16th at the Campbell Community Center, 1 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA. This will be our first show in three years due to COVID.

We will be selling our potted iris at the Saratoga Farmer's Market at West Valley Community College on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Written & Submitted by Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary

High Desert Iris Society

HDIS wound down another successful season with 3 memorable events - our annual auction, an educational public Iris symposium, and our annual holiday feast & celebration. On August 27, HDIS member Julie Ruf and her husband David, owners of Greenhouse Garden Center in Carson City, graciously hosted us at their beautiful nursery for the public Iris workshop we provided. Thank you Julie & David!



**HDIS Member Patty Johnston Discussing the Growing of Irises in Our Climate
Photo by Pam Damschroder-McMullin**



**HDIS Member Patricia Eisenberg Demonstrating
Easy Removal of Potted Iris
Photo by Pam Damschroder-McMullin**



**HDIS Member Billie Shea Discussing Recommended
Iris Fertilization Methods
Photo by Pam Damschroder-McMullin**

James M. Gibson Iris Society

I hope everyone's gardens survived the recent rainfall; as we had some members with lakes and rivers running through their gardens.

James M. Gibson Iris Society holds their meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month. We have potlucks that start at 6:00 pm with the meeting following.

Our biggest fundraiser "Porterville Iris Festival" was cancelled last year. The City has renamed it to "Spring Festival" and will again hold it on April 15th of this year. We will be selling our potted iris there again.

We did have a rhizome sale as usual at the Farmer's Market in August. We did well in sales.



**Left to Right: Helen Franklin, Linda Hood, and Tiffany Rush
Photo by Bill Tyson**

In Early September we had our club's annual BBQ. Everyone received their 2022 door prizes. We also sold raffle tickets, and Riley Probst auctioned off our club iris with members bidding vigorously. We all had a great time with the highest auction sales the club has ever had.

In December we all had fun at our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange at Marie Callendar's.



James M. Gibson Iris Society Members, Annual Christmas party

In closing, we all hope 2023 is a great year for everyone.

Submitted by Linda Hood, President

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Now that the atmospheric river storms have topped up our Bay Area reservoirs and given us much need rainfall, we can be hopeful for a good bloom season once our gardens are weed free and cleaned up. Until then we hope you are enjoying the respite of the more leisurely winter gardening months.

One of MDIS's busiest months last year was August. The club hosted its annual auction, and our annual one-day fundraiser booths at the Peddlers Fair in Benecia. For the first time we offered 6" pots at the Peddlers Fair and sold 17. The first two pots sold were Sharp Dressed Man and Blinded by the Light. In addition, we sold 400 rhizomes, 80 grab bags, and 40 packets of fertilizer. Both events were well attended and satisfied our income expectations for the coming year. Before those events was the digging. Lots of digging. MDIS participated in a dig day of Jeff's irises at Dry Creek Garden, and for the irises left from the Spring Regional meeting.



**Jeff, Linda, and Mary Setting Up Early Morning in Benecia
Photo by Kathy Oldham**



No Iris Left Behind at Dry Creek Garden
Photo by Jan Blaedel



Shirley and Riley Trimming Iris at DCG Dig Day
Photo by Jan Blaedel

The 2022 Virtual Iris Show sponsored by Mt. Diablo Iris Society finished tallying the votes for the People's Choice iris.

And the winner is...

<https://jigex.com/RxSxb>

The Virtual Show was put into video form and can be seen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xID5GO45OYc&t=21s>

In September our speaker was RVP, Carolyn Hoover on Louisiana iris. The meeting seemed to be held on the hottest day of the year and our meeting space was without air conditioning. That is a committed membership and speaker!



**RVP Carolyn Hoover with One of the
Iris She Donated for the
Door Prize Drawing**

Our October speakers were Stan Morgan and Jan Blaedel on perception and observation in iris. We evaluated and defined separate quantities and sizes of elements on an iris stalk, very nearly ignoring the bloom all together. We also discussed the variables of identifying the “true” colors.

In November the speaker was Ken Walker and his presentation on species irises found across the Northern hemisphere. The same program he presented at the Species convention last May. You can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSa01-drmDA&t=30s>

Is this a rebloomer? Or is it just very early? Currently blooming (Jan 20) in San Ramon.



Buff Bruiser, 2020 SDB, Elizabeth Rienients
Photo by Kathy Oldham

MDIS wishes all of the affiliates a fabulous growing season and very successful and well attended spring shows. Our show dates are April 22-23 at Alden Lane in Livermore, and we would love to see you there. Otherwise, we may see you at the Spring Regional meeting in Oakhurst.

Lastly, please consider entering this year's Virtual Iris Show. The 2023 Virtual Iris Show is off and running. Contact MtDiabloIris@gmail.com to get registration information.

<https://imgur.com/a/6KH5484> is the link to our Virtual Iris Show 2023 show bulletin front page

Submitted by Kathy Oldham

Sacramento Iris Society

The Sacramento Iris Society (SIS) is back to our normal activities, with plans for the coming year in place. Plans for Spring include a potted iris sale March 11-12 at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center (SGAC). This sale is sponsored by SGAC and it includes all the various clubs that meet there including plants, ceramics, jewelry, and many other things. It is a really fun event. In April, our annual iris show will be on April 15-16. We had a fun holiday party in December, with potluck, gift exchange and bingo prizes. Planning is underway for the Spring Regional in 2024 which we are co-sponsoring with Sierra Foothills Iris Society. The guest irises are planted and growing well at Ruth Ostroff's and Mary Ann Horton's Gardens. We plan garden visits in April and May to members' gardens, which is always fun to see how other members' gardens are blooming. We are looking forward to a great 2023 iris season.



SIS President Laville "Santa" Logan



SIS Member Lori Kambe enjoying the holiday party



SIS Members Ruth Ostroff and Steve Giguere enjoying the holiday party



SIS Members L-R: Stan Logan, Julie Archer, John Archer & Laville Logan enjoying the holiday party



SIS Members L-R: Susan Wallior, Fran Shields, & John Archer enjoying the holiday party

Article and Photos by Phyllis Wilburn

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*Saturday,
April 15th 1pm to 5 pm
Sunday,
April 16th 10am to 3 pm*

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society is the co-sponsor of 2024's Spring Regional with Sacramento Iris Society. Members are jointly arranging the iris show, judges training, meals, lodging and garden tours for the Region's garden education touring and business meetings. With Regional Display Garden plantings done, the iris varieties promise an amazing display for next spring's Region 14 gathering.

At the end-of-season SFIS October Silver Anniversary dinner, **SFIS Charter Members Marilyn and Bob Baker** were honored with the Bertha Brownlee Award and received Lifetime Memberships in SFIS. SFIS president Cindy Eastman thanked Marilyn and Bob for their long-standing, hard-working participation with many years of service. Thank you, Bob and Marilyn!



Left to Right: Bob Matherly, Bob Baker, Marilyn Baker, Jan Matherly

Photo by Patricia Eisenberg

Membership provides the opportunity to meet other people interested in IRIS. SFIS has an annual Iris Show under the rules of AIS. The **2023 SFIS Iris Show: April 29-30**, Lakeside Room; open to the public for free. Members participate in a variety of iris activities including presentations, garden tours and in-garden trainings with a choice to pursue becoming an AIS judge.



SFIS members L-R: Kathy Braaten, Phyllis Wilburn, Jackie Brown, Carrie Peterson, Bob Baker, Marilyn Baker

Photo by Bob Matherly



SFIS members L-R: Jan Matherly, Cindy Eastman, Joelle Ingolia, Jeff Ingolia, Ed Horton, Ron Heisler, Mary Ann Horton, Susan Wailor

Photo by Bob Matherly

SFIS hosts potted iris and iris rhizome fundraisers online and through the year. The main **2023 SFIS Fundraiser**: July 22-23, Lakeside Room, offers rhizomes from member gardens for sale. SFIS also purchases recent iris introductions to grow and distribute to members in accord with the mission of the American Iris Society: to organize and disseminate knowledge of the genus *Iris*, while fostering its preservation, enjoyment and continued development. SFIS Membership: \$10 dues per year. Members gather at 6 pm for 6:30-8:30 pm meetings with guest speakers, visual presentations, refreshments and impressive iris door prizes on the last Tuesdays monthly, except May, July, September and December. Membership in SFIS is on an annual calendar basis with renewals due Jan. 1st. New members joining after June pay half the annual dues. Check the website for updated locations:

<http://sierrafoothillsociety.wordpress.com/>

Written & Submitted by Patricia Eisenberg

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society had a successful online beardless iris auction and sale last October, and recently sponsored an online judges' training on historic iris on the show bench and aril/arilbred iris, presented by Jean Richter and Howie Dash respectively. We are still doing Zoom meetings for the time being, though we hope to begin some in-person meetings this spring if conditions allow. Our March meeting will feature Jeff Bennett giving an online presentation on last year's Siberian and species iris trek in Washington State. We will be advertising this meeting broadly (on the Iris Lovers Facebook group), so if you are interested in attending, please email jeanmarierichter@gmail.com for registration information. We will also be holding a virtual iris show in April. Anyone can enter - see our web page www.bayareairis.org for more information on this and upcoming meetings and sales soon.

Jean Richter
Co-President, SBMIS

Yosemite Iris Society

YIS members are getting excited about hosting the Spring Regional 2023 on May 12,13,14th in Oakhurst, CA. Our registrar, Linda Hood, has already received over 20 registrations for the Regional. If you have not sent in your registration, please do so soon. We need to know how many to expect for our banquet dinner and box lunch. Also, if you are planning to enter irises in the Iris Show, Friday afternoon, May 12th, please contact: Carolyn Hoover, Show Chair, yischoover@gmail.com and let her know about how many entries you will have so we can set up enough tables and supplies. Look in this Bulletin, pages 19-21, for the Regional Schedule, Registration Form, and Board Meeting Agenda. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Regional 2023!!

YIS has been busy with hosting a 1-hour Judges Training last November, Bryce Williamson, “Color Patterns.” We had great attendance and fellowship with Mikey Lango, Cindy Eastman and Mary Ann Horton joining us. Our annual Christmas Party with potluck Turkey/Ham Luncheon was a lot of fun and well attended at the Honnette’s home in Coarsegold.

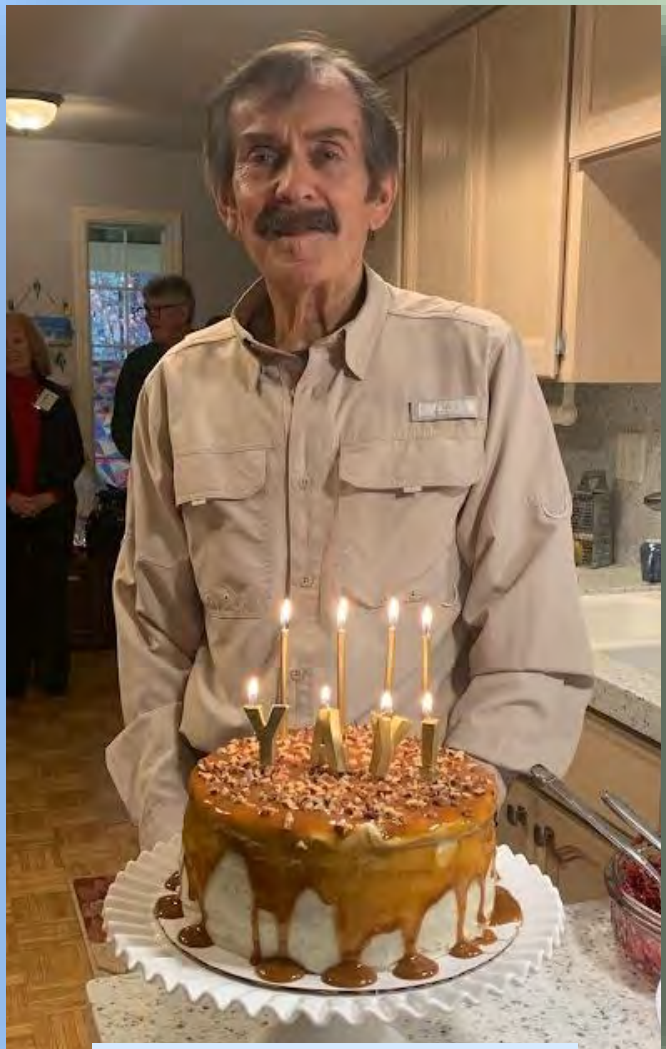
YIS meetings are scheduled 2023 every 2nd Saturday of month (except Jan, July, Aug, Dec) at the Oakhurst Library Room, 49044 Civic Circle, Oakhurst. We have over 55 members as of 1/1/23. We grew from 20 to 55 over last year. I think the AIS Membership Drive 2022 helped a lot along with us doing many fundraising events in 2022.



**Members from Various R14 Clubs
Enjoying the YIS Holiday Party
Photo by Laura Gonzalez**



**Members Enjoying the YIS Holiday Party
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**A Very Happy Birthday to Rick Tasco!
Photo by Laura Gonzalez**

Written & Submitted by Carolyn Hoover, President, Yosemite Iris Society

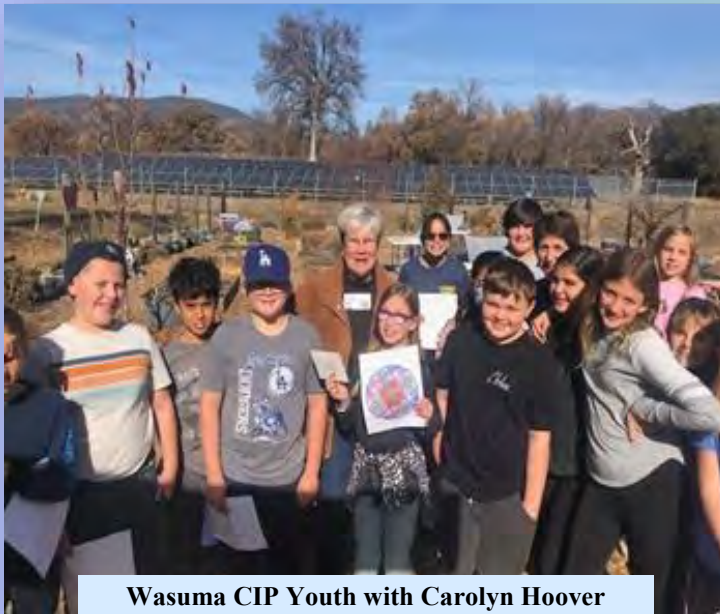
Region 14 Youth Program

News from the Youth Chair, Region 14

I have been very busy rebuilding the AIS Youth Program and membership since the Covid 19 pandemic shut down most of the Youth programs at schools for the past two years. I have exciting news that I now have 66 new AIS youth members (4-5th grades) to whom I bring educational Classroom Iris Programs (CIP) monthly that are held at Wasuma Elementary, Ahwahnee, CA. I and other members of Yosemite Iris Society donated 66 rhizomes for a new iris garden at the school last fall, one for each youth. The students are taking care of their iris, and will get to dig them up and take them home next June. I also presented CIP lessons on Color Patterns/Iris, Iris Parts, and Bearded Iris Varieties.

34 Wasuma AIS youth entered the **AIS Coloring Contest** due 2/1/23. Wasuma CIP youth are waiting to hear if they won any cash prizes! They are also working on their **Ackerman Essay Contest** due March 21, 2023. If you have a neighbor youth or grandchild under 19 years of age, I encourage you to go to the Youth AIS website: **aisyouth.com**. All youth must be members of AIS to participate in AIS Youth Contests. It is **\$8 per year per youth**. Region 14 covers the cost of youth signed up who live in Region 14. I will register and send in the membership if you give me the **full name** and **birth year** of youth you wish to sign up. I really need your help! I used to have over 150 AIS youth in past years before COVID, and I am trying to rebuild the Region 14 Youth program again!! I have lesson plans available in a notebook for each student for your use. Also, the AIS youth webpage has all the CIP basic iris programs available to you. Please contact me if you need more information on building AIS Youth Membership, Region 14 at:

Carolyn Hoover, Youth Chair, Region 14
yischoover@gmail.com (559)760-5638



**Wasuma CIP Youth with Carolyn Hoover
Photo by Mr. Benton, Wasuma Elementary**



**Wasuma CIP Youth, Color Patterns Lesson
Photo by Carolyn Hoover**



**L-R: Wasuma CIP Student, Carolyn Hoover,
Ms. Eshelman
Photo by Mr. Benton, Wasuma Elementary**

Submitted by AIS Youth Chair Carolyn Hoover

Dwarf Iris Society - Can You Help?



*****The DIS (Dwarf Iris Society) is looking for two volunteers*****

1.) A Director on the Board (3 year term) 2.) A Plant Sale Coordinator
You don't have to handle or ship any rhizomes, just connect sellers to buyers.

For more information, please contact Jeff Bennett.

510-677-0803 or Jeff13bennett@gmail.com



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