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**TB 'Lunch in Madrid'**  
Photo by Stephanie Jennings

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# The RVP's Garden

Hello All,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. After a long, cold winter and spring, the 20 straight days of over 100 degrees has arrived. I am looking forward to a cooler, breezy fall ahead. I was so glad to see over 90 attend our Spring 2023 Regional hosted by Yosemite Iris Society last May. I want to especially thank Bryce Williamson for the wonderful story and photo article he wrote for the Summer 2023 issue of the Irises Bulletin of AIS, "In the Foothills of Yosemite-Region 14's Irises and Iconic Landscapes." (pgs.44-49). This article really highlighted the event with spectacular photos of irises, landscapes and winning irises of the 2023 Spring Regional Iris Show and in garden awards. Congrats to Phyllis Wilburn for Best of Show, TB, 'Bohemia After Dark,' R. Tasco for Best Seedling 19-TB22-04, Knopf Cup best seedling, Diana Ford's 40RLC6. Rick Tasco also won the Clara B. Rees cup, 'Rosy Celebration,' AB 2021. The Ben Hager Cup (for bearded other than TB) was won by Riley Probst, seedling 'U4WHXHX-2.' Steve Kelly's, TB 'Folklorio' was voted the best-out of region award. Gibson Cup, (Best Plicata) went to Rick Tasco's, 'Dark Storm.'

Many thanks to my tireless crew of Yosemite Iris Society members, Guest, and Show Garden Owners to who for over 2 years planned and planted irises and had a big role in hosting the Regional. Also, thanks to all clubs who donated baskets for the raffle and to Riley Probst for auctioning special Guest garden irises at the dinner banquet. This Spring Regional has made Region 14 very solvent, thanks to all of you for attending and being generous. I hope you all had an enjoyable time!

I am looking forward to the Region 14 Fall Regional hosted by Monterey Bay Iris Society, Oct.13-14, 2023 in Aptos, CA. At least it will be cooler over on the coast! Many thanks to MBIS for stepping up and hosting this event! MBIS has two judge's trainings planned, reblooming Iris show, luncheon of Saturday and special guest speaker, Joe Ghio. If you have not signed up yet to attend, please do so today. Also, hotel rooms are still available or there are numerous Air B & B's in the area. Send your Registration form into Registrar, Brenda Wood. All information and registration forms can be found on the Region 14, American Iris Society website page.

Also, mark your calendars for the Region 14 Spring Regional- April 19,20,21, 2024 hosted by Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies. Hotel rooms are available now at \$189/night rate at the Holiday Inn, Auburn, CA (530) 887-8787. There will be two guest gardens, Mary Ann Horton's and Ruth Ostroff's. On Sunday, there will be extra show garden and in garden judges training at Cindy Eastman's Iris Garden. A lot to see and do!!

I am still looking for a club to host the Fall 2024 Regional meeting, October, 2024. I can help you with planning it to make it very successful. Please contact me or let me know at the Fall meeting this October. Plans have to be made now for our future. Thanks again to all who make this the most active, largest Region in AIS. You all rock!!

I will see you in Aptos!

Iristatically,

Carolyn Hoover, RVP

**Photo: AIS President Andi Rivarola w/Carolyn Hoover  
Accepting AIS Medal given to Joe Ghio for Best IB 'Boy Genius'  
2023 AIS National Convention  
Photo by Carolyn Honnette**



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# **AIS Region 14 - Affiliates    Current as of 8/1/2023**

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**FRESNO IRIS SOCIETY**

**HIGH DESERT IRIS SOCIETY**

**JAMES M. GIBSON IRIS SOCIETY**

**LAS VEGAS IRIS SOCIETY**

**LEO T. CLARK IRIS SOCIETY**

**MONTEREY BAY IRIS SOCIETY**

**MOUNT DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY**

**SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY**

**SAN JOAQUIN IRIS SOCIETY**

**SANTA ROSA IRIS SOCIETY**

**SHASTA IRIS SOCIETY**

**SIERRA FOOTHILLS IRIS SOCIETY**

**SYDNEY B. MITCHELL IRIS SOCIETY**

**YOSEMITE IRIS SOCIETY**

# Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! I hope this finds you all well, dealing effectively (humor, perhaps??) with whatever wacky weather patterns you may be experiencing. Sorry, but we can't complain here in Northern Nevada - we had an extended cool Spring and record rainfall, which contributed to the most spectacular Iris season imaginable! May YOUR blooms have been just as amazing...

And, as always, a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed content for this issue - I appreciate you!

**2024 AIS Convention** June 17-22, 2024 - Portland, OR  
**2025 AIS Convention** June 2-7, 2025 - Billings, MT

The next Bulletin will come out in February 2024. The deadline for submitting items is Thursday, February 1st. Remember - This is YOUR newsletter, so what's important is including and showcasing the information that you'd like to share. Reminder - 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.

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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**Stephanie Jennings**  
**HDIS Rhizome Fundraiser**  
**Photo by Angie Herrick**



**TB 'Swingtown'**  
**Photo by Stephanie Jennings**

**Minutes of the American Iris Society Region 14 Spring Regional  
Board & Business Meeting**

**May 12, 2023, Oakhurst, CA:** In-Person Meeting hosted by Yosemite Iris Society  
(DRAFT – pending member approval at Board & Fall Regional Business Meeting, Oct. 13, 2023, Aptos, CA)

**Region 14 Fall Regional Board & Business Meeting Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call:** Following the 7 pm Budget Meeting, Regional Vice President Carolyn Hoover called the 7:45 pm Board & General Meeting to order at 7:48 pm at the Oakhurst Community Center. (Hereafter, Region 14 may be abbreviated ‘R14’ and Iris Societies may be abbreviated ‘IS’).

Carolyn welcomed attendees on behalf of host Yosemite Iris Society to the 2023 Spring Regional, “Bees, Butterflies, and Beauty,” and announced that more than 85 people had registered to attend, some of whom would be arriving later or the next day. Roll Call was taken by Affiliates; 14 out of 15 Affiliates had Members present:

James M. Gibson IS:	5
Fresno IS:	4
San Joaquin IS:	1
Yosemite IS:	5
Santa Rosa IS:	4
Mt. Diablo IS:	3
Monterey Bay IS:	4
Clara B. Reese IS:	8
Sacramento IS:	6
Sydney B. Mitchell IS:	1
Shasta IS:	3
Leo T. Clark IS:	1
Sierra Foothills IS:	9
High Desert IS:	8
Las Vegas IS:	0

**Approval of Minutes: 2022 Fall Regional 14 Meeting -** A correction from \$9,000 to \$900 for the Sydney B. Mitchell IS fundraising. Motion by Bill Fink to approve as corrected; second: Lynn Williams. Minutes approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**Judges Training Chair and Assistant RVP, Carol Cullen:** 47 Judges, most of any AIS Region, include 4 Emeritus Judges, 14 Master Judges, 27 Garden/Exhibition Judges; 10 retired Judges. R14 has 2 apprentices. Carol Cullen reported there have been 4 in person trainings and good participation for Zoom meetings for trainings: 2 garden presentations (one of which was in Las Vegas), and 2 in-person class trainings, one of which was in Yosemite in November with Bryce Williamson, and one by Jean Richter, and another by Howie Dash, both hosted by Sydney B. Mitchell IS—fewer than the previous year due to weather. Only five Region 14 Judges attended training at the National Convention in Dallas from Bonnie Nichols. Carol reminded Judges to send in Activity Reports timely and to let her know if trainings are planned. Get approvals. Judges Training details will be posted on [AISRegion14.org](http://AISRegion14.org) in *Region 14 Events*. JT attendees should keep records (hours, presenters, location and topics).

**Secretary- Patricia Eisenberg:** No additional report other than Minutes.

**Treasurer-Helen Franklin:** The Budget Meeting provided details and made budget adjustments. Helen distributed her Report, stating the January 2022 opening balance of \$37,895.70, and April 2023’s ending balance of \$35,780.11, with less income and more expenses than the previous year, requiring use of reserves in the amount of \$2,115.59.



**Editor- Stephanie Jennings:** Stephanie thanked contributors for content for the Region 'Bulletin'. A concern is that some clubs never submit a report. She hopes to talk with them. This is how we communicate and record our history. The next deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Director Reports:** Sample highlights of unique activities and events reported are mentioned here. Clubs have been asked to send reports to the RVP. They are encouraged to also send them and photos to the Bulletin Editor to more thoroughly record club news of people, iris, special activities and educational outreaches, meeting schedules (also found on R14's website), speakers, iris shows, fundraising and celebrations.

**Central Area Director- (2021-2023) Jeff Bennett:** Jeff's notables for clubs in his Central Area are increased online meetings and online rhizome and potted iris sales. Mt. Diablo IS focused on iris around the world: for example, Japanese iris in context of species history, Japanese culture and lore. Jeff described the resilience of the Mt. Diablo IS after another theft at Dry Creek Iris Garden. (Kathy Oldham later added that MDIS held a virtual iris show for the 4<sup>th</sup> year, not AIS-sanctioned, but effective and educational, for cut or uncut or out of season iris. Club members are promoting love of iris in their communities by filling open community positions and introducing ideas for gardens, celebrations and activities. Fundraisers in the Benicia area brought in nearly \$4,000. Clara B. Reese held its first Show in 4 years with an amazing 19 Artistic entries! Proceeds from 2-gallon potted iris was \$1,343. In Monterey Bay IS, Joe Ghio's well-awarded border bearded iris 'Boy Genius' won best in show.

**Southern Area Director- (2022-2024) Helen Franklin:** Helen related that Fresno IS has 60 members, a successful show in April and their rhizome fundraiser will be in August. Riley Probst was the guest speaker May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The James M. Gibson IS with 24 members, participated in the Porterville Spring Festival. San Joaquin Iris Society's 8 members meet in private homes. Yosemite IS is pleased to be hosting this Regional and featuring Sandy Mann as one of the Judges Training presenters. Helen also said that she finally met long-time R14 website chair Ann Pike in Las Cruces at the 2022 National.

**Northern Area Director- (2022-2025) Dan Williams:** Dan described the lengthy winter and weather delays in iris bloom for Northern Nevada's High Desert Iris Society. Its late season iris show on a 3-year rotating cycle was a boost for the loads of blooms brought to the show by 3 members from Winnemucca in north central Nevada, which was judged by Barbara and Ted Hawkins of Ceres, CA. HDIS has applied for its 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Chico's Leo T. Clark Iris Society had a successful potted iris fundraiser with 135 pots selling in a little over an hour. Blooms 3-4 weeks later than normal affected their show with fewer entries but nice selections. Members will visit Rob Marshall's Forest Ranch gardens in May. Sacramento IS invited Jeff Bennett to speak on Dry Creek Iris Garden, affected by flooding and theft. Bill Fink gave a Garden Judges's training at Horton Iris Garden. Members are opening their gardens for visits. SIS and Sierra Foothills IS will co-host the Spring 2024 Regional. Santa Rosa IS meets in person, offering food and education programs at Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center. A highlight was a presentation by Anna Cadd and Jeff Davis on transporting and staging iris for shows. Jeff Davis won Best Artistic Design and Artistic Sweepstakes Award at their Show. Members depend on their newsletter edited by Anna Marie Hermansen, sent electronically. Shasta IS holds fundraisers to fund a scholarship at Shasta College. As a small club they were not able to have a 2023 iris show so they had an in-home show hosted by member Gretchen Lassiter, helping 2 judging students learn while having fun. Sierra Foothills IS held its holiday potluck in November, awarding the Bertha Brownlee Founder Award to charter members Bob & Marilyn Baker, two long-standing, hard-working members with many years of service. SFIS is holding member garden tours and has been planning the Spring regional with SIS. A 4-club June garden picnic is planned at Cindy Eastman's Grass Valley home.

**Immediate Past RVP; Nominating Committee Chair - Jean Richter:** No report at this time.

**Standing Committees:**

**Honorary Awards Chair - Kathy Oldham** (Committee: Aleta Kerr, Tiffany Rush, Carol Dahout): Kathy thanked Shirley Trio for a list of past awardees chosen for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award. See the criteria for nominees in the R14 Standing Rules. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the nominating deadline. No nominees yet.

**Fund Raising Co-Chairs - Patricia Eisenberg, Resource Development; Marilyn Kaplan, Fundraising Events:** Marilyn explained that fundraising is just getting underway; we have high hopes for this in-person silent auction, basket drawing and iris auction with iris donations by Riley Probst and potted iris by several donors. Patricia reviewed our non-profit status briefly and how to care for it, filing annual officers names and the annual postcard with the IRS, protecting it in the event of audits. Use correct vocabulary: fundraiser, not sale. Suggested donation, not price or cost. Signage about iris for sale also must show “tax included.” Do not let your club present itself as if it were a retail or online store. Keep the mission and non-profit purpose clear: education, public gardens, scholarships, outreach events, etc. Maintain a good Facebook or online presence with club newsletters, photos of activities and links to AIS and other appropriate sites. Send photos to Ann Pike and Jean Richter for the R14 website. Help members and donors understand what they are part of and why they should participate in iris club and region projects. Some philanthropic foundations, family trusts and corporate giving programs to nonprofits offer matching funds; they quantify volunteer hours in dollars; many non-profits measure success of events by listings of visitors and volunteer hours. The club secretary can keep the lists with monthly records for when there’s a need. It will help grant writing efforts. Carolyn and Patricia will collaborate and send out a sample form.

**Historian Committee Chair-Jean Richter:** No report at this time.

**Electronic Services Chair- Ann Pike:** No report at this time.

**Membership Chair- Shirley Trio:** Shirley reported 432 R14 members, most of any Region. New members are asking more about rebloomers. We do not have a way of knowing which clubs new AIS members belong to. Often new club members are not AIS members. We want to encourage them to join both.

**Scholarship Chair- Lee Dickey:** Lee announced 3 R14 scholarship applications from ‘A’ students from Redwood City, Red Bluff and Fresno. The Scholarship budgets per person were reviewed. We also need additional contact info; in the past, when students move away from home or change college living situations, we lose contact and cannot deliver the scholarship. Discussion followed about a secure way to deliver the scholarship, being sure the student truly attends college. Helen Franklin suggested that the student show proof of acceptance. After more discussion, the conclusion was that the scholarships would be sent to the intended institutions’ registrars or scholarship offices to apply when the students attend.

**Science Chair - Riley Probst:** Please send science questions to Riley. Riley shared observations that the prolonged winter weather this year, two to three times the normal rainfall, created various microclimates affecting height of bloomstalks, timing of blooms and possibly other characteristics. People have been keeping charts on bloom and other observations. Riley asked if others would share their data with him.

**Trophies & Awards Chair- Bill Fink:** The ‘Shirley Trio & Riley Probst Cup’ started in 2010 for winners of the Regional Fall Rebloomer Show, needs to be entered and described in the Standing Rules, Awards and Ballots, which Phyllis Wilburn pointed out is a duty of the Secretary. It is a beautiful silver vase only given when a fall show is possible with enough attendees and blooms. **ACTION** Item: Vote next Regional Meeting to approve the Riley & Shirley Trio Reblooming Iris Cup, to be entered into the Region 14 Standing Rules as an award to be given each year to the Best in Show at the Reblooming Iris Show held at Region 14’s Fall Regional Meeting.

**Youth Chair- Carolyn Hoover:** Carolyn related that the youth program CIP (Classroom Iris Program) at Wasuma School, Ahwahnee, CA, had 66 AIS students in the 2022-23 school year, (mostly 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders). They now have learned how to plant and grow irises. They also had lessons in Bryce Williamson's iris color patterns program. They participated in the AIS Ackerman Essay Contest, including Carolyn's 9th grade granddaughter. Each winner receives a current 2023 iris for entering, plus \$100 cash (1<sup>st</sup> place) from AIS. All AIS youth of Region 14 also received a potted TB iris for their birthdays donated by Carolyn Hoover and Bee Haven Iris Garden of Coarsegold, CA.

**Report of the 2022 Fall Regional Chair, Carol Cullen, Leo T. Clark Iris Society/Shasta Iris Society:** Carol encouraged other clubs not to be afraid of hosting a Regional meeting. Chico's Fall 2022 Meeting of 80 attendees took 10 months to prepare.

**Hosts of Spring Regional 2023: Yosemite Iris Society-May 12,13,14,2023 In Oakhurst/Mariposa, Chair, C. Hoover:** Stephanie Jennings and the R14 Bulletin and the Region website were very helpful. Carolyn thanked Guy Hoover for working on the Region Booklet.

**Host of Fall Regional 2023, Oct. 13-14, 2023: Monterey Bay Iris Society, Chair, Craig Tarr:** The 2023 Fall Regional will be held on Friday-Saturday, October 13-14 in Aptos, California. Registration and schedule will be on the R14 website.

**Hosts of Spring 2024 Regional:** Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Society, Co-Chairs Cindy Eastman & Kathy Braaten: Apr. 19-21, 2024, will feature Gardens of Ruth Ostroff, Mary Ann Horton and Cindy Eastman. The hotel will be the Auburn Holiday Inn with 90 rooms available, located in California's Gold Country; the theme will be "Golden Gathering."

**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.

**Other Old Business:** None

### New Business

**AIS Library:** The AIS Library will be moved from Oregon to Yosemite Area and is envisioned to be like an iris museum, library of resources and historical collections, while providing meeting space.

**AIS Directors:** Directors from our Region will be Carolyn Hoover, Jean Richter and Phyllis Wilburn. Jean will be the new AIS Membership Chair.

**2023 Dallas Convention** attendees shared that the gardens were beautiful with all types of irises blooming at once. Rick Tasco and Doug Kanarowski won awards for Outside of Region: Rick won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for 'Lucky Dragon', AB OGB (Franklin Cook Cup), and Doug won 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, for his 'Phasers on Stun', TB. Jim Cummins won 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up for Best Seedling, (Floyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Cup) for his seedling: '13-10C' (TB).

After discussing the next day's tours, motion to **adjourn** was made by Lynn Williams; second by Mikey Lango. Adjourned at 9:23 pm.

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

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# Region 14 Treasurer's Report

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY			
TREASURER'S			
REPORT			
	Funds at	1/1/2022	6/30/2023
Bank of Am-checking		37895.70	38956.18
<b>Total Cash</b>		<b>37895.70</b>	<b>38956.18</b>
EXPENSES BY ITEM:	Budget	6/30/2023	
Bulletin- Publishing			
" Editor Expense	30.00		
" Mailing	20.00		
RVP Allowance	2500.00		1684.43
Finance, Summer Fundraiser			
" Miscellaneous/Autions/Raffles	100.00		
" Sales Taxes	25.00		147.00
Finance- fall regional	500.00		
Finance-Spring regional	250.00		
Judges' Training	250.00		47.99
Awards and Trophies	500.00		275.93
Honorary Awards	300.00		
Office/Legal	100.00		62.36
Historian	100.00		
Scholarship	1000.00		
Scholarship expenses	250.00		
Science	100.00		
Youth Committee	150.00		609.81
Membership	100.00		
Internet Services	200.00		
Donation-	200.00		
Start-up Funds			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6675.00</b>		<b>2827.52</b>
REVENUES BY ITEM:			
Bulletin Advertising	50.00	36.00	
Bulletin Subscriptions			
Donations from Societies *	1500.00	1026.00	
Donations earned for scholarship	1000.00	100.00	Scholarship
Judges' Training	200.00		
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400.00		
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-	800.00	2326.00	
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes		200.00	
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	500.00	200.00	
Finance, Spring Regional co/hosted by Region 14	800.00		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5250.00</b>	<b>3888.00</b>	
Total Expenses	6675.00	2827.52	
Less total Revenues	-5250.00	3888.00	
Revenues excess	1425.00	1060.48	

Submitted by Helen Franklin, R14 Treasurer

# Region 14 Spring 2023 Regional Memories

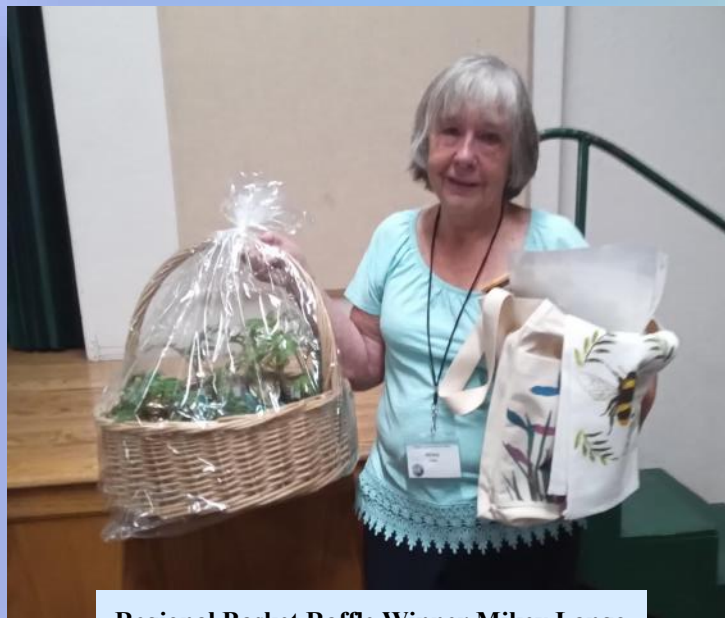
Region 14 members are all extremely grateful to the Yosemite Iris Society for hosting the 2023 Spring Regional. Many thanks to the Gonzalez, Mariposa Iris, and Bee Haven Iris Guest Gardens for their splendor and hospitality!



**Regional Basket Raffle Winner Mark Greene**



**Regional Basket Raffle Winner Ron Heisler**



**Regional Basket Raffle Winner Mikey Lango**



**Bee Haven Iris Garden**  
**Photo courtesy of Bryce Williamson**



**Rick Tasco at Gonzalez Iris Garden**  
**Photo by Stephanie Jennings**



**Attendees Enjoying Mariposa Iris Garden**  
**Photo by Stephanie Jennings**



**2023 Spring Regional Show**  
**Photos by Patty Johnston**



# AIS Region 14 Fall 2023 Regional



## Iris by the Sea

American Iris Society Region 14—2023 Fall Regional  
Hosted by Monterey Bay Iris Society  
October 13<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Guest speaker—Joe Ghio from Bay View Gardens

### Registration form for Monterey Bay Iris Society Fall Regional

Aptos Grange 2555 Mar Vista Dr, Aptos, CA 95003

Registrant 1 First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

email to receive confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee if paid before October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023—\$95      number of person/s \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

if paid after October 5<sup>th</sup>—\$110      number of person/s \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No Credit cards accepted. Please make check payable to Monterey Bay Iris Society.

Registrations received after October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.

Total Amount (Please enter this amount on the check)      TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this registration to Brenda Wood, Registrar  
516 San Miguel Canyon Rd, Royal Oaks, CA 95076  
831-818-4515 or email: woodbrenda@aol.com

Hotel recommendation: Rio Sands Hotel, 116 Aptos Beach Dr, Rio Del Mar, Aptos. 831 688-3207. Contact person is Maggie. They are offering a 20% discount and with that the rate will be \$429.83 for the 2 nights and includes tax. Their discounted Thursday night rate is \$143, plus tax; Friday and Saturday rate is \$231, plus tax.

You can also do AirBNB. Gather a group and book a house!



# AIS Region 14 Fall 2023

## Meeting Agenda

### Agenda – Friday, October 13, 2023

3:00 PM	to	7:00 PM	Registration
3:00 PM	to	4:30 PM	Reblooming Iris Show setup; Entries accepted
5:00 PM	to	6:00 PM	Reblooming Iris Show Judging
6:00 PM	to	7:30 PM	Dinner break (on your own)
7:30 PM	to	9:00 PM	Judges Training – TBD
9:00 PM	to	10:00 PM	Social Evening, Silent Auction Bidding

### Agenda – Saturday, October 14, 2023

7:30 AM	to	8:30 AM	Registration
8:00 AM	to	8:30 AM	Breakfast Break: Coffee, Tea, Water, Pastries
8:30 AM	to	10:00 AM	Region 14 Budget/Board Meeting
10:00 AM	to	10:15 AM	Break & Silent Auction Bidding
10:15 AM	to	12:00 PM	Region 14 Board and General Meeting
12:00 AM	to	1:00 PM	Lunch – hosted by MBIS
1:00 PM	to	2:00 PM	Joe Ghio “In the Beginning”
2:00 PM	to	2:00 PM	Break and Silent Auction Bidding
2:15 PM	to	3:00 PM	Live Iris Auction
3:00 PM	to	4:00 PM	Judges Training – TBD
4:30 PM			Final Silent Auction Bids Close
5:00 PM			End of Meeting

# AIS Region 14 Fall 2023

## Guest Gardens

### Horton Iris Garden

The Horton Iris Garden and property has a rich history beginning in 1857. Mary Ann's husband (Ed's) family came to Loomis, CA during the Gold Rush era and paid Placer County \$10.00 to settle on 240 acres of land. During the 1870's, the Homestead Act allowed his great-great grandfather, Elisha, to receive the deeds to this land signed by President Ulysses S. Grant. The first generation worked in gold mining and cattle ranching. The following 3 generations were fruit farmers, growing peaches, pears, and plums. The current home on the farm was built in 1915 for Ed's grandmother as a wedding gift from her second husband. Many years later, Ed initially "saved" the home from the blackberries, and after he and Mary Ann were married in 1990, Ed bought her a riding lawn mower, and she then took on the task of clearing the weeds and berries.

Ed jokes that his grandma, Pearl, carried away as many rocks and boulders as they could, and then Mary Ann and her son, Doug, have carried them back, plus many more!

While teaching mathematics at the local community colleges, Mary Ann opened the garden in 1999 with about 100 varieties and just a handmade sign at the driveway entrance. In 2003, Doug, his wife Jennifer, and daughter, Majken, stopped sailing in the South Pacific and began helping in the garden. A few years later, Mary Ann's daughter, Lori, began helping with order fulfillment at harvest time. Now, Lori does the social media advertising along with her u-pick flower gardens - - pick your own bouquet of irises in spring and fall flowers from mid-August through October. Each fall, Doug manages the pumpkin patch in October, and everyone sells rhizomes in addition to taking orders for irises starting early in the new year. Together, Doug and Lori manage the maintenance of the farm, and Mary Ann handles the office work and website: [www.hortonirisgarden.com](http://www.hortonirisgarden.com)

Horton Iris Garden has hosted 5 spring regionals and one AIS National in 2019. We are looking forward to all the visitors next April in the garden. It's hard to believe that we have celebrated 25 years in business this year!



Visitors Enjoying the Garden in 2005



**Region 14 Spring Regional, 2008**



**The 2008 Garden**



Horton Main Garden, 2009

Horton Iris Garden, 7440 King Road, Loomis, CA 95650

Located in Loomis, CA (20 miles from Sacramento), you will experience a peaceful country visit to our iris farm that includes about 1200 varieties of irises to see in bloom and purchase.

**U-Pick flower garden: \$20 August through October 31st or first freeze!**

**We provide you with a pitcher to fill in our field of zinnias, sunflowers, amaranth, and fillers.**

Bring your own vase to carry the flowers home or we have vases for purchase.

Check our social media for hours in early August, and then in October!

**August 18th to September 30th --FRI, SAT, SUN only --10 am to 3 pm**

**All of October --FRI, SAT, SUN only -- 10 am to 5 pm**

[facebook/hortonirisdgarden](https://www.facebook.com/hortonirisdgarden) -- has iris albums arranged by color, size, etc.

# AIS Region 14 Fall 2023

## Guest Gardens

### Ruth Ostroff's Garden

Ruth bought her home on two acres in Rio Linda in 2000 and began planting irises soon after. Today she has a collection of over 700 bearded irises, including many newer varieties. She is the Sacramento Iris Society's door prize chair, and she grows about 40 current-year introductions annually for distribution to SIS monthly meeting attendees. These irises are located along the back property fence. Be sure to walk around the property to see irises divided by types with smaller medians in the back yard, rebloomers along the walkway across from the guest iris garden, a full collection of Dykes medal winners across from the chicken coop, historical irises (1970's and older) under the cottonwood trees, and many assorted varieties adjacent to the pasture parking area. In addition to her iris collection, Ruth grows vegetables, fruit trees, and many perennial landscape plants.



Ostroff Garden Irises, Vegetable Garden in the Background



**Ostroff Garden, View from Pasture Parking Area**



**Ruth Ostroff in her Garden**

# Judges' Training Report – Fall 2023

Region 14 has had a more “normal” year from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to July 31, 2023, with 14 trainings, both Classroom and Garden, being held and being well attended. We also had Judges attend trainings at the National AIS convention in Dallas, the Annual Region 15 Trek, and the Region 13 meeting held in Portland, OR.

Presently we have 46 Judges including Apprentice, G/E, Master, and Emeritus. We also have 9 Retired Judges. This past year Region 14 has welcomed 3 new Student Judges. They are Gretchen Lassater and Holly Singleton, both from Shasta Iris Society, and Ruth Ostroff from Sacramento iris Society. We have also had 1 Judge request to move to Retired status, and we thank Phillipa Alvis for her many years of assistance to our Region. Region 14 also had 1 Apprentice drop form the Judges Training program.

I anticipate that in the 2023-2024 year, we will have 1 Apprentice advance to G/E and 1 Student advance to Apprentice status. Also, there are several Judges in the process of attaining Artistic Judge status. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming an Artistic Judge in the future.

At the past 2022 Fall Regional that was held in Chico, it was proposed, voted upon, and accepted by members present that the annual Award of Recognition that is given to the Judge with the most training hours in the past year be changed from the acrylic engraved star to a certificate for \$65.00 to the hybridizer/garden of the winner's choice. This year we honor Dan Williams with this certificate. Dan completed 16 hours of training between 8/1/22 and 7/31/23. Congratulations Dan!

Last but not least, a big Thank You to all of you for submitting your annual judge's report to me in a timely manner. I know that they are a lot of work and I very much appreciate your efforts.

Carol Cullen

Judges Training Chair, Region 14

# Region 14 Youth

The AIS Region 14 Youth program is going strong again after the Covid School shutdowns. I have so much news to share about the Region 14, 66 AIS Youths enrolled in the CIP (Classroom Iris Program) at Wasuma Elementary School in Ahwahnee, CA. Please see the article in the Summer 2023 Irises-The Bulletin of the American Iris Society, pg. 59 for article I wrote “AIS Youth in Region 14” for more details and photos.

Over 35 Region 14 AIS youth participated in the AIS Annual Coloring Contest and the Ackerman Essay Contest. Wasuma Elementary students had 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in both Coloring and 10-12 years old age group. Ariel Barker, 5<sup>th</sup> grade received \$100 1<sup>st</sup> place for her “My Iris Garden” essay. Congrats to Ariel! My granddaughter, Sabrina Anderson, age 14, tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 13 years for her essay “My Blue and Yellow Oasis.” I was able to accept these awards from Debbie Strauss, Ackerman Youth Essay Contest Chair, Texas at the AIS National Convention held in Dallas, Texas last April. These essays are printed in the Summer 2023 Irises issue pages 61-68. They were all very creative and different.

In the fall of 2022, the CIP Youth students planted an iris garden at their school. Local Master Gardeners helped with this project and were excited to add irises to their existing raised beds of fruits and vegetables. In September, I plan to add the incoming new 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and keep the past 4-5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be 6-7<sup>th</sup> graders. The students also each received a 1-gallon potted TB iris with a birthday card from me on their birthday. I am looking forward to monthly lessons on care of irises, color patterns, classifications, and parts of an iris. Hybridizing will also be on the agenda for next year’s lessons.

I should have 120 CIP students in the upcoming 2023-24 school year working with (4,5, 6,7<sup>th</sup> grades) at the Wasuma Elementary School. If you would like more information on how to work with small groups or individual youths, please contact me. Also, all this information for lesson plans and upcoming AIS Contests for youth is on the Youth Webpage of the American Iris Society. Just log into: [aisyouth.com](http://aisyouth.com). It is just that simple! If you have a grandchild, scout group or FFA in your area, you may be able to help youth learn more about world of irises!



**Wasuma School 4th & 5th Grade CIP AIS Youth  
with CIP Lead Carolyn Hoover  
Photo by C. Eshelman**



**CIP Lesson on Iris Color Patterns  
Photo by Carolyn Hoover**



# Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

## Clara B. Rees Iris Society

At our February meeting, Jane Jordan gave a presentation on the Great Backyard Bird Count. For four days in February, bird watchers are asked to report what kind of birds and how many of each they see in their backyard. Jane demonstrated the apps to use for reporting and also showed pictures of the birds we are likely to see in our area.

At our March meeting, Lynn MacFarland, a National Garden Club Master Judge and NGC 4 Star Member, gave a demonstration on artistic floral design. To prepare us for our April show, she created a floral arrangement in each of the three styles called for by our show categories: traditional mass arrangement, Ikebana style, and two connected arrangements, shown in photo at right. She also gave some advice on how to win points for your arrangement.



**Two Connected Arrangements**

In April, we had our first live show since 2019!



**Jane Kwant, Best Design of Show**

Our April meeting found us learning how to stage our entries. Carol Dahout showed the tools she brings to a show and demonstrated how iris stalks should be placed in the display tubes. Members practiced staging their iris according to Carol's recommendations. The results were reviewed by Jeff Bennett with suggestions for improvement.

In addition to our show, CBRIS had a successful potted iris sale at the Saratoga Farmer's Market. Three of our members, Jennifer Morris, Chad Schroter, and Elaine Fischer, also generously opened their gardens for a tour.

At our May meeting, we enjoyed a lecture by Judy Hecht on the cultivation and propagation of succulents.

Our June meeting saw a presentation of awards and a report on the AIS Spring Regional.

In July, we enjoyed our annual auction and picnic, as well as two rhizome sales.

CBRIS member Jane Jordan opened her garden in June to display her collection of Japanese irises.





**CBRIS Members Expertly Digging**  
**Photos by Gina Johnson**



**Dedicated CBRIS Members Trimming & Cleaning**  
**Photo by Gina Johnson**



**Attendees Happily Buying Irises at the 2023 St. Leo Festival**  
**Photo by Gina Johnson**



**CBRIS Rhizome Fundraiser Team Extraordinaire!**  
**Photo by Gina Johnson**

## High Desert Iris Society

HDIS wound down another successful Iris season with 3 events - our annual show with educational symposium, our rhizome fundraiser weekends, and auction.



**High Desert Iris Society 2023 Show, “Iris In Art”  
Photo by Susan Duncan**



**Attendees at the 2023 Show’s Educational Symposium  
Photo by Susan Duncan**

Each year at the conclusion of our show, our favorite thing to do is to donate the show stalks and deliver them to senior care facilities. The joy this simple act creates is amazing! We cannot put a price on the residents' expressions and reactions, and we encourage other clubs to consider adding this timeless act of kindness to their show teardown.



**Carefully Transporting the Stalks for Their Important Assignment  
Photo by Susan Duncan**



**Senior Resident Frances Gilpin, Mother of HDIS Member Susan Duncan  
Delighted with Irises in her Room  
Photo by Susan Duncan**

## **James M. Gibson Iris Society**

James M. Gibson Iris Society took part in this year's Porterville Festival in April in downtown Porterville. Potted iris were sold as a fundraiser.

Nine of our members attended the Spring Regional in Oakhurst in May. For some, this was the first time they had attended a Regional. Everyone had a great time!

We've gained four new members in the last two months. It's always exciting news to have new members join our group.

We have our rhizome sale coming up soon and then our annual BBQ, club auction, and potting party. Hopefully, some cooler weather is on its way too.

Linda Hood, President  
James M. Gibson Iris Society.

## **Leo T. Clark Iris Society**

Hello Everyone! Leo T. Clark Iris Society has been "dark" during the past few summer months with no meetings; as everyone is on vacation, busy tending their gardens, and dealing with the heat. But as of now, we are gearing up for the digging and dividing of our iris and getting ready for our rhizome fundraisers in the fall. Also, member Susan Shaul and hubby travelled to the Guest Iris gardens to help dig and bring us those rhizomes, and Carol Cullen obtained rhizomes from Sierra Foothills Iris Society. Much thanks to all involved, and everyone will have some great blooms next year!

Unfortunately, over the past year and a half, our club saw the passing of three of our members: Becky McCarthy, Marilyn Mazza, and JoAnne Gershom. They were much loved and valuable members, and will be missed by all. However, we have made some new additions recently with members Lei Thompson-Burriss and Rebecca True - - welcome!

In October, our club hosted the 2022 Fall Regional in Chico as partners with Shasta Iris Society. A good time was had by all, and again, thank you to the many persons involved who made this happen. A special thanks to AIS President Andy Rivarola for his excellent speech on iris cultivation overseas, and to Anna Cadd of Santa Rosa Iris Society for a beautiful demonstration on making floral arrangements. And, congratulations to Carolyn Honnette of Yosemite Iris Society for her winning stalk from the reblooming iris show, TB "Forever Gold."

In April, our spring potted iris fundraiser went well, and even though blooming was erratic this year (weather-related, no doubt), we had a wonderful Spring iris show. Carol Cullen won best of show with TB “Making Time,” as well as winning best Median iris and taking the silver medal in the ribbon sweepstakes. Claudia Owen took home the grand prize in the artistic division, in addition to winning a blue ribbon for her charming educational display.

In May, we had the honor of holding our monthly meeting with a potluck lunch at the home and iris garden of club associates Rob Marshall and Lowell Haver in Forest Ranch. Their garden was in full bloom, the weather was nice, our hosts were awesome (thank you both!), and it was an all-around wonderful afternoon.

We also participated in the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico. We set up a booth with educational materials and a nice assortment of potted plants and stalks, and some of our members spent a nice weekend regaling passerby with the joys of growing iris.

So, we’ve been staying busy and having a good time, and best wishes to all our fellow irisarians. Happy Growing!

Deb Rojas  
Co-President, LTCIS

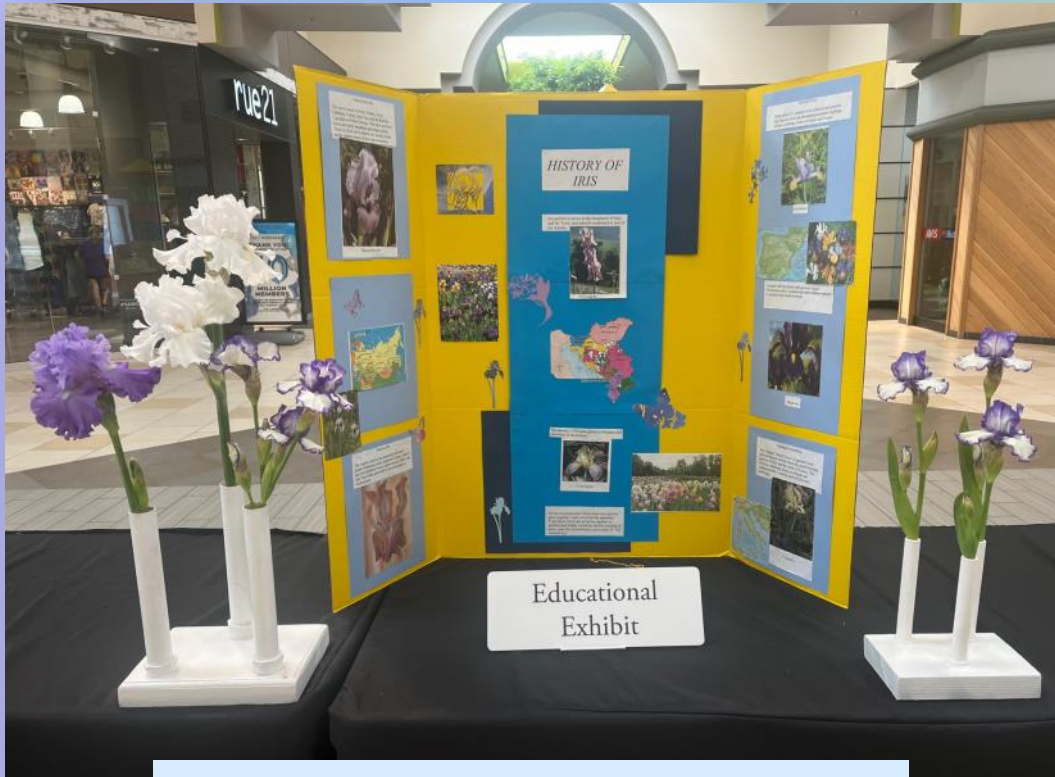


**Carolyn & John Honnette & Rebloomer Winner TB ‘Forever Gold’**  
Photo by Deb Rojas



**Carol Cullen Stands with her Winners**  
Photo by Deb Rojas





**The Winning Educational Display by Cloudia Owens  
Photo by Deb Rojas**



**L-R: Deb Rojas and Susan Shaul at the Spring Home & Garden Show**



**The Beautiful Garden in Bloom, Home of Rob Marshall & Lowell Haver  
Photo by Deb Rojas**

## Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Since the last Bulletin, MDIS held meetings at the beginning of the year in San Ramon and covered the subjects of Species iris around the world, a review of the Siberian/Species 2022 convention, and Japanese iris history, lore, species and iris in Japanese culture.

In April MDIS successfully held the annual Iris Show and Fundraiser. Despite the unfortunate December incident of theft at the iris garden at Dry Creek Garden, including the MDIS potted iris growing there for the spring show, we were able to collect the remaining plants and move them to another location. We not only met but also surpassed our sales compared to the previous year. This is a testament to our team's resilience and commitment to our shared goal of promoting the love of irises in our community. The judges of our bench show chose an iris known to most Region 14 members, TB 'Thornbird', exhibited by Mary Sindicic for the Best in Show trophy. For the first time in our club history (founded in 1960), we had a tie for the silver medal. We presented two silver medals (and no bronze medal) to Jeff Bennett and Linda Woods, who each won 12 blue ribbons, 6 red ribbons, and 1 white ribbon qualifying for a silver medal and certificate.

The May activity was a meetup of members at the UC Berkeley Botanical Garden for a tour by club member Ken Walker on the species iris in the Berkeley Botanical Garden. The Obata Japanese garden was especially lovely that day.

After ten of our members attended the May Region 14 meeting, the club next met in June for a picnic and to present the trophies won at the spring show. There was no event in July, but we will make up for it with three events in August. We will update the results of those events in the next Bulletin.



**Mt. Diablo Iris Society Region 14 Spring Regional Attendees**  
**L-R, Standing: Shirley Trio-Probst, Riley Probst, Linda Woods, Jeff Bennett**  
**L-R, Seated: Kathy Oldham, Jan Blaedel, Marilyn Kaplan, Mary Sindicic**  
**In Attendance but not pictured—Carl and Barbara Meier**  
**Photo by Kelly Dixon, Wichita Iris Society**

MDIS has had two members accept a board position outside of our usual elections. We were fortunate that Stan Morgan and Riley Probst stepped forward to take on the roles of Treasurer and Vice President. Their enthusiasm to take on these leadership roles has brought their considerable experience to our club's operations and will provide positive future direction.

We were also fortunate to find a second meeting venue in Pleasant Hill to return to our pre-covid meeting arrangement to cover our large catchment area. In the months of January, February, and March, our meetings will remain in San Ramon, (southern area) and beginning in September, the September-November meetings will be held in Pleasant Hill (northern area). We are moving our meeting time to the second Sunday afternoon in consideration of Bay Area traffic and traveling during daylight for our members. Every other month is covered by our fundraisers, garden tours, auction, spring show, and the Benicia Peddlers Fair.

In addition to our regular annual activities, we have introduced a new fundraising event this year. A one-day fundraiser will be held August 27 at the Niles Antique Street Faire and Flea Market in Fremont. This event will not only help us raise additional funds for our club, but also offer us another platform to engage with the community, raise awareness about irises, and attract new members.

MDIS has successfully held the 2023 virtual show, and the results are in. The 2023 Virtual Show was put into video form and can be seen here:

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

If you participated in the virtual show, enjoy watching your iris on this video. If you judged, THANK YOU, and enjoy the results of your hard work. If you meant to enter, but time just got away from you, plan to participate next year and see your iris and your name on screen. In the meantime, enjoy the wide variety of iris entered this year. We had 258 entries (1032 photos judged) in 18 separate sections. We were blessed with so many wonderful entries that we had a tie for Best of Show - 'Ally Oops' (Dana Borglum, 2000) and 'Fairy Sprinkles' (Stephanie Markham, 2014). Please watch the video looking for your two or three favorites and email us those names at [mtdiabloiris@gmail.com](mailto:mtdiabloiris@gmail.com) We will tally them for our People's Choice Award - which, if you missed it, was won by one of Steve Taniguchi's seedlings last year!

The MDIS YouTube Channel has other videos, including planting iris and grooming iris for a bench show.

We hope to produce a video this winter on how to enter a Virtual Iris Show with photographing suggestions and step-by-step procedures on how to enter.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Region 14 meeting in Aptos.

Written & Submitted by Kathy Oldham



# 2023 Virtual Iris Show Mt. Diablo Iris Society Best of Show Winners



**First  
Runner-Up**



**Second  
Runner-Up**

## BEST OF SECTION



**Runners-Up**



We had 258 entries  
Winners came from Regions  
8, 14, and 20

Watch the video on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jTE0TIq\\_\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jTE0TIq__Y)

## **Sacramento Iris Society**

Sacramento Iris Society members are just coming up for a deep breath after a flood of activities this Spring and Summer. We started the Spring with a potted iris fundraiser at the Spring Sale sponsored by the Shepard Garden and Arts Center (SGAC) in Sacramento, which is a big two-day affair that includes all the clubs that meet at the center. This was followed by our annual show in April chaired by Cindy Eastman. Best of Show was awarded to Riley Probst, for the IB, 'Blank Verse'. Best Artistic was awarded to Cindy Eastman, with the theme 'Iris by the Creek'. We also had six gardens open for one-day visits on days after the show. Three people in the club attended the AIS Convention in Dallas, and thus were not there to participate in the show. In June we had a potluck picnic along with Sierra Foothills Iris Society, High Desert Iris Society, and Leo T. Clark Iris Society at Cindy Eastman's house. The featured dish was BBQ ribs provided by Cindy. It was an especially cool day, and there were 30 people in attendance - fun all around!

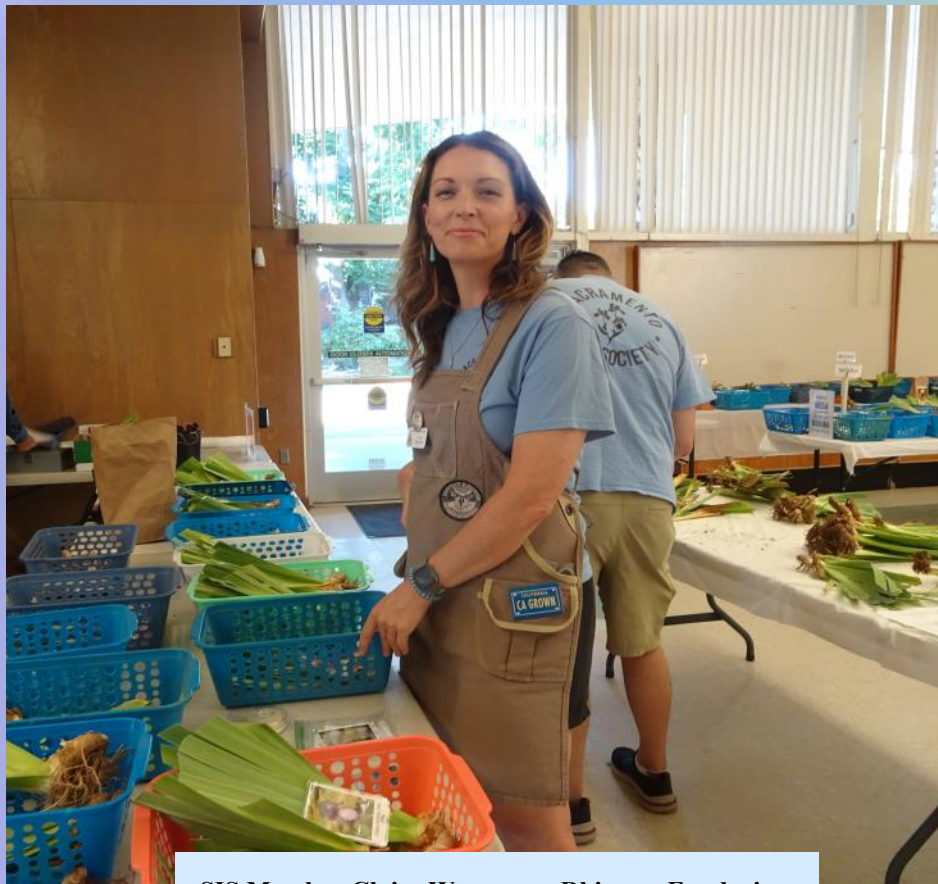
The month of July included two major digs at Phyllis Wilburn's and Mary Ann Horton's, followed by a two-day rhizome fundraiser at SGAC which was very successful. Three members helped at the Regional dig in Mariposa, followed by a potting party at the house of Jan Knecht, the new potted iris chair. We potted over 400 rhizomes.

Coming up next in August is our annual digging and distribution of the door prize iris to the winners who attended club meetings during this previous year. After the distribution, any leftover rhizomes are to be auctioned at our Sept 6 meeting, along with any 2022 introductions that we purchased from the regional dig. Our regular meetings begin in September, and go through June 2024.

We are gearing up for the 2024 Spring Regional which we are co-hosting with Sierra Foothills Iris Society. Cindy Eastman and LaVille Logan are co-chairs. Information and registration forms will be available by the Fall Regional meeting October 13-14 in Aptos, CA, hosted by the Monterey Bay Iris Society.



**SIS Member Steve Guigere, Rhizome Fundraiser**  
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



**SIS Member Claire Waggoner, Rhizome Fundraiser**  
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn

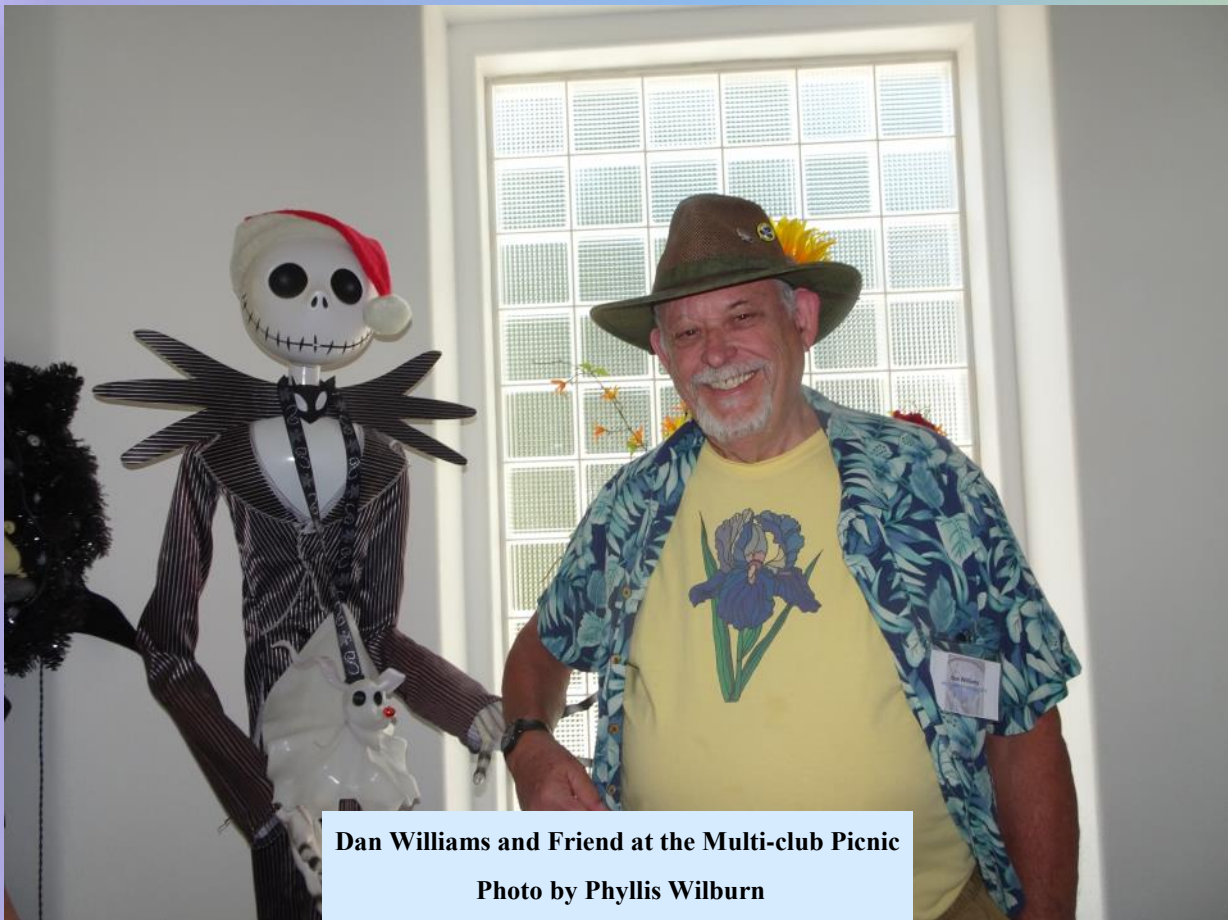


**SIS Show Chair Cindy Eastman  
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**





**Kathy Braaten Enjoying the Multi-club Picnic**  
**Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**Dan Williams and Friend at the Multi-club Picnic**  
**Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**Phyllis Wilburn at the SIS Potting Party  
Photo by Cindy Eastman**



**L-R: John Archer and Stan Logan at the SIS Potting Party  
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**

## **Sierra Foothills Iris Society**

**Sierra Foothills Iris Society** membership provides the opportunity to meet other people interested in iris. SFIS purchases recent introductions to grow and distribute to members. SFIS hosts a rhizome fundraiser every July and presents its annual Iris Show under the rules of AIS, and encourages members to participate in activities and become AIS judges. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. monthly meetings, 6 pm; Rose Room, Auburn Civic Center, Lincoln Way. About 10-15 members normally attend. Refreshments are served and meeting door prize drawings are held; prize rhizomes are presented at the September meeting.

Annually a **scholarship donation** is contributed to AIS Region 14, and **2024 iris calendars** are purchased for members from AIS Storefront. Recent **Educational Programs** have included: ‘Artistic Arrangement Demonstration’ by Cindy Eastman with iris arrangement handouts provided by Kathy Braaten; ‘How to Show an Iris’ was a collaborative seminar, and at the June meeting in Horton Iris Garden, ‘How to Dig and Divide an Iris Clump’ was given. Phyllis Wilburn and Cindy presented on ‘AIS Sections and Cooperating Societies’, encouraging members to join one additional society to expand knowledge and add new varieties to gardens, extending bloom season. Since new members to AIS will be receiving a free subscription to one of the Sections, SFIS offered a **free 1-year membership** for anyone signing up for AIS at its rhizome fundraiser.

Inter-club SFIS/SIS **Member Garden Tours**, after some last-minute changes due to low-altitude snow and never-ending rain, featured: Ruth Ostroff in Rio Linda and Della DeCorse in Sacramento April 25<sup>th</sup>; Cindy Eastman in Grass Valley May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Phyllis Wilburn in Rescue and Susan Waillor in El Dorado May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for opening your gardens! Many members also visited the area’s two commercial gardens open to visitors during bloom: Horton Iris Garden in Loomis, and Bluebird Haven in Somerset. **SFIS Iris Show** ‘Beside the Lake’ in Auburn & Potted Iris Fundraiser was held April 29-30 at the Lakeside Room, Auburn Regional Park. The late bloom was conducive to those entering specimens and arrangements. At the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, Show Chair Phyllis Wilburn presented the awards from the Iris Show. May 6<sup>th</sup> at Horton Iris Garden, Bill Fink conducted a 1.5-hour **Judges Training** for all interested in learning how to judge tall bearded irises in the garden.

**The Annual SFIS Picnic** with SIS, HDIS and Chico's LTCIS was held at Ron and Cindy's Grass Valley garden June 24<sup>th</sup> with more than 30 enjoying each other's company, the gorgeous property and delicious, abundant food. **Fundraiser Prep Days** for SFIS and SIS were July 6th, Phyllis Wilburn's garden, and July 8th, Horton Iris Garden-- digging, dividing, trimming, cleaning and labelling. Of course, refreshments, friends old and new, and accomplishments were enjoyed. The weather was unseasonably merciful for the shared work of both clubs. A wonderfully successful **SFIS Rhizome Fundraiser** was held in the air-conditioned Lakeside Room, July 22nd-23<sup>rd</sup>, with many new members helping, and more signing up to be members. Unsold rhizomes will be offered online. Others will be potted up for door prizes.

**“Golden Gathering”!** Mark your calendars for the **Spring Regional Meeting in Auburn, CA** hosted jointly by Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies, co-chaired by Cindy Eastman and Kathy Braaten, **Apr. 19-21, 2024**. The “Golden Gathering” will feature speaker **Andi Rivarola, AIS President and member of San Fernando Valley Iris Society**. Ruth Ostroff, Mary Ann Horton and Cindy Eastman have opened their gardens for guest iris. **Auburn Holiday Inn** has 90 rooms available. See you in Gold Country!

**Written and Submitted by Patricia Eisenberg**



**TB ‘Bronze Warrior’**  
**Photo by Stephanie Jennings**

## **Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society**

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society recently held a successful online bearded iris rhizome auction, and we are gearing up for an online bearded iris rhizome sale as well, details of which will be on our website [www.bayareairis.org](http://www.bayareairis.org)

We are also excited to return to in-person meetings, with a meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. We are trying out a daytime meeting to see how that affects attendance.

Looking farther ahead, we will hold our beardless iris auction on Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m., most likely online. Check our website for details later.

All are welcome at our events, online or in person.

Thanks,

Jean Richter  
Co-President, SBMIS



**TB 'Starship Enterprise'**  
Photo by Stephanie Jennings

## Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society has a busy Fall 2023 planned. The Annual Potting Party is scheduled for mid-August. We will be potting up one and two gallon pot irises for YIS fundraisers next year.

YIS meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 12:00 noon except January, July, August, and December at the Oakhurst Library, 49044 Civic Circle, Oakhurst. Please double check location/time of meetings; as we meet occasionally at members' homes/gardens. Our September meeting will have speaker, Rick Tasco, on "Arils/Aril Breds." In October, we will be learning more about "Rebloomers" from Riley Probst. The November speaker will be Carolyn Hoover's presentation on "Louisiana irises."

Please contact: Carolyn Hoover, YIS President @ [yischoover@gmail.com](mailto:yischoover@gmail.com)

(559)760-5638. See us also on:

Facebook @ Yosemite Iris Society Region 14, if you would like to be a guest at our meetings.



**YIS Members Enjoying the Annual July BBQ/Auction  
at the Home of John & Carolyn Honnette  
Photo by Carolyn Hoover**



**L-R; YIS Members Lynda Pearson, Gary Pearson, and Riley Probst,  
Auctioneer at the Annual 2023 BBQ  
Photo by Carolyn Hoover**



**L-R; YIS Members Esther and Madison Root at the Annual 2023 BBQ  
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**Rick Tasco at Bee Haven Iris Garden  
2023 Spring Regional, Coarsegold, CA  
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