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'Musa velutina' Pink Hairy Banana
Costa Rica
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The RVP's Garden

I hope you are all enjoying the winter rain that will help our Irises bloom beautifully in the Spring! Don't forget to register today for the upcoming **2024 Spring Regional, "Golden Gathering"** hosted by Sacramento and Sierra Foothill Iris Societies, in Auburn, CA, **April 19-21th**. Book your stay today @ Holiday Inn, Auburn (530) 887-8787.

Many thanks to the fabulous 2023 Fall Regional, "Iris By the Sea" hosted by Monterey Bay Iris Society. We had 82 members in attendance and the largest ever R.14 Reblooming Iris Show chaired by Riley Probst. Carolyn Honnette won the Best of Show and the Silver Medal. Also, thanks to Joe Ghio, the guest speaker, Riley Probst for providing Judges' Training and for serving as our Auctioneer, and of course, all the MBIS members for all their volunteer work. What a great team! It was an unforgettable weekend by the Sea.

Congrats go to Shirley Trio-Probst as the 2023 recipient of the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award for her over 38 years of service and dedication to Region 14 presented by Kathy Oldham, 2023 Chair of the L.G. Award Committee. I want to thank Kathy and her committee, Carol Dahout, Tiffany Rush and Aleta Kerr. Aleta is not able to be on the committee at this time, and I appointed Carolyn Honnette to replace her. I also appointed Dan Williams as the 3rd member of this committee. Carol Dahout is the Chair this year. Please forward all nominations for this award to her before Aug. 1st.

I want to thank Jeff Bennett for his 3-year service as the Central Director, R. 14. Job well-done! We welcome in our new Central Director (2024-25-26), Riley Probst, who was appointed at the Fall Regional. Thanks, Riley, for filling that position! You always step up to the plate when needed!

I also want to congratulate Anna Cadd as being appointed last November, 2023 by the AIS Board as an AIS Emeritus Judge. What an honor, to have another Emeritus Judge in Region 14! I want to thank Carol Cullen, (Asst RVP, JT) for making this happen. Carol submitted all the necessary nominating application paperwork to the AIS Board. Anna is also President of Santa Rosa Iris Society and along with Chair Kitty Loberg, will be hosts of the **2025 Spring Regional**. Guest gardens were planted last year. I can't wait for this Regional to happen! Thank you SRIS!!

2024 Fall Regional will be hosted by Region 14 with Affiliate clubs of FIS, YIS and JMGIS assisting. Mark your calendar for: **Oct. 11-12th 2024: "A Fall Harvest of Colors"** to be held in Fresno @ R.L. Church Building, Fresno. There will be a Reblooming Iris Show, Friday, Oct 11th at 5:00 PM. Doors open at 3:30PM. The guest speaker is being flown in from Montana: Delane Langton of Eagle Ridge Iris Garden, Billings, MT. He is the Co-Chair of the 2025 AIS Convention, June 2-7 in Billings, MT. He specializes in Reblooming Irises, and has a guest garden for the national convention. Please watch for the Fall 2024 registration form, which I will be sending out to all soon. If you have any questions regarding this Regional, please contact me.

As you know, this is my last year as your RVP. The 2024 RVP Nominating Committee is chaired by Jean Richter, past RVP. The RVP Nominating Committee members appointed are: Jane Jordan, Linda Hood and Phyllis Wilburn. Please forward RVP nominations to: Jean Richter, jeanmarierichter@gmail.com

It has been my honor and privilege to represent R. 14 as your RVP. My heart has always been centered around the Youth and developing the Youth program of AIS and Region 14. As of Jan. 2024, I will get a chance to do this as the newly appointed AIS Youth Chair. I also was recently nominated as a Director on the AIS Board. 2024 will be a very busy year for me!

Iristacially,

Carolyn Hoover, RVP

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Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! As I write this from the Truckee Meadows, I'm watching the snow fall, as it's been doing for the last several hours. -*Quite* the change from Costa Rica, from which I've just returned. This recent 8-day trip provided the opportunity to explore many incredible gardens and unique landscapes, including an experience within the canopy of the rainforest itself. While we love Irises, I'm excited to share some other floral photos in this issue. Enjoy!

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 is scheduled to publish in August 2024. The deadline for submitting items is Thursday, August 1st*.

*Requests have come in for the Fall issue to come out in September to allow clubs more time during their busy season. Please let me know the outcome of this suggested change.

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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Editor Stephanie Jennings in the Rainforest Canopy
Arenal, Alajuela Costa Rica
Photo by Janet Metajilla

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

Oct 14, 2023, Aptos, CA: In-Person Meeting hosted by Yosemite Iris Society

DRAFT- Needs members approval at Spring Regional Board & Business Meeting, Apr. 19-20, 2024, Auburn, CA

Budget Meeting: Following the previous night's reblooming iris show, Judges Training on Reblooming Iris (1.5 hrs.), with Riley Probst and the opening of the silent auction bidding, the Budget Meeting scheduled for 8:30am was called to order at 8:53am by Regional Vice President Carolyn Hoover. The proposed budget was distributed.

Treasurer Helen Franklin proposed that the Region cover the Registration expenses of the Regional Board. The RVP is already covered. The additional subsidy would cover the Secretary, Treasurer and Co-Fundraising Chairs. Lynn Williams made a motion to approve; John Honnette seconded. Unanimous vote followed. Motion carried.

A proposal was introduced to purchase a large scanner for electronically archiving scrapbook materials for historical preservation. The Initial cost would be \$600. Motion to approve by Bryce Williamson; seconded by John Honnette. Unanimous vote followed. Motion carried.

Phyllis Wilburn proposed that up to \$1,000 seed money loan be available to affiliates when sponsoring events such as Regional Meetings to help cover venue deposits and up-front costs. Some clubs don't have resources to launch events. After discussion, Phyllis moved to approve; seconded by Lynn Williams. Motion carried.

The amount budgeted for Sales tax expense has become insufficient. \$25 has been in the annual budget, but the actual expense in 2023 was \$147.00. Lynn Williams made a motion to approve; seconded by Mary Ann Horton. Tax allotment will be increased to \$200 in the budget. Motion carried.

The \$50 internet expense is not enough to cover internet fees and professional service. A motion was made by Lynn Williams to approve the proposed \$250 budget allocation. Dan Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Scholarships: it was reported that one scholarship recipient had not cashed the scholarship check, so those funds will be counted back into the funds allocated for scholarships. Clubs have been donating to the fund.

Projected income from iris fundraisers was increased, in particular, adding projection of \$250 for the Fall Regional for beardless iris. Spring was increased by \$500 due to iris fundraising success.

A clarification was made: R14 Affiliate dues are \$4 per member sent to the Region, and per each Regional Meeting attendee, the sponsoring club sends \$3 out of the registrations to Region 14.

Treasurer Helen Franklin reported the amounts in the Bank of America accounts, proposing that monies above what is budgeted be moved into interest-bearing Certificates of Deposit in three varying time intervals with the shortest being most available in an urgent situation. Discussion followed on penalties versus interest income. For the smallest, shortest CD, the penalty for early withdrawal would be approximately ¼ of 1 percent. After discussion and direction that Helen will research the best options and banks, a motion was made by Lynn Williams that Helen will follow up to complete purchasing of the 3 CDs; seconded by Phyllis Wilburn. By vote of the Board and members, Region 14 authorizes Helen Franklin to purchase Certificates of Deposit at whatever bank she decides upon, based on her due diligence in research for the best choice for Region 14.

The budget revisions increase expenses from \$10,205 to \$10,655, and budgeted revenue increases from \$7,150 to \$7,900, thereby increasing total revenue over expense by \$3,100.

A motion was made by Lynn Williams to approve the new budget, seconded by Phyllis Wilburn. Budget approved. Budget meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.

Region 14 Fall Regional Board & Business Meeting Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call: Following the Budget Meeting, Regional Vice President Carolyn Hoover called the ---10:15 am Board & General Meeting to order at 10:20 am at the Aptos Grange. (Hereafter, Region 14 may be abbreviated ‘R14’ and Iris Societies may be abbreviated ‘IS’).

Carolyn welcomed attendees on behalf of host Monterey Bay Iris Society to the 2023 Fall Regional: “Iris by the Sea,” and announced that 68* people had registered to attend. Roll Call was taken by Affiliates; 14 out of 15 Affiliates had Members present:

James M. Gibson IS:	4
Fresno IS:	2
San Joaquin IS:	1
Yosemite IS:	7
Santa Rosa IS:	5
Mt. Diablo IS:	9
Monterey Bay IS:	11
Clara B. Reese IS:	11
Sacramento IS:	10
Sydney B. Mitchell IS:	4
Shasta IS:	3
Leo T. Clark IS:	1
Sierra Foothills IS:	11
High Desert IS:	3
Las Vegas IS:	0

Affiliate totals come to 82; some attendees belong to multiple clubs.

Officer Reports:

Judges Training Chair and Assistant RVP, Carol Cullen: Region 14 held 14 well-attended Classroom and Garden trainings. R14 Judges attended trainings at the National AIS Dallas Convention, the Annual Region 15 Trek and the Portland Region 13 Meeting. R14 has 46 AIS Judges: Apprentice, G/E, Master, Emeritus and 9 Retired Judges. One Apprentice dropped, and 3 new Student Judges joined: Gretchen Lassiter and Holly Singleton, both from Shasta IS, and Ruth Ostroff from Sacramento IS. Phillipa Alvis requested retired status and was thanked for her years of service. One Apprentice will likely advance to G/E and one Student to Apprentice. Anyone interested in becoming an Artistic Judge may contact Carol. Several are working toward Artistic Judge status. At the 2022 Fall Regional, the Annual Award of Recognition for the Judge with the most training hours was changed from the engraved star to a \$65 certificate to the winner’s choice of hybridizer or garden. This year, Dan Williams is honored with this certificate, completing 16 hours’ training between 8/1/22 and 7/31/23. Congratulations, Dan! Carol thanked Judges for timely submittal of Annual Judges’ Activity Reports.

Secretary- Patricia Eisenberg: Approval of Minutes: 2023 Spring Regional 14 Meeting - One correction on fundraising revenue from \$9,000 to \$900 in the Central Director report of Mt. Diablo. Motion by Dan Williams to approve as corrected; second: Jim Cummins. Approved.

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 June 2023's ending balance of \$38,596.18, with income and expense changes from the previous year, requiring use of \$2,055 in reserves. Current balance: \$39,556.04. Treasurer's report was voted upon, approved in the Budget Session earlier.

Editor- Stephanie Jennings: No report. Carolyn reminded everyone that the next deadline is February 1st.

Area Director Reports: Clubs have been asked to send reports to their Area Directors before Regional. Area Directors need to send their compiled reports to the RVP, the Bulletin Editor and the Secretary, featuring highlights of unique activities and events. Photos for the Bulletin are encouraged to more thoroughly record club news of people, iris, activities, educational outreaches, meeting schedules (also found on R14's website), speakers, iris shows, fundraising and celebrations.

Central Area Director- Jeff Bennett (2021-2023): Jeff's notables for clubs in the Central Area:

Sydney B. Mitchell IS: In-person meetings are reinstated. The July online beardless iris auction was successful. An online January judges training is planned; details to be determined.

Clara B. Reese IS: A picnic was held. The club put on an iris auction at Yamagami. CBRIS is updating its website.

Monterey Bay IS: Meets 3rd Friday, monthly, at the Aptos Grange, featuring a speaker, meal and iris door prizes. They held a successful fundraiser again this year. Focus was hosting this "Iris by the Sea" Regional Meeting! Sherry Austin introduced her 'Glitter Gulch'.

Mt. Diablo IS: Held a fundraiser auction in a member's garden. Participated in the Peddlers Faire in Benicia, earning \$1,100. The club also entered the August Nile Antique Fair at which one person donated \$700 for rhizomes. They post fundraising rhizomes on the 'Iris Lovers' website. MDIS has earned \$10,000 in fundraising iris. They had an education session with Bryce Williamson on iris color patterns. Meetings are now 2nd Sundays monthly in San Ramon—working well. Focusing on Instagram, the club has 70 followers.

Southern Area Director- Helen Franklin (2022-2024): Helen had to leave. In her place, Carolyn Hoover reported:

Fresno IS: With membership at 40, 7 pm meetings are 1st Tuesdays monthly, 8 months of the year. Activity info is on the FIS website. In March Don Fennell presented on prepping iris for shows. In April, Jennifer Waite instructed attendees on artistic arrangements for iris shows. The April Iris Show was held at the Sierra Vista Mall. Riley Probst talked in May on Rebloomers in the garden, and FIS member Doug Kanarowski presented in Dallas at the AIS Convention. In August, the Rhizome Fundraiser was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church near the FIS meeting site.

James M. Gibson IS: Meetings: 4th Thursdays, January through June, and October in Porterville, CA. They have 26 members. In August, they held a 2-day Farmers Market Fundraiser, earning \$800, even in blazing heat. In September, they had another fundraiser, door prizes and BBQ, raising \$872. They have a Christmas party planned for Dec. 9.

Las Vegas IS: 20 members. Meetings are monthly: Lorenzi Park Garden Center, 3333 W. Washington Ave.

San Joaquin IS: The 8 members meet at each other's homes. They helped dig at Doug Kanarowski's Mariposa Iris garden after Spring Regional.

Yosemite IS: Noon meetings, 2nd Saturdays, monthly, Oakhurst Library, except Dec., Jan., July and August. 51 members! They potted over 500 iris donated by Rick Tasco for fundraising. Events: an October 2-hour Judges Training on Arils and Arilbreds with Rick Tasco. November: Louisiana Iris program by Carolyn Hoover at Pearson's. December: a fundraiser at Bootstompers Hall in Mariposa and the YIS Christmas Party in Oakhurst. 2024 YIS Iris Show: Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Northern Area Director- Dan Williams (2022-2025): Dan's reporting included the following:

High Desert IS: Iris Show had 13 entrants presenting 82 stalks and 5 artistic entries, judged by Ted and Barbara Hawkins from Ceres, CA. HDIS held a seminar at Greenhouse Garden Center in Carson City, NV, and its Annual Symposium in the afternoon on Iris Show Day. HDIS received IRS determination as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Monthly meetings are in members' homes except December. Membership grew to 40; event participation increased markedly through social media due to member Patty Johnston's training sessions.

Leo T. Clark IS: Held a very successful potted iris fundraiser. Rhizomes dug from member gardens will fill 450 pots, a record! LTCIS is looking for a meeting place.

Sacramento IS: Members enjoyed the July 4-club BBQ at Cindy Eastman's Grass Valley home, with Sierra Foothills, Leo T. Clark, and High Desert Iris Societies. There were 2 dig-and-label events in July, one at Phyllis Wilburn's, the other at Horton Iris Garden followed by a rhizome fundraiser, a potting party and a dig for door prize iris in August and a September member Auction of remaining iris. SIS participated in the Shepherd Garden and Art Center Plant & Artists Sale focusing on potted iris.

Santa Rosa IS: To everyone's joy, Alleah Haley attended the Members Picnic from Asheboro, NC, to reconnect. September's fundraiser took in \$2,000 more than in 2022. Prepping for the 2025 Spring Regional, SRIS held a plant-and-label party at Luther Burbank Arts and Garden Center in September, with many guest iris, donated by club members and hybridizers. The second garden hosting guest iris is that of Diana and Don Ford in Hopland, containing thousands of Diana's seedlings and award-winning iris.

Shasta IS: No report.

Sierra Foothills IS: Members meet most months in the Rose Room of the Auburn Civic Center, 6:30 pm, last Tuesdays. SFIS held the 4-Club Picnic at Cindy Eastman's and assisted with rhizome digs for a fundraiser in July and a very successful potted iris fundraiser in September at Weiss Brothers Nursery in Grass Valley. A holiday dinner is planned for October. SFIS and SIS energy is focused on co-sponsoring Spring 2024 R14 Meeting in Auburn, based at the Holiday Inn (at I-80 and Hwy 49), with guest iris at Ruth Ostroff's in Rio Vista and Horton Iris Garden in Loomis.

Immediate Past RVP; Nominating Committee Chair - Jean Richter: Not present. In Jean's absence, Carolyn shared Jean's submitted report and explained that since Jeff Bennett's term as Central Area Director concludes end of calendar year 2023, a new Central Area Director is needed from that area for 2024-2026. One of the duties is to participate on the RVP Selection Committee for a successor to the current RVP. Jane Jordan graciously volunteered and was accepted for the role. Jean stated in her report: "I look forward to working with the Nominating Committee to select the next RVP. If you are interested in serving as RVP, please contact me."

Standing Committees:

Fund Raising Co-Chairs - Patricia Eisenberg, Resource Development; Marilyn Kaplan, Fundraising Events: Marilyn thanked everyone, and explained that we should do well with this silent auction, basket drawing and potted iris and we will have a strict closing time on the auction and posted ending time. Patricia summarized that the treasurer's report shows \$2,726 in donations last year, and reviewed protecting our non-profits by keeping the mission clear (see the AIS and R14 websites). Maintain updated Facebook or online presence with correct vocabulary, club newsletters, photos of activities and links to AIS, and other appropriate sites to assist fundraising and grants, since funders check websites and social media. If each Affiliate sends 2 photos to Ann Pike or Jean Richter—and to the Bulletin Editor, we will have 30 photos on the web and in print. Currently there are two entities interested in contributing to R14 scholarship fund and another interested in seeing a public iris garden. Some grant providers offer matching funds, quantifying volunteer hours in dollars and visitor sign-ins. For when needed with grant writing efforts, the club secretary and/or treasurer should keep the lists showing members names, type of service and hours given—and event sign-ins --with monthly meeting attendance.

Historian Committee Chair-Jean Richter: Bryce Williamson reported for the Committee that they have large, difficult-to-scan, historic material that to archive like booklets, catalogs and publications--material from Ben Hager and Don Denning from the 1970s and many items for digital and library storage. A scanner for large material will be purchased. The AIS Library is being moved to Coarsegold's Library. Jean is on the AIS Historical Team. Keith Keppel is helping move material from the AIS Library in Oregon, down to Coarsegold near Yosemite, which Carolyn Hoover is also helping with.

Internet/Electronic/Website Services Chair- Ann Pike: In attendance. Ann reported the Wordpress website is frequently updated. Re-design in progress to accommodate photos.

Membership Chair- Shirley Trio: Shirley said she had previously reported 432 R14 members, but now we are just about 380 members. Years of R14 membership for some long-time members, including:

Phil Edinger, 72 years,
Joe Ghio, 68 years,
Bryce Williamson, 60 years,
Rick Tasco, 40 years,
Mary Hess and Anna Cadd, 38 years,
and Lynn Williams, 37 years.

Everyone clapped in admiration and congratulations!

Science Chair - Riley Probst: Riley reported no questions to research, nor project proposals submitted. Send in any questions.

Trophies & Awards Chair- Bill Fink: The 'Shirley Trio & Riley Probst Cup' started in 2010 for winners of the Regional Fall Rebloomer Show, and needs to be entered and described in the Standing Rules' Awards and Bal-lots, VI. After a-f., proposing g.: **The Riley & Shirley Probst Perpetual Award Region 14 Fall Best in Show will be awarded. If a complete show, it will be awarded to the Best In Show as evaluated by AIS rules. If just a seedling show, it will be awarded to Best Seedling of Show.** It is a beautiful silver vase given to the winner of Best in Show when a fall show is possible with enough attendees and blooms. Bill read the proposed insertion 'G.' A motion was made by Bill Fink to approve the 'Shirley Trio & Riley Probst Cup' entry into the Bylaws & Standing Rules as an Award for Best in Show of the Region 14 Fall Reblooming Iris Show, whether a seedling show or a full iris show; seconded by Riley Probst. Revised Bylaws/Standing Rules need to be sent to Ann Pike for the website.

Bill presented awards for 2023:

Knopf Cup, Best Seedling 40-RLC6, Diana Ford, accepted by Anna Cadd, president of SRIS.

Hager-DeBose Memorial Award, Iris other than Tall Bearded, O1 HM2, Luminata.

Clara B. Reese Award, Best Intro pre-2023, Rick Tasco, 'Rosy's Celebration.'

Jim Gibson Award, Best Plicata, 'Dark Storm.'

Out of Region Award to Steve Keller for 'Folklorico.'

Shirley Trio & Riley Probst Cup, Carolyn and John Honnette, Yosemite Iris Society, 2 years in a row, Best in Show for '_____'.

Honorary Awards Chair - Kathy Oldham (Committee: Aleta Kerr, Carol Dahout, Tiffany Rush): Carolyn Hoover thanked Kathy for work on the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award. Carol Dahout will be the next Special Award Chair in 2024. Kathy described the winner as a 38-year member of Region 14 who had won iris awards and who is a Master Judge since 1977, and had received the 2015 Star Award for most judges training hours. After descriptions of Region 14 service, Kathy announced Shirley Trio as the recipient of the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award, which Kathy and Carolyn presented.

Scholarship Chair- Lee Dickey: After reporting the scholarship check had never been cashed and the student could not be located, and after much discussion, the scholarships will be sent to the intended institutions' registrars or scholarship offices to apply when the students attend.

Youth Chair- Carolyn Hoover: Carolyn reported 60 youth in Yosemite Iris Society youth programs for 4th-5th graders, Awanee Youth; 61 5th graders, Wasuma School, and 62 Oakhurst School Garden participants. The Honnettes' Bee Haven donate iris for kids for Mothers Day. School students require about \$11 per student in order to provide soil, labels and tools. With the largest youth iris program in the US for learning how to plant and grow irises, they also learn how to participate in AIS website youth activities, coloring contests and the Ackerman Essay Contest. 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.

Hosts of Spring 2024 Regional: Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Society, Apr. 19-21, 2024, will feature Gardens of Ruth Ostroff, Mary Ann Horton. 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.

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 1st Place for 'Lucky Dragon', AB OGB (Franklin Cook Cup), and Doug won 1st Runner Up, for his 'Phasers on Stun', TB. Jim Cummins won 1st Runner Up for Best Seedling, (Floyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Cup) for his seedling: '13-10C' (TB).

Carolyn thanked Monterey Bay Iris Society, and Craig Tarr. Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Williams; second by John Honnette. Adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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

Patricia Eisenberg, Secretary, AIS Region 14
8748 Stonefly Ct., Reno, NV 89523
Peisenberg45@gmail.com

Region 14 Treasurer's Report

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT

	Funds at	1/1/2023	12/31/2023
Bank of Am-checking & CD's		37788.98	40076.83
PayPal		1937.82	2224.66
Total Cash		39726.8	42301.49

EXPENSES BY ITEM:	Revised 9/30/23 Budget	12/31/2023
Bulletin- Publishing		
" Color Pages		
" Editor Expense	30	
RVP Allowance	3500	1976
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100	
" Sales Taxes	25	147
Finance- fall regional	750	338
Finance-Spring regional	500	121
Judges' Training	250	48
Awards and Trophies	500	583
Honorary Awards	300	138
Office/Legal	100	128
Historian	100	
Scholarship	1600	1600
Scholarship expenses	250	
Science	500	
Youth Committee	1000	1034
Membership	100	
Internet Services	200	213
Donation-	400	
Start-up Funds		0
TOTAL EXPENSES	10205	6326

REVENUES BY ITEM:		
Bulletin Advertising	50	36
Bulletin Subscriptions		
Members Dues	1750	1930
Donations earned for scholarship	1000 Scholarship	600
Interest		
Judges' Training		
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400	240
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-	1000	3343
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1000	
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	1000	2465
Finance, Fall Beardless Iris	750	
Finance, Spring Regional co/hosted by Region 14	800	
Total Revenues	7750	8614
Total Expenses	9805	6326
Less total Revenues	<u>-7750</u>	<u>-8614</u>
Excess Expense	2055	
Excess Revenue		-2288
Plus Deposits to Paypal	Basket money	-50.00
	EXCESS MONEY	-2338.00

Region 14 2024 Budget

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Approved Budget 2024

Prepared by Helen Franklin R14 Treas.

Bank of Am-checking & CD'S	40076.83	
PayPay	2224.66	
Total Cash	42301.49	24-Jan

	Revised 09/30/2023 Budget	Approved Budget for 2024
EXPENSES BY ITEM:		
Bulletin- Publishing		
" Color Pages		
" Editor Expense	30	30
RVP Allowance	3500	3500
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100	100
" Sales Taxes	25	200
Finance- fall regional	750	750
Finance-Spring regional	500	500
Judges' Training	250	250
Awards and Trophies	500	500
Honorary Awards	300	300
Office/Legal	100	150
Historian	100	100
Scholarship	1600	1600
Scholarship expenses	250	250
Science	500	500
Youth Committee	1000	1000
Membership	100	100
Internet Services	200	250
Donation-	400	400
Start-up Funds-seed monies for regionals		1000
TOTAL EXPENSES	10205	11480

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Submitted by Helen Franklin, R14 Treasurer

AIS Region 14 Fall 2023 Regional

The Fall 2023 Regional was held in Aptos, CA, and hosted by the Monterey Bay Iris Society. Many thanks to the dedicated team of MBIS members who made this happen!



**2023 Fall Regional Meeting
Aptos, CA**



**2023 Fall Rebloomer Show
R14 Fall Regional Aptos, CA**



Kathy Oldham and Joe Ghio Discussing the Past



Joe Ghio reading about...himself!



Joe Ghio Presenting

AIS Region 14 Spring 2024 Regional

"Golden Gathering"
Foothill Iris Society



Golden Gathering

April 19-20, 2024

AIS Region 14 Spring Meeting

Hosted by Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris
Societies

Guest Speaker Andi Rivarola, AIS President

Holiday Inn, 120 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn CA

530-887-8787 (Code Block: ISR)

"Golden Gathering"
Foothill Iris Society



Registration Form:

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 by March 25, 2024—\$115 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

if paid after March 25 —\$125 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

No Credit cards accepted. Please make check payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society.

Registration fee includes Lunch in the garden and Saturday evening banquet buffet.

Lunch choices: Ham _____ Turkey _____ Veggie _____ Beef _____

Buffet Dinner features a BBQ Theme, including Chicken, Beef and Pasta Primavera.

Registrations received after April 5, 2024 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.

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

Will you be bringing iris for the show? _____ Yes _____ No

Please send this registration with a check to Phyllis Wilburn, Registrar

P.O. Box 9, Rescue, CA 95672

530-334-3521 or email: abirder@aol.com

Hotel information: The Holiday Inn in Auburn will be the location of all events except the garden visits and lunch in the garden. The special room rate for April 19 and 20 is \$189.99 per night for a King or Two Queen beds. Hotel reservations must be made by March 8, 2024 to receive the group rate. The special rate is available also on Thurs, April 18 and Sun. April 21. Breakfast is not included, but a full buffet breakfast is available for \$8.99 for hotel guests only if purchased at the hotel desk the day before. The breakfast is \$11.99 if purchased the same day. Hours for breakfast are 7:00 am – 10:00 am Sat and Sun. Visiting the gardens will be via car-pooling.

AIS Region 14 2024 Spring Regional Tentative Meeting Schedule

Schedule – Friday, April 19, 2024

3pm to 9pm	Registration
1pm to 4:30pm	Show Entries Accepted
5pm	Silent Auction Opens
5pm to 6:30pm	Show Judging
	Dinner on your own
7pm to 9pm	Welcome/General Meeting

Schedule – Saturday, April 20, 2024

7am to 8:30am	Registration	
8:30am	Group A leaves for Horton's Garden	19 minutes
	Group B leaves for Ruth's Garden	32 minutes
10:00 to 11:00pm	Judges Training in each garden	
11:30 to 12:15pm	Group A Lunch at Horton's Garden	
12:30pm	Group A Leaves Horton's Garden for Ruth's Garden	
12:00pm	Group B Leaves Ruth's Garden for Horton's garden	
12:30 to 1:15pm	Group B Lunch at Horton's Garden	
4:00pm	Leave Gardens for Hotel	
5:00pm	Turn in Ballots	
5:00pm	Silent auction Open	
6:00 to 6:30pm	No Host Cocktails in bar area	
6:30pm	Dinner	
8:00 to 9:30pm	Guest Speaker	
9:30pm	Basket Raffle	
9:45pm	Silent Auction Closes	

Schedule – Sunday, April 21, 2024 - No Planned Activities

Remembering Friends

Longtime CBRIS member, Marilyn Boro, passed away at her home on August 11, 2023. She had been ill for several years. Before her illness, Marilyn was an active member of the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, putting in many hours as the Society's secretary, photographer, and registrar for the CBRIS annual spring shows. For a number of years, she and her husband Carl were also in charge of obtaining beardless irises for the CBRIS October meetings. Marilyn and Carl attended many Region 14 Regionals and American Iris Society National Conventions and happily viewed beautiful iris gardens across the country making many iris friends along the way.

Marilyn's interest in iris started in the early '80s when she visited Bill Maryott's Bird Avenue iris garden. She learned all about irises and even worked with Bill for a few summers, trimming and labeling irises to fill orders. Marilyn was an active hybridizer and introduced 'Dime a Dance' in 1995. At one point, she and Carl grew over 400 irises at their Milpitas home.

Marilyn had other interests as well. She was a talented artist at card making and calligraphy. Anyone fortunate enough to receive one of her special cards will certainly remember how creative she was. Many CBRIS members are still using the name tags that Marilyn made. She loved music and dancing and belonged to several dance groups. Marilyn was a graceful and mesmerizing dancer.

Marilyn leaves behind her husband Carl, her children, grandchildren, extended family, and many friends. She will be greatly missed and remembered for her great kindness and caring nature. A Celebration of Life was held on October 7, 2023 in Milpitas.

Condolences may be sent to:
Carl Boro
2133 Yosemite Dr.,
Milpitas, CA 95035.



Philippa Alvis

December 22, 1928 – December 21, 2023

Philippa would have been 95 years old on December 22nd. Sadly, she passed away on December 21st, a young 94. She had been enjoying her stay in New York with her daughter, Joanne, making wreaths and swag decorations for Christmas, planting succulents for her daughter to give as gifts, and going to West Point for their Christmas musical performance. As always, Philippa was enjoying life to the fullest until a massive stroke swiftly took her out.

Philippa wore many hats in her long life. She was a teacher, wife, mother, Santa Clara Master Gardener, AIS judge, past CBRIS president (1993-1995), member of Clara B. Rees and Monterey Bay Iris Societies, Western Horticulture Society, the Camellia Society, the Rose Society and probably others. Perhaps most significant of all, she was a student – always curious, always learning, always excited about the next growing season, the next holiday and the next shopping adventure! A true gardener, she always looked forward to tomorrow and fully expected to be here.

Her contribution to Clara B. cannot be overestimated. She was always willing to take on any task and was an excellent recruiter, as it was impossible to say no to her! She kept us on our toes and let us know when we violated the bylaws or forgot to mention an important point.

Philippa was the heart of CBRIS and will be greatly missed. RIP Philippa.



Article & Photos Submitted by Carol Dahout
CBRIS President

Evelyn Condo

February 4, 1929 – January 15, 2024

We sadly announce that Las Vegas and High Desert Iris Societies founder Evelyn Condo left us just shy of her 95th birthday on January 15th. Evelyn worked tirelessly to care for and teach others about Irises, never hesitating to share her secrets of success regarding cultivation and showing. In her memory, beginning in 2024, the High Desert Iris Society will include in their show the Evelyn Condo Award for the best pink Iris shown.

She was predeceased by her parents, Robert Proctor and Eva Proctor; her husband Mark Condo; her sisters, June Robinson (Ray) and Mary Powers (Pat); and her grandson Rick Condo.

She is survived by her sister Janice Clegg (Alman); and her children, Lyn Condo (Annette), Sue Conk (Phil), and Debbie Smith (Les). She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed.



Evelyn in her Garden May 2016
Photo by Stephanie Jennings



Evelyn at her 90th Birthday Celebration
Photo by Stephanie Jennings



TB 'Evelyn Condo' (Timothy Metler, R. 2013)
Photo Courtesy AIS

Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award

The 2024 Honorary Awards Committee, (Carol Dahout-chair, Tiffany Rush, Dan Williams and Carolyn Honnette) invites all clubs and members of Region 14 to submit recommendations for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award by the firm deadline of August 1, 2024.

Please submit your nomination to the committee chair, Carol Dahout, caroldahout@yahoo.com, with as much information as possible to support your Region 14 nominee. Be sure the submission for an individual or couple documents long-term dedication of eight years or more to Region 14. If you have relevant photographs, please include them.

Once received, your submission will be confirmed by email from Carol, 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.

Here are the qualification guidelines:

1. The Larry Gaulter award may be awarded to an individual, firm, or couple that have made a significant, long-term contribution to Region 14
2. 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 who have demonstrated exceptional service over a period of 8 years or more.
3. Service to local clubs, iris shows, judges training, other local activities and the general promotion of irisies may be considered, but only as an adjunct to primary service as defined below. Service at the National level is not to be considered.
4. 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 2024.

2023 American Iris Society Region 14 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation

Shirley Trio-Probst



On October 14, 2023, at the Region 14 meeting held in Aptos, the 2023 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award was presented by American Iris Society Region 14 Vice President Carolyn Hoover to Shirley Trio Probst.



**Recipient Shirley Trio-Probst
Photo by Marilyn Kaplan**

The committee thanks the affiliate members who submitted thoughtful and thorough submissions in support of their candidate. We invite all Region 14 members to continue supporting their choices for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award in the future. Please consider your candidate for the 2024 award and start collecting the supporting materials. Look for submission details in the Bulletin and on the R14 website.

Appreciation was extended to the Larry Gaulter award committee members for their time and consideration. The committee members were Aleta Kerr, Tiffany Rush, Carol Dahout, and Kathy Oldham. The committee chair for 2024 is Carol Dahout. Carolyn Hoover will announce the appointment of a new committee member as the chair rotates out annually. The following report on the presentation is submitted by Kathy Oldham.



Opposites (Shirley Trio, R.2013, TB)
Photo Courtesy wiki.irises.org

For an organization that is dependent on volunteers, it is not an easy task to single out a recipient for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award. With that in mind, I would like to thank the affiliate members who have spent a considerable amount of time and effort to document and nominate candidates, and the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award committee members, Aleta Kerr, Tiffany Rush and Carol Dahout, who gave thoughtful consideration to their decision.

This year's Larry Gaulter Award winner has worn many hats during more than their thirty-eight years as a member of Region 14, and has been a Life member of the American Iris Society since 1987.

There are a select number of Irisarians who can say an iris in their name has been introduced. James McWhirter named one of his tall bearded iris in 1995 after this year's recipient.



Shirley Trio
(James McWhirter, R.1995, TB)
Photo Courtesy wiki.irises.org

Shirley Trio Probst has also introduced a prize winning tall bearded iris of her own that won the Region 14 Knopf cup for best seedling in 2010, and the Clara B Rees Cup for the best past introduction in 2014.

At the national level, Opposites won an Honorable Mention in 2015, and an Award of Merit in 2017.



Shirley at the 2014 Regional
Photo by Carolyn Hoover



Shirley with her R14 Clara B Rees Cup for Best Seedling,
with Husband Riley Probst showcasing his Awards,
Region 14 2014 meeting
Photo by Mikey Lango

As a master judge, serving many of our affiliates in this capacity since 1997, the 2023 recipient has mentored and encouraged new judges and apprentices, and shares her years of experience and knowledge for both garden and bench show judging. She is a past recipient of the Star Award presented in 2015, and has frequently racked up the most annual judges training hours.

To say Shirley is an active member of Region 14 is an understatement. Shirley has participated on the Region 14 Board on many occasions. No job is too small, or too large. Shirley has served Region 14 in the following leadership positions:

Finance Chair (1997 for three years)

Secretary

Fundraising Chair

Director (2007 for three years)

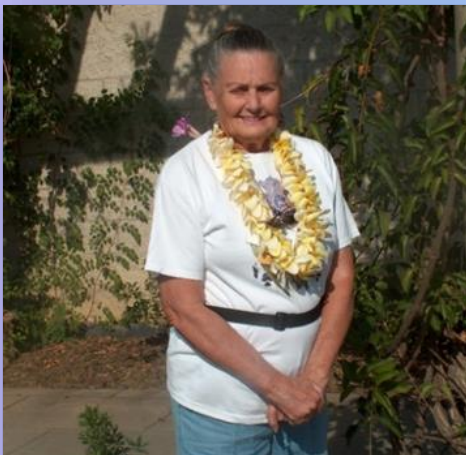
R14 Meeting chair and host (2010 Spring Regional)

Bulletin Editor (Winter 2014-Fall 2018)

National Convention Chair—twice (St Louis 2005 and San Ramon 2017-2019)

Membership Chair (2021-present)

At the affiliate level, Shirley has started new clubs, been a member concurrently in twelve Region 14 clubs serving on numerous boards. She is supportive of, and has worked countless hours at club events, selling and buying iris. In addition, she consistently exhibits loyalty and support to our hybridizers, youth, and new members.



**Shirley at Huntington Gardens
National Convention 2012
Photo by Riley Probst**



**Shirley Bidding at the MDIS Auction, 2023
Photo by Eileen Roark**



**Shirley & Riley Probst
Photo by Mikey Lango**

The following are some terms that have been used to describe this exemplary individual:

Enthusiastic
Perseverance
Tireless Service
Stalwart
Dedicated
Gives above the call of duty
Devoted Service

The awards cabinet on Fine Avenue will now display a pair of Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement awards as she is also married to last year's Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement recipient.

It is a privilege of this Region to present the Larry Gaulter Lifetime achievement award this year to Shirley Trio-Probst.

Congratulations Shirley!



**Award Presentation by Carolyn Hoover
Photo by Riley Probst**



**L-R: R14 RVP Carolyn Hoover,
Shirley Trio-Probst, & Award Chair
Linda Oldham
Photo by Mikey Lango**



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Judges' Training Report – Spring 2024

Region 14 is off to a great start with two trainings being offered during the 2023 Fall Regional that was held in Monterey, followed by a training class in Oakhurst and two training classes being held during the CBRIS January meeting in Oakland. There will be both garden and classroom training offered during the Spring Regional meeting that will be held in Auburn in April. Once again, I encourage each Club to consider sponsoring a classroom or a garden training either as part of your monthly meeting or in addition to your monthly meeting. Please call or email me with any questions regarding offering training for Judges. I am always happy to help you.

As of February 1st 2024, Region 14 has 46 Judges including 4 Student Judges, 1 Apprentice Judge, and 4 Judges designated as Artistic Judges. Phyllis Wilburn and Mary Ann Horton have now advanced to Master Judge status. Major congratulations go to Anna Cadd for the honor of her advancement by AIS to Judge Emeritus. It is a well deserved honor.

I hope to see all of you at the Spring Regional which will be held April 19th and 20th in Auburn. I will be either mailing or personally handing out the Judges Activity Reports in April. They are due back to our RVP and me by June 1st at the latest.

See you at the Spring Regional!

Carol Cullen, Region 14 JT Chair



January 20th Judges' Training Attendees in Oakland, CA Photo by Mikey Lango

Region 14 Youth

Youth Chair News Spring 2024

We now have over 120 AIS Youth Members in Region 14. As Youth Chair, I now have a new CIP (Classroom Iris Program) at Oakhurst Elementary School, Oakhurst, CA. I have 62 students in this new program. Last fall, I assisted them in planting a new school garden with over 60 irises. I also have 60 students (4-5th graders) at Wasuma Elementary School, Ahwahnee, CA. All four classes turned in over 70 Coloring Contest entries to the AIS Coloring Contest. Judging this National AIS Contest will be Linda Hood, Bill Tyson and Joan Earnest, and members of Yosemite Iris Society.

The Ackerman Essay Contest

This is due by June 10, 2024. For details on this contest, please see page 72 of the AIS Fall Bulletin or go to the newly revised AIS Youth web page: aisyouth.org

Thank you for all your continued support of the Youth Program for Region 14. I am continuing to rebuild the Youth membership of Region 14 after the school closures from the Covid pandemic

Carolyn Hoover, Youth Chair



**Oakhurst School 5th Grade CIP
Youth Member
Photo by Carol Eshelman**



**Oakhurst School AIS Youth Planting an Iris Garden
with CIP Lead Carolyn Hoover
Photo by Carol Eshelman**

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

We kicked off the year in January with a program on composting presented by Master Gardener, Sharon McCray. Sharon demonstrated how we can convert our food and green waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment.

At our February meeting, our Vice-President, Trang Bui, presented a program on our society namesake, Clara B. Rees. Clara hybridized ‘Snow Flurry’ which was introduced in 1939 and was the first ruffled tall bearded and parent to hundreds of modern irises.

Our potted iris sale will be on Saturday, April 6th, at the Saratoga Farmer’s Market, 14000 Fruitvale Ave. Saratoga. We will be selling our 2-gallon pots for \$10 each.

Our spring show, “A Rainbow of Iris”, will be a one day show on Sunday, April 28th, at the Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave., Saratoga. We will have horticulture and artistic displays. Entries will be accepted from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Open to the public from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Fresno Iris Society

The Fresno Iris Society held its annual Christmas party at Marie Callender’s on January 13th, 2024. There are several reasons it is held in January, primarily to avoid the chaos of the Christmas season in December and to avoid the fog which is prevalent in our area. After our lunch, we have a white elephant gift exchange which is enjoyed by all members.



Fresno Iris Society Members Enjoying the Holiday Party & Gift Exchange
Photo by Rick Tasco



Fresno Iris Society Members Enjoying the Holiday Party & Gift Exchange
Photo by Rick Tasco



Fresno Iris Society Members Enjoying the Holiday Party & Gift Exchange
Photo by Rick Tasco

High Desert Iris Society

HDIS received IRS determination as a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Monthly potluck meetings are year-round except December, and are held in members' homes.

Our membership grew to 40, and event participation increased markedly through social media due to member Patty Johnston's training sessions.

We look forward to a busy 2024!

James M. Gibson Iris Society

We have had a busy year! August found us knee deep in digging iris rhizomes to sell at the Visalia Farmer's Market. This is an annual sale for us and we do two Saturdays back to back. It has always been a great fundraiser for us.



**Visalia Farmer's Market, August 2023
L-R: Bill Tyson, Randy Wilson, Kathleen George**

We had a "potting party" in late August so we can sell potted iris at Porterville's Spring Festival. This event will be held April 13, 2024 in downtown Porterville. We decided to change our annual BBQ and auction to September instead of August. August is such a busy time and also so hot! It was so much better and a little cooler, too. Our members had some bidding wars and it was the best sale ever!



Kurt Kilburn at the Potting Party

Our October meeting turned into a Halloween Party with lots of food and fun. “The Count” made a visit to our meeting.



Halloween Party, October 2023
L: Randy Wilson R: Tiffany Rush

December’s Christmas Party was held at El Tapatio in Porterville. It was a new venue and everyone agreed to continue having it at El Tapatio in the future.



Attendees at the 2023 Holiday Party at El Tapatio

Hope everyone has a great 2024 and a good Spring Bloom this year.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Hood, President
Photos submitted and taken by Tiffany Rush

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Hello, Everyone, from Leo T Clark Iris Society. We have been hunkering down for the winter, but the iris are already tentatively pushing their new leaves up, getting ready for spring!

Our club ended 2023 with a great Christmas party at member Shirley Clark's home. We had a white elephant gift exchange, a huge abundance of potluck food, and a great time!

Speaking of members' homes, the club is currently relying on the goodwill of several of our members to provide places to hold our monthly meetings. As of the end of 2023, we are unfortunately no longer able to use the Veterans Hall in Chico. But thanks to our members' generosity, we will still have a place to meet until we find another regular place.

We will be holding our annual potted iris fundraiser at member Carol Cullen's home on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 AM until noon. Several members have been overwintering a lot of pots, and we will have a great selection this year!

On Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, we will be holding our Spring Iris Show. This event will be at the Chico Marketplace. We are currently deciding on a theme for the show, and it is always a great time for all!

That's it for now, and Happy Growing!
LTCIS

Further info on events will be pending at: <https://leotclarkirissociety.org/>

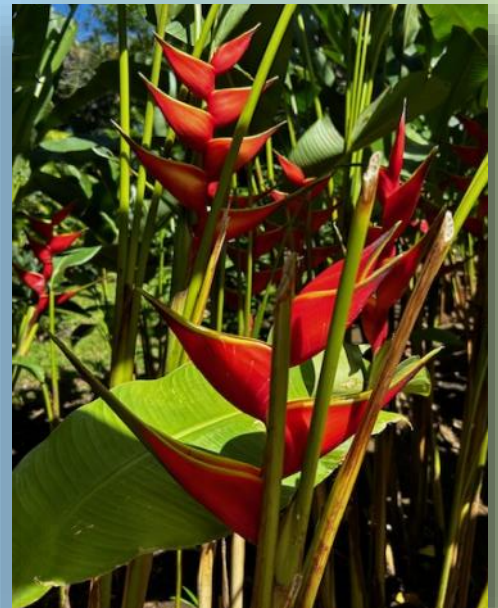
Submitted by Deb Rojas, Co-President, LTCIS



Thunbergia Grandiflora, 'Clockvine'
Costa Rica Photo by Stephanie Jennings



Eucalyptus 'Rainbow' Deglupta
Costa Rica Photo by Stephanie Jennings



Heliconia Bihai Red, San Jose, Costa Rica
Photo by Stephanie Jennings

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Since the last Bulletin in August, the Mount Diablo Iris Society had two street sale fundraisers. The first was on August 12th in Benecia at their annual Peddlers Fair. Mt Diablo has participated in this fair for over 4 decades. The Benecia event was our best ever with close to \$4,500 in fundraising accomplished. Our team of members has the set up and tear down activity running like a well oiled machine. Towards the end of the day, the tables were getting pretty sparse with irises. These leftovers were packed up for a new second sale we were trying out on August 27th in the Niles District of Fremont at their 59th Annual Antique Fair. A single booth, much smaller than Benecia, was set up early in the morning. We actually had to wait a couple hours for the event to open. So we got to sit and visit for a while. We made new Grab Bags of 10 irises as all the bags in Benecia sold out. Plus, we dug additional irises from members' gardens for the event. For our first time at this location, we did pretty well, taking in \$1,155.00. We will do both events again this year on August 10th and August 25th.



L-R: Jeff Bennett, Linda Woods, Marilyn Kaplan, Shirley Trio-Probst, Riley Probst



Jeff Bennett with their Best Customer Gustavo



Iris Grab Bags for the Fremont Antique Fair

We had 7 members attend the Fall Regional with the Monterey Bay Iris Society on October 13-14. It was great to see so many Re-Blooming Iris entered into their show, the most ever. We all enjoyed hearing Joe Ghio speak on how he started in irises so many years ago. (See pages 17-18 for photos)

It was also wonderful to see Shirley Trio receive the Larry Gaulter Award for all her dedicated years to everything IRIS! (See pages 25-28)

One new change to our Society this year is when we meet. We now meet on the second Sunday afternoon from 1-3pm. A new meeting place at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center for the months of September, October and November. Then for January, February and March we meet back in San Ramon at the San Ramon Community Center at 12501 Alcosta Blvd Room 201 San Ramon, Ca. from 1-3pm.

Bryce Williamson was our September Speaker on Color Patterns of Tall Bearded Irises

Jeff Bennett gave a presentation on his trip to the AIS Convention In Dallas 2023 for the October Meeting

Riley Probst gave a presentation on The Region 13/Tall Bearded Iris Society Regional in Salem, Oregon from May 2023 for our November meeting.

January brought Jane Jordan from CBRIS to give her presentation on Beardless iris varieties and the award categories for each.

February 11th will have a presentation from Jeff Bennett on Arilbreds growing at Dry Creek Garden, how the 271 varieties of Arilbreds did in 2023, and when to expect the garden to be open for this year's early Arilbred peak bloom. SHHHH, Its April 11, 12, 13, and 14th. Don't tell them yet!

Article and Photos Submitted by Jeff Bennett



'Turkish Topaz' Lloyd Austin, 1962, Aril Hybrid

Sacramento Iris Society

Sacramento Iris Society Spring 2024, by Phyllis Wilburn

Sacramento Iris Society had a busy Fall, starting with an auction of the leftover door prize irises, that were all 2022 introductions. Riley Probst was the auctioneer, and the club recouped a good portion of what it cost to buy the irises in the first place. We have a budget for door prize irises, and we purchase current year introductions each year. They are planted and the increases are given out as door prize promises during the year. There are always some left over after the winnings are distributed, and those are auctioned to members at the September meeting.

In October we had a potted iris fundraiser at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, where we meet. It is a large sale involving all the clubs that meet there, and other vendors. We had two good programs at the Oct and Nov meetings. Kathy Braaten gave a program on Louisiana Iris, and Phyllis Wilburn gave one on refurbishing an iris bed.

The holiday party was a joyous event as usual, with wonderful pot luck dishes and turkey and ham provided by the club. Fran Shields, Refreshment Chair, always makes the event festive with her wonderful table decorations, and the gift exchange and traditional bingo game, were great fun.

Since the New Year, our focus has turned to the Spring regional meeting, which is being co-hosted by Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies. Many members belong to both clubs, so it is like keeping it in the family. The event is chaired by Cindy Eastman and LaVille Logan. Kathy Braaten is treasurer and Phyllis Wilburn is registrar. The registration form and the tentative schedule is included on pages 19 & 20 in this Bulletin, and we are hoping that you will all plan to come.

The show schedule is being finalized and will be available soon. If you want a digital copy, email Phyllis Wilburn (Abirder@aol.com) or call (530-334-3521). There will be two gardens, Horton's Iris Farm and Ruth Ostroff's garden. All the information regarding the hotel and meals is on the registration form.



Jan Knecht, "Keeper of the Potted Iris"
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



L: Jan Knecht R: Elaine Bowers, Potted Iris Fundraiser
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



L: LaVile Logan R: Cindy Eastman, SIS Holiday Party
Photo by Elaine Bowers



Ruth Ostroff, SIS Holiday Party
Photo by Elaine Bowers



Bill Fink, SIS Holiday Party
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L: Stan Logan R: Fran Shields, SIS Holiday Party
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Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Founded in 1996 by avid irisarian Bertha Brownlee, Sierra Foothills Iris Society holds its 6pm **Meetings** the 3rd Tuesdays of most months of the year. Bertha, who passed away 10 years ago in March, 2014, would be pleased the club is going strong after 28 years. Meetings have returned to the Rose Room, Auburn Civic Center, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA. Parking is behind the building. Refreshments are served and meeting door prize drawings are held; prize rhizomes are presented at the September meeting. **Educational Programs** cover a wide variety of gardening topics revolving around growing iris. Club info, iris photos and more are on **Facebook**: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Sierra-Foothills-Iris-Society/100057437470465/>

Sierra Foothills Iris Society co-presents the Region 14 Spring 2024 Meeting, “**Golden Gathering,**” to be held in the Sierra foothills in Auburn, California, Friday, April 19 to Saturday, April 20th. Instead of its own Iris Show, SFIS exhibitors may present blooms and arrangements at the Regional’s Iris Show, Friday late afternoon, Auburn Holiday Inn at Hwy 49 off I-80: 120 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn, CA 95603. Entering the Region 14 Iris Show is open and free to the public. New members and those who have never entered a Show before are especially encouraged to bring blooms and arrangements. An exhibitor does not need to be a member or registered for the Meeting to show iris. Details and rules will be posted on the AIS **Region 14 website**. There is a section on showing iris: <http://aisregion14.org/2021/06/19/showing-iris/>. Come learn about growing and showing iris at SFIS meetings. Veteran members are happy to offer guidance.

May 3rd and 4th, a **Potted Iris Fundraiser** will be held to benefit SFIS at the hospitable, full line Weiss Brothers Nursery, 615 Maltman Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95945, celebrating 50 years serving the Gold Country community. A number of iris types will be offered, rarely available except online. Photos of each named variety will help visitors know how the iris will look in bloom.

As a one-day event, the Sierra Foothills Iris Society **Annual Rhizome Fundraiser** will be Saturday, July 27th, in the air-conditioned Lakeside Room, 3770 Richardson Drive, Auburn, inside the building complex of expansive, shaded Auburn Regional Park, with picnic and pond areas to enjoy after you visit and select your new garden additions from the enormous selection of iris rhizomes. Planting instructions and demonstrations are always provided. Many more activities will be held as the year pans out in Gold Country! Join us!

Submitted by Patricia Eisenberg for SFIS



SFIS Members Enjoying the Holiday Party
Photo by Lori Kambe



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Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society recently reinstated their traditional January potluck luncheon and judges' training, with training provided by Riley Probst. We have plans to hold a mix of in-person and online meetings in 2024, and will hold a virtual iris show (hopefully with AIS accreditation) this spring. Looking forward, we will hold a bearded iris rhizome sale on July 26.

Jean Richter
Co-President, SBMIS

Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society has a busy year 2024 planned. There are currently 42 members of YIS. We had a lot of fun at our Annual Christmas Party Dinner held at Bee's Bakery and Café, Oakhurst. 32 members attended.

We are having our Iris Show on Saturday, May 4, 2024 @ Oakhurst Elementary School Multipurpose Room, Oakhurst. There will be a Youth and Artistic Design division. Contact C. Hoover, Show Chair for more information.

YIS will be volunteering to assist (along with other Southern Area clubs) the host (Region 14), at the Region 14 Fall Regional 2024 to be held:

Oct 11-12th 2024 @ the Redeemer Lutheran Meeting Hall, 1084 W. Bullard, Fresno CA.

May- YIS is planning a Garden Tour and possible "in garden" judges' training session at the Bee Haven and Mariposa Iris Gardens, Sat. May 18th. Region 14 members are welcome and there will be more details later requiring an RSVP.

YIS meetings are the 2nd Sat. of every month, except for July, Aug. and Dec. at the Oakhurst Library Room, Oakhurst, CA. If you would like to attend, please contact Carolyn Hoover, President YIS (559)760-5638 yischoover@gmail.com

Happy Spring!



YIS President Carolyn Hoover, Christmas Party
Photo by Guy Hoover



YIS Members Enjoying the Christmas Party
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