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The RVP's Garden

RVP's Report Fall 2024

I hope you are all surviving the hot, record-breaking temperatures of this summer! I spend most of my days watering and trying to keep my plants alive! I am looking forward to cooler days coming in the fall. It's time to register for our **Fall Regional Meeting, Oct. 11-13th, 2024, "A Harvest of Colors" in Fresno, CA** hosted by Region 14. Our guest speaker will be Delane Langton, Chair of the AIS National Convention 2025, in Billings, Montana. We are thrilled to be flying Delane in to tell us all about his huge iris garden, specializing in reblooming irises, a "Continuous Iris Bloom" and many highlights of the upcoming AIS National Convention 2025. Continuous iris bloom is not only possible, but repeatable at the Eagle Ridge Iris Gardens, Billings, Montana. Out of the 7,000 irises in this garden there is a high percentage of rebloom in Zone 4b beginning around April 1st with the 'reticulata,' followed by the MDB (Miniature Dwarf Bearded) and the big show of the TB (Tall Bearded) bloom goes until the end of June. Spuria begin to bloom in June, then the bearded "rebloomers" bloom all summer and into fall until the hard freeze comes in November. Come and hear all the details about this continuous bloom period in the harsh, cold climate of Montana from our guest speaker at the Fall Regional! Register today! Hotel or AIR B & B on your own. Book today! I will be sending out of a list of hotels that are in the north and central areas of Fresno for you to consider.

Also, Region 14's Fall Regional will be having a Fall Trek and Judges' Training at the Bee Haven Iris Garden, Coarsegold, CA on **Sunday, Oct 13th at 10 :00 AM for In-garden, 1 hour, Judges' Training.** Bee Haven will probably have over 100 of their 400 Reblooming irises in bloom. You don't want to miss seeing this fabulous rebloom and visit more with Delane Langton. I want to thank John and Carolyn Honnette for offering their home to the Langton's during their stay in Fresno. Look for the **Registration form** and Tentative Fall Schedule in this Fall Bulletin.

Many thanks for hosting a fabulous 2024 Spring Regional goes to the Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies, “**A Golden Gathering**” held last April in Auburn, CA. It went very smoothly, thanks to the effort of co-chairs, LaVille Logan and Cindy Eastman. Cindy also organized the dig and distribution of guest garden rhizomes in the heat of August. I also want to thank Mary Ann Horton and Ruth Ostroff for providing the two guest gardens for this year’s regional and for being great garden hosts and welcoming all. Show chair and registrar, Phyllis Wilburn, did a great job as always. Thank you again to all the other members of SIS and SFIS who assisted as well with this year’s Spring Regional!

Kitty Loberg is the Chair of the **2025 Spring Regional, May 2nd & 3rd, 2025, hosted by Santa Rosa Iris Society**. Guest gardens will be located at the Luther Burbank Garden Center and Diana Ford’s. Diana Ford, hybridizer, will be the Guest Speaker. I can’t wait for this Regional to happen! Thank you SRIS!! Look for more information on Spring Regional 2025 in this Fall Bulletin and on the Region 14 website.

Please consider being an AIS Judge in Region 14. We are all getting a little older, and sadly we have lost another Region 14 AIS judge—Ted Hawkins passed away at the end of June. My deepest condolences go out to his wife Barbara and family. Carol Cullen, Asst. RVP/Judges’ Training Chair also reported at the Spring Regional meeting that Phillipa Alvis, Evelyn Condo, Marian Joyce Raggie and Shirley Trio-Probst had passed away in 2024. I also heard that Anna Cadd, President of SRIS, just had surgery recently at the end of July. I am praying for a speedy recovery and rest for Anna. She is a hard one to keep still and out of her garden! I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Regional Meeting in Fresno in October!!

Iristatically,

Carolyn Hoover, RVP



**Delane Langton at the 2024 AIS
National Convention
Photo by Dinah Oppenheimer**

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Editor's Corner

Greetings Iris friends & family! I wanted to let you know that after 6 years of doing the Region 14 Bulletin, I've decided to step down and pass the baton so to speak. I would encourage whoever takes over to offer a totally new design and make it their own. If you're interested or would like to recommend someone, please reach out to RVP Carolyn Hoover.

It's been an honor to be your Editor for so long - a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed content for this publication past, present, and future!

2025 AIS Convention June 2-7, 2025 - Billings, MT

The next Bulletin is scheduled to publish in February 2025. The deadline for submitting items is Saturday, February 1st.

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 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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Photo by Stephanie Jennings

Region 14 Treasurer's Report

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds at 4/15/2024

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bank of Am-checking & CD's | 40036.68 | 38788.93 |
| PayPal | 2224.86 | 2224.86 |
| Total Cash | 42261.54 | 41013.79 |

| | 2024 Budget | 4/15/2024 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| EXPENSES BY ITEM: | | |
| Bulletin- Publishing | | |
| " Color Pages | | |
| " Editor Expense | 30 | |
| RVP Allowance | 3500 | 115 |
| " Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles | 100 | |
| " Sales Taxes | 200 | 64 |
| Finance- fall regional(includes airfare fall 2024) | 750 | 1227.4 |
| Finance-Spring regional | 500 | 345 |
| Judges' Training | 250 | |
| Awards and Trophies | 500 | |
| Honorary Awards | 300 | |
| Office/Legal | 150 | 101.23 |
| Historian one-time scanner\$600 | 100 | |
| Scholarship | 1600 | |
| Scholarship expenses | 250 | |
| Science | 500 | |
| Youth Committee | 1000 | |
| Membership | 100 | |
| Internet Services | 250 | |
| Donation- | 400 | |
| Start-up Funds for regionals | 1000 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 11480 | 1852.63 |

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| Bulletin Subscriptions | | | |
| Members Dues | 1750 | | |
| Donations earned for scholarship | 1000 | Scholarship | 150 |
| Interest | 200 | | 355 |
| Judges' Training | | | |
| Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional | 400 | | |
| Finance, Spring Fundraiser- | 1500 | | |
| Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes | 1250 | | |
| Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations | 1000 | | |
| Finance, Fall Beardless Iris | 750 | | |
| Finance, Spring Regional co/hosted by Region 14 | | | 100 |
| Youth-postage | | | |
| Total Revenues | 7900 | | 605 |
| | | | |
| Total Expenses | | | 1852.63 |
| Less total Revenues | | | -605 |
| Excess Expense | | | 1247.63 |
| Excess Revenue | | | |
| Plus Deposits to Paypal | Basket money etc. | | |

Region 14 2024 Budget

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Approved Budget 2024

Prepared by Helen Franklin R14 Treas.

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

| EXPENSES BY ITEM: | Revised 09/30/2023 Budget | Approved Budget for 2024 |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |

scanner, est. \$600

*****ANNOUNCEMENT*****

At the Fall Regional Meeting, members will vote on candidates selected/nominated for Region 14 RVP and Region 14 Assistant RVP.

The candidates are:

- Dan Williams, RVP**
- Carol Cullen, Assistant RVP (Returning)**

AIS Region 14 Fall 2024 Regional



Region 14

2024 Fall Regional October 11-12-13, 2024

'A Fall Harvest of Colors'

Hosted by Region 14

Guest Speaker

Delane Langton, Co-Chair of the 2025 AIS National Convention,

Eagle Ridge Iris Garden, Billings, MT

Conference Room of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fresno, CA

1084 W. Bullard, Fresno, CA 93711

Lodging in your choice at hotels or Air B & Bs in the greater Fresno area.

Registration includes a full lunch on Saturday, and during the meeting Saturday morning there will be a light breakfast served consisting of coffee, tea, juice and light pastries on Sat and Sunday mornings. In garden tour and 1 hr. garden training at Bee Haven Iris Garden, Coarsegold on Sunday|10/13 @ 10:30 AM

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration if paid by September 7th, 2024, \$75 per person x person (s) Total \$ _____

If paid after September 7th, 2024 \$80 per person x person(s) Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Region 14 & mail to Registrar:

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AIS Region 14 2024 Fall Regional Tentative Meeting Schedule

| Region 14 Fall Regional Meeting | | | |
|--|----|----------|--------------------------------------|
| October 11,12 & 13 2024 | | | |
| Fresno, CA | | | |
| Friday, October 11 | | | |
| 3:00 PM | to | 7:00 PM | Registration |
| 3:00 PM | to | 4:30 PM | Reblooming Iris Show Set-Up |
| | | | Entries Accepted |
| 5:00 PM | | | Iris Show Judged |
| 6:00 PM | to | 7:00 PM | Dinner on your own |
| 6:30 PM | to | 7:30 PM | Social Evening, Silent Auction Open |
| 7:30 PM | to | 9:00 PM | Guest Speaker- D. Langton of Montana |
| 9:00 PM | to | 10:00 PM | Social Evening, Auctions/Bidding |
| Saturday, October 12 | | | |
| 7:00 AM | to | 8:30 AM | Registration |
| 7:00 AM | to | 8:30 AM | Breakfast on Your Own |
| 8:30 AM | to | 9:30 AM | Region Budget Meeting |
| 9:30 AM | to | 10:00 AM | Break and Auction Bidding |
| 10:00 AM | to | 12:00 PM | Region 14 Board and General Mtg. |
| 12:00 PM | to | 1:00 PM | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:00 PM | to | 2:30 PM | Judges Training TBA |
| 3:00 PM | to | 3:30 PM | Break/Auction Bidding |
| 3:30 PM | to | 4:00 PM | Iris Auction/Basket Drawing |
| 4:00 PM | to | 4:30 PM | Finalize Sales/ End Event |

Sunday, October 13 |

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|-------|----|----------|--|
| 10 AM | to | 11:30 AM | Judges (In Garden) Training Reblooming Bearded Irises Bee Haven Iris Garden 50726 Falcon View Coarsegold, CA |
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Nearby Hotels - 2024 Fall Regional

Fall Regional 2024 in Fresno, CA October 11-12, 2024

Hotels in the area:

If you are planning on attending the Fall Regional, Oct. 11-12, 2024, here are three hotels that you may want to consider. Each are only a mile from where our Regional will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fresno, CA (1084 W. Bullard, Fresno). I hope you find them helpful.

If you have any questions regarding your stay in Fresno, please contact me.

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Best Western Village Inn, Fresno, CA
3110 N. Blackstone Av. Fresno, CA
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Remembering Friends

SHIRLEY JEANETTE SUTHERLAND TRIO-PROBST

June 25, 1943 - May 16, 2024

Shirley Sutherland was born in Merced, CA on June 25th, 1943. She grew up in Merced, McFarland and Atwater, CA. She was a cheerleader at Atwater High School where she graduated in 1961. Her mother worked at nearby Castle AFB. After high school she married Loren Buhler and they settled in Modesto to raise a family. They had three children. Jackie, the oldest daughter was named after Jackie Kennedy. Michael was named after the song "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore". Dawn, the youngest daughter was named after Frankie Valli's hit song "Dawn". As her children were growing up Shirley attended Modesto Junior College and earned her Associate Degree in Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. She worked at several different hospitals in the Modesto area ending up at Memorial Medical Center from 1993-1999. While she was a nurse she adopted her cousin's daughter Kristin in 1981. She was named after the fictional character Kristin Shepard on the TV show "Dallas".

She bought her first iris in the mid 1970's. The bloom was large and pretty and she decided to get more. Her aunt shared her irises but Shirley still wanted more. She wrote for a Cooley Iris Garden Catalog, placed her first iris order that was over \$700.00 and as they say "the rest is history."

By the late 1980's she had joined the American Iris Society. She became a Life Member in 1987. She operated her own commercial garden with a catalog known as "The Iris Lady's Garden". During the 1990's she became an AIS Judge. At that time, she was attending the Fresno, Mt. Diablo and Sacramento Iris Societies. Then the San Joaquin Iris Society was formed and she became a charter member and the first secretary.

In 1995 she attended her first American Iris Society convention in York, PA. There, at the cocktail hour before the Welcome Banquet she met Riley Probst from St. Louis, MO who had already attended 8 AIS Conventions. He was her companion and guide for much of that convention. They saw each other several times the next few years. Then in October, 1999 she moved to Kirkwood, MO to be with Riley full time. In St. Louis she worked for a temporary agency as a Registered Nurse. The agency assigned her to various hospitals including Barnes Hospital, Normandy South in Des Peres, St. Luke, St. Mary and St. Anthony.



Photos by Mikey Lango



Shirley and Riley were members of six local iris societies in the St. Louis area: Greater St. Louis Iris Society, Kirkwood Iris Society, O'Fallon Iris Society, Jeffco Iris Society, Mineral Area Iris Society and Mid-Illinois Iris Society . Shirley served as President of the Kirkwood Iris Society and Secretary of Region 18. In 2005 Greater St. Louis Iris Society hosted the AIS Convention. Riley was the Chairman and Shirley was the Registrar for the convention which had 525 attendees. They both volunteered in the Alice Goodman Iris Garden in Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, MO for several years.

In 2006 she and Riley won Best In Show at three different iris shows. We figured it would be difficult to top that and in October, 2006 we started moving back to Modesto. It took us many trips back and forth and we finally completed our move in 2009.

Once we were in California we became members of seven iris clubs: Clara B. Rees Iris Society, James Gibson Iris Society, Monterey Bay Iris Society, Mt. Diablo Iris Society, Sacramento Iris Society, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society and Yosemite Iris Society. She served as President of the SIS and Co-President of SBMIS. She was a founding member of YIS. She held many positions of responsibility such as secretary, director and hospitality chairperson in all of the clubs listed above.

In Region 14 she held many positions of responsibility including Finance Chair 1997-1999, Secretary 2006-2007, Director 2007-2009, Region 14 Meeting Chair 2010, Region 14 Bulletin Editor 2014-2018 and current Membership Director 2021-2024. Her biggest job in Region 14 was Chairwoman of the 2019 AIS Convention 2016-2019 held in San Ramon, CA. Shirley was a Master AIS Judge. On October 14, 2023 Shirley was presented with the prestigious Larry Gaulter Region 14 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Through the years Shirley and Riley were involved in everything iris. This includes operating their Fleur De Lis Iris Garden in Modesto. She introduced one iris, OPPOSITES which won both HM in 2015 & AM in 2017. She still has seedlings being evaluated. She also had an iris named after her, SHIRLEY TRIO by Jim McWhirter and introduced in 1995.



L-R: Riley Probst & Shirley Trio-Probst
Photo by Mikey Lango



Photo Contributed by Mikey Lango

The iris hobby also included lots of travel. Shirley has attended 25 AIS Conventions between her first in 1995 in York, PA and her last in 2019 in San Ramon, CA. They have attended the following cities for AIS Conventions in between: 1996 Sacramento, CA; 1997 Dearborn, MI; 1998 Denver, CO; 1999 Oklahoma City, OK; 2000 Dallas, TX; 2001 York, PA; 2002 Memphis, TN; 2003 Falls Church, VA; 2004 Fresno, CA; 2005 St. Louis, MO; 2006 Portland, OR; 2007 Oklahoma City, OK; 2008 Austin, TX; 2009 Kansas City, MO; 2010 Madison, WI; 2011 Victoria, BC; 2012 Ontario, CA; 2013 Dallas, TX; 2014 Dallas, TX; 2015 Portland, OR; 2016 Newark, NJ; 2017 Des Moines, IA; 2018 New Orleans, LA & 2019 San Ramon, CA. In addition to the AIS Conventions there have been many other trips to AIS Fall Board Meetings, Mini-Conventions, Regional Conventions, Judges Trainings and Garden Visits. They include trips to: Little Rock, AR; Chicago, IL; Springfield, IL; Hutchinson, KS; Overland Park, KS; Wichita, KS; Boston, MA; Lansing, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Cape Girardeau, MO; Columbia, MO, Jefferson City, MO; Kansas City, MO; Springfield, MO; St. Joseph, MO; Lincoln, NE; Omaha, NE; Reno, NV; Tulsa, OK; Portland, OR; Salem, OR; Jackson, TN; Salt Lake City, UT; Vancouver, WA; and Hamilton, ON to name quite a few.

-Not to mention all of the iris trips they made in California from San Diego in the south to Redding in the north and all in between. Shirley also attended four American Daffodil Society Conventions in Cincinnati, OH; Louisville, KY; Portland, OR and St. Louis, MO. In addition to all of this horticultural travelling Shirley took two Caribbean cruises with Riley; one to the Virgin Islands and one to Jamaica.

Shirley died in her sleep at home on Thursday May 16th, 2024. Her health had been declining since December, 2021 when she had a heart attack and lung cancer was discovered. She was in and out of Memorial Hospital several times during this period. A tribute to her life is planned for next year at iris bloom time. It will be held on a weekend in early May, 2025 in Dry Creek Iris Garden in Union City, CA which Shirley helped start.

Shirley is survived by her husband Riley Probst, three daughters, Jackie Basaldua, Dawn Buhler Heinrichs and Kristin Wagoner, one son, Mike Buhler, and six grandchildren, Taylor Buhler-Scott, Andrew Basaldua, Jacob Buhler Madi Buhler, Michael Wagoner and Matthew Wagoner. She will also be missed by many iris friends, both local and across the country. She will also be missed by her pet dogs and cats.



**L-R: Philippa Alvis, 1928-2023 Shirley Trio-Probst, 1943-2024
Photo by Mikey Lango**

Membership Report – Fall 2024

As of July 2024, Region 14 has a total of 386 members. 266 are adult members and 120 youth memberships. Please remember AIS has a **Membership Drive** still going on until Dec. 31, 2024. The Drive's goal this year is to boost the Youth Memberships that were so low in 2022 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. If you sign up or renew an AIS Adult Full Membership, you may select two youths under the age of 19 to become AIS Members (a \$12 value) and they will receive the AIS quarterly bulletin. Please be sure to give the ages and mailing addresses of each youth when submitting payment to AIS Membership Secretary, Jean Richter.

We are in need of a Region 14 Membership Chair. If you have any interest in being appointed to this position, please contact me at:

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Carolyn Hoover

Judges' Training Report – Fall 2024

From August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, Region 14 iris societies provided a total of 13 classroom and garden trainings. In addition to the Region 14 training offered, many of our Judges also attended The AIS National Convention in Portland and obtained additional training hours while there.

The Judge who completed the most training hours this past year is Carolyn Hoover, with 13 hours of classroom and garden judging. Congratulations to her!

This past winter and spring we lost three of our Judges. Phillipa Alvis passed away in December 2023, and both Rudy Ciuca and Shirley Trio Probst died in the Spring of 2024. Their many years of service and contributions to Region 14 are acknowledged and they will be very much missed by all.

As of this date we have 41 active Judges. This Spring, two of our G/E Judges requested to be removed from the Judges List. Sandra Saelens and Mark Greene have requested to be removed as Judges. We do have one Apprentice who has qualified to be advanced to G/E and he will be nominated this Fall. We also have several enthusiastic Student Judges who are very active with classes and individual training and I anticipate they will be advancing this next year.

I encourage each club to consider sponsoring classroom and/or garden training in the coming year. You can call, email or snail mail me with your concerns and requests. Please consider offering training in your area to help Judges avoid long and/or costly trips to obtain required hours. Consider that there are also many club members who are not accredited Judges, but who are very interested in advancing their iris knowledge.

I am available to help you with your judging needs and issues.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions or requests.

Carol Cullen, JT Chair, Region 14

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Scholarship Chair Report – Fall 2024

The recipient of this year's AIS Region 14 scholarship Award is 17 year old Alexandria Hurst of Los Molinos, CA. She is a graduate of Red Bluff High School in Red Bluff, CA this spring of 2024. She is a high achieving young lady with excellent grades and excellent recommendation letters. She is an honor student with a GPA of 3.82. She was very active in high school athletics for swimming, soccer, track and field and alpine sports. She finished 4th at Nationals in Alpine Sports with her USASA snowboarding team in 2023. And was captain of her high school soccer team her junior and senior years. She also was a host to foreign exchange students from Italy and Spain to her Red Bluff High School.

Her goal is to become a helicopter pilot and own her own business to provide crop dusting services and serve as a pilot for the forest service for forest reforestation and fire-fighting. Major area of study is to be Aviation Science/Helicopter Pilot.

Our Second applicant was last year's award winner of the Region 14 Scholarship, Jessica Vanden Beukel. Jessica is a member of Clara B. Reese Iris Society. She is entering her fifth year of study at Cal Poly for Landscape Architecture and Design. She will be awarded the remainder of the scholarship budget of \$150.

Region 14 Youth

We are maintaining a total of 120 AIS Youth Members in Region 14. As Youth Chair, I will be starting up the Fall (CIP) Youth Programs this September! I will be meeting once a month with 4th and 5th grade classroom students at Oakhurst Elementary School and Wasuma Elementary School, Ahwahnee, CA. I will have 60 AIS youths at each school.

This September, I will again assist youth in planting new irises in the school gardens. The AIS Youth Coloring Contest will also be coming out later in the Fall. Look for it on the: aisyouth.org website or in the AIS Bulletin.

We have a Region 14 Youth from Wasuma Elementary- Peyton B. (4th grade) who took 3rd place overall in the National AIS Ackerman Essay Contest and was awarded \$25 and was recognized at the AIS Convention in Portland, Oregon in June. Congrats to Peyton!

Thank you for all your continued support of the Youth Program for Region 14. I want to especially thank Susan Wailor (HDIS) for her donation to the Youth Program, Region 14 that she gave to me at the 2024 Spring Regional in Auburn, CA. I am continuing to rebuild the Youth membership of Region 14, AIS after the school closures from the Covid 19 pandemic. If you would like to sign up a youth or start a CIP in your local school or 4-H program, please contact me. Also, if you would like to make a donation of iris rhizomes or a check for the Youth Programs contact me at:

vischoover@gmail.com or (559)760-5638.

Iristatically,
Carolyn Hoover, Region 14 Youth Chair



Carolyn Hoover with CIP Youth, Wasuma Elementary
Lesson on Fertilizing Irises
Photo by Carol Eshelman



5th Grade Students Planting Irises
Oakhurst Elementary School
Photo by Carol Eshelman

Region 14 Affiliate Happenings

James M. Gibson Iris Society

We sold potted Iris again this year at Porterville's spring festival as a fundraiser. On May 16th, members of our club toured Monrovia Nursery in Woodlake. Our tour guide and van driver took us to new acreage where new varieties were planted. We were amazed at all the plants Monrovia grows and sells. Very educational and interesting! Afterwards, we lunched at the Orange Works in Strathmore.

We are now starting an annual plant exchange by members' request. Our first one is August 8th with a potluck. Upcoming fall events are our annual rhizome sale at Visalia Farmers market, Halloween party in October, and Christmas party in December.

Hope everyone has had a great summer and your Iris have survived The heat we've endured.

Linda Hood, President



**Members Helping at the Porterville Spring Festival
Photos by Tiffany Rush**



Members Enjoying the Tour at Monrovia Nursery
Photo by Tiffany Rush

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Greetings from Leo T. Clark Iris Society. We have had an overall good year so far despite recent scorching summer heat and way-too-close wildfires. But we are hanging in there and already starting what should be one of our busiest and biggest digging and dividing seasons in a long time!

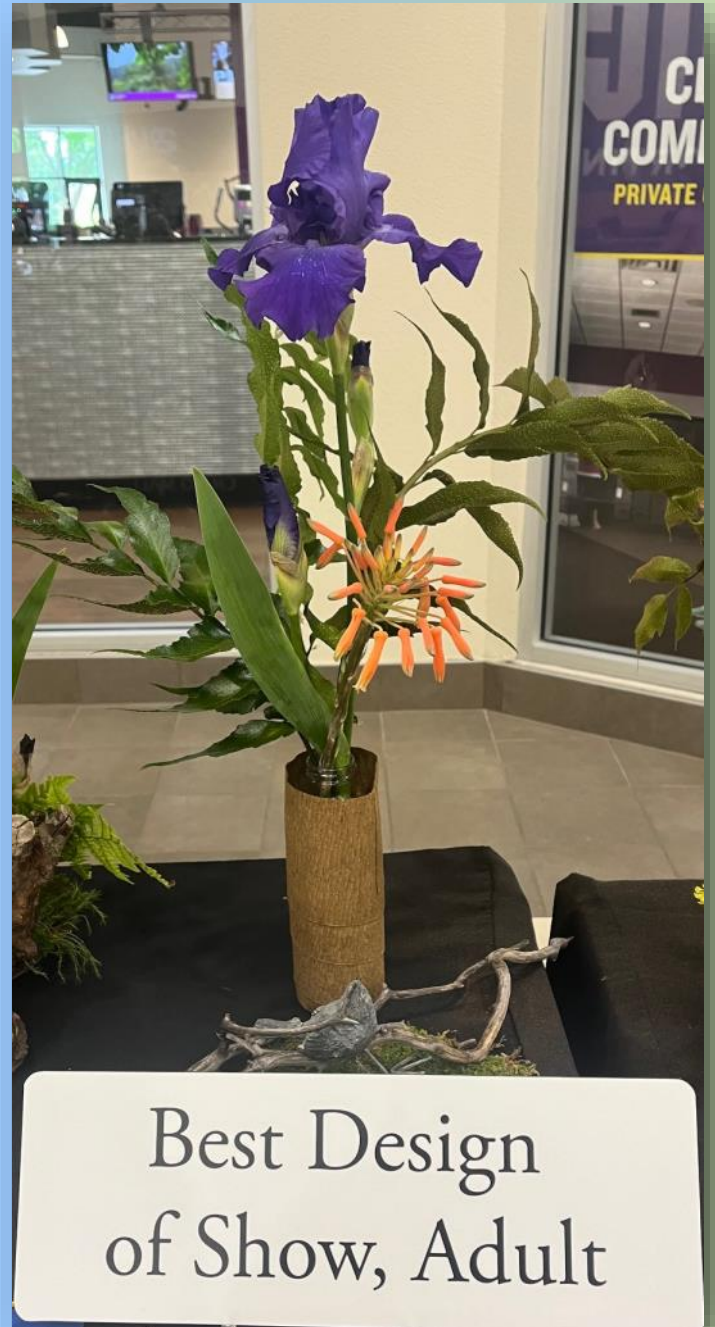
In early April, we set up a booth at the Spring Home and Garden Show at the fairgrounds in Chico. Volunteers from our club had a fine time chatting up the public about the awesome attributes of iris. Also on display was a huge pot of *Iris confusa* Sealy (Bamboo or Wandering Iris), which was a star attraction.



**Iris confusa Sealy on Display in Chico
Photo by Deb Rojas**

Our potted iris fundraiser was a great success this year. Our members did a wonderful job overwintering the pots and working the fundraiser, and we are especially delighted to see recurring faces who are returning year after year to share our love for irises.

In late April, our spring Iris show at Chico Marketplace was incredible, with a huge amount of entries. Holly Singleton took Best of Show this year with her Space Age iris “Straight Up” (Sutton 2004). Mary Ann Hagan took Best of Show in the Artistic section.



Photos by Deb Rojas

In May, we took a trip to Loomis for a visit to Horton's Iris Garden. Despite the hail that had pounded a lot of the state the night before, it was a beautiful day in a beautiful garden. We had a great time wandering the grounds and viewing the iris, as well as taking advantage of the large amount of potted iris available.



Dedicated Leo T. Clark Members at Horton's Iris Garden
Photo by Deb Rojas

Also in May, we made a visit to Forest Ranch to visit the garden of Rob Marshall and Lowell Haver. Their garden was incredible, as usual. Thankfully, themselves, their home, and their beautiful iris (including precious seedlings) were spared from the recent Park Fire which burned homes literally feet away from them. We are glad all are safe.



**The Garden of Rob Marshall and Lowell Haver
Photo by Deb Rojas**

On a sad note: We are saddened to announce the passing of one of our long-time members. Shirley Clark was one of the founding members of Leo T Clark Iris Society. She passed away on June 22, 2024. Shirley is remembered as a lady with a heart of gold who had been an active participant in club activities up to the time of her passing. Her favorite iris was the plicata TB “Going My Way” (Gibson 1971). She will be greatly missed.



**Shirley Clark , a Founding Member of the Leo T. Clark Iris Society
Photo Contributed by Shirley's Family**

And, back to digging and dividing now. We are hoping to have some more great fundraisers this year!

Happy Gardening,

Deb Rojas

Co-President, LTCIS

Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Mt. Diablo Iris Society - Walnut Creek, California

In February of this year, after 3+ years of putting it all together and learning from trials and more trials, Jan Blaedel of Mt. Diablo Iris Society fame received notice during a ZOOM meeting vote of the AIS Board that they are now sanctioning Virtual Iris Shows. So on March 1st, 2024, the first AIS sanctioned Virtual Iris Show began. This show runs through June 30th. Entrants have four months to take the required four photos of their blooming iris to enter virtually in the show. There are many, many people that never are able to enter an iris show or even see an iris show across the country for many reasons. Distance to the closest show is the main reason, but also transportation, working on weekends, unable to drive, bad weather, becoming ill the week of the show and other health concerns are other common culprits. Also, Youth can enter through their handy electronics even though they may not physically be able to attend a show. Additionally, Virtual Shows are important because there are thousands of irises every year that never get to be on display at an in-person show. They bloom early or late or are not open on that one day of iris judging. Another important benefit is you can enter your beardless irises and species irises. They have such different bloom times than bearded irises, for which most shows are geared, and we never get to see them.

This year there were 334 entries from 19 exhibitors from 6 states. That's more than any in-person show I've ever attended. 1,336 photos. There were four judges from four different states. This type of show is important moving forward now so there is nobody that doesn't have an opportunity to enter their prized flowers, unless you don't have a camera! We thank Jan Blaedel for her tireless efforts to bring this to fruition. She has outdone herself once again. To see the winners, you can go online to <https://youtu.be/lurqpMFXcMc>. This is 12 minutes long. To see all the entries and their placements, please log on to https://youtu.be/14fu7_6Sv8s. This is 33 minutes long.

Our In-Person Show was held on April 27th and 28th at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, a beautiful nursery. It's a great venue and they allow us to fundraise by offering our potted irises we potted up the previous Fall for a suggested donation. This helps pay for the rental of the facility for the weekend and we usually just about break even after expenses are paid.

Results

Mary Sindicic won Best in Show with Jeanne Clay Plank TB

Best Tall Bearded - Jeanne Clay Plank by Mary Sindicic

Best Historic Iris - Davy Jones TB 1990 by Jeff Bennett

Best Spaceage Iris - Power Lines by Mary Sindicic

Best Arilbred Iris - On The Web by Jeff Bennett

Best Median Iris - Man's Best Friend by Jan Blaedel

Best Pacific Coast Iris - Canyon Snow by Kathy Oldham

Best Dwarf Iris - Blueberry Tart by Riley Probst

Best Beardless Iris - Seminole Autumn by Riley Probst

Best Artistic Design of Show - Theme: Pan Am Around The World by Marilyn Moore Kaplan

People's Choice for favorite iris - Tie : Irresistible Charm by Jeff Bennett

Jeanne Clay Plank by Mary Sindicic

Sweepstakes (Silver Medal) Jeff Bennett; (Bronze Medal) Mary Sindicic

EC Seedling Certificate for: U4WHXHM2 Seedling by Riley Probst



**Best in Show/Best Tall Bearded
TB 'Jeanne Clay Plank'**

Photo by Jeff Bennett



**Best Historic Iris
TB 'Davy Jones'
Photo by Jeff Bennett**



**Best Arilbred Iris
'On the Web'**

Photo by Jeff Bennett

In May, Mt. Diablo Members took a guided tour of the Blake Garden in Kensington by Berkeley. We learned of the history and plantings of the property which was donated to the University of California Berkeley. It's a wonderful neighborhood garden on a few acres with fabulous views of the Bay, San Francisco, and The Golden Gate Bridge. Thank you to Kathy Oldham for setting this up.

We had our auction on August 3rd at the home of Linda Wood and auctioned off over 75 varieties of irises grown by members. Door prize iris were also distributed. Door prize irises come from purchases from hybridizers every year and from the previous year's regional dig that are grown for one year. Members also donate extras from their collections to benefit the club.

We have had two fundraisers this month. The first was The Peddlers Fair in Benicia on August 10th. We try to offer close to 100 varieties of bearded iris rhizomes. This is our 48th year at this event. The second fundraiser event was the Niles Antique Fair on August 25th in the Niles District in Fremont, California.



Scenes from Blake Garden
Photos by Jeff Bennett



Incredible View at Blake Garden
Photo by Jeff Bennett

Sacramento Iris Society

Fall 2024 by Phyllis Wilburn, VP/Editor

It has been a busy year for Sacramento Iris Society. We co-sponsored the 2024 Spring Regional with Sierra Foothills Iris Society, and as I write this, we are digging the guest irises for distribution to clubs. The Spring Regional in Auburn, with Horton's Iris Farm and Ruth Ostroff's garden having guest irises was very successful. We also had a great show, with over 152 cultivars in the Horticultural Division and 21 artistic arrangements. Andi Rivarola, the AIS President, was guest speaker and trainer on Spuria irises. We had a lower attendance than expected, but the folks who came were quite pleased. Cindy Eastman and LaVille Logan were co-chairs and were backed up by a bevy of volunteers to make the whole thing happen. Thanks to all of them. They know who they are.



**2024 Spring Regional Guest Speaker
AIS President Andi Rivarola
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**2024 Spring Regional Iris Judging
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



**L-R: Kathy Braaten & Phyllis Wilburn
2024 Spring Regional Iris Show Prep**



**Holly Singleton
2024 Spring Regional Iris Show
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn**



Ruth Ostroff in her Garden
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Elaine Bowers in Ruth Ostroff's Garden
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



Ruth Ostroff's Garden
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn

Our annual rhizome fundraiser sale in July was preceded by two digs, one at Horton's Iris Farm and the other Phyllis Wilburn's garden. In addition to other members' donations, these digs provided over 200 varieties of bearded iris rhizomes. We are now using paper labels, printed on a Dymo label machine, and using a laptop. The labels are stapled onto the leaves. We had a one-day sale this year on Saturday; as we have found that staying open on Sunday did not have enough public participation to cover the cost of the room rent at the Shepard Garden Center. Receipts from the Saturday fundraiser surpassed last year's two-day fundraiser.



Kathryn Tobias
July Rhizome Fundraiser
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn



John Archer
July Rhizome Fundraiser
Photo by Phyllis Wilburn

We had a fun potluck picnic at Ruth Ostroff's garden in June and were joined by Sierra Foot-hills and High Desert Societies members. It was a pleasant day, the food was great, and door prizes were potted irises.

We are happy to have quite a few new active members, which makes us very pleased and optimistic about the future of the club.



**L-R: Phyllis Wilburn & Dan Williams
Annual Picnic**

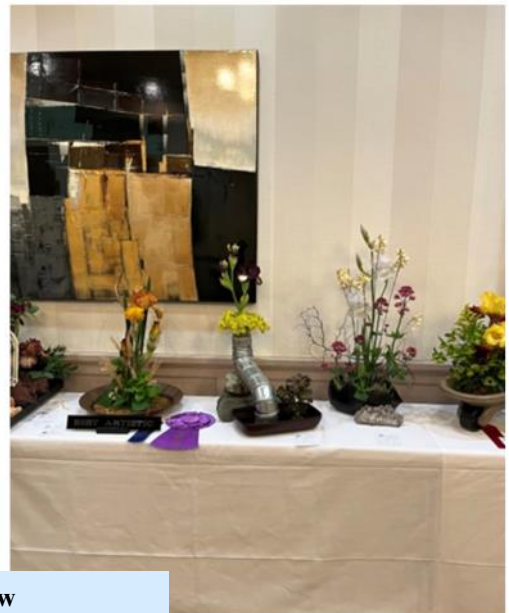
Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society was the co-sponsor of 2024's Spring Regional with Sacramento Iris Society. The Golden Gathering meeting hotel was the Holiday Inn in Auburn. With Horton's Iris Garden (Loomis) and Ruth Ostroff's garden (Rio Linda) hosting the guest irises, it was a great display of iris for all to enjoy.

We have finished up the duties of hosting a Regional Event by digging and distributing the guest irises, which occurred on August 3rd and 4th.

The comments received about the Spring Regional from the attendees was that everyone enjoyed the accommodations, food, gardens, & show, and as always, the camaraderie among fellow irisarians. Both Societies' members worked very hard to make this event successful.

Our annual show was in conjunction with the Regional show this year. We will be back on schedule having our iris show in 2025 the first weekend in May.



Regional Show
Photos by Kathy Braaten

We had our semi-annual potted sale at Weiss Bros nursery in Grass Valley on Friday, May 3rd. We actually sold out all of our pots on that day. We were scheduled for both May 3rd and May 4th. We were thankful to have sold out because it poured rain on Saturday the 4th!



**Some of the Club's Potted Iris Growing in Cindy Eastman's Garden
Photo by Cindy Eastman**

Our Society members worked at Horton's iris garden to dig iris for our sale on July 27th at the Lakeside room in Auburn CA. It was our first year of just doing a one-day sale. It was as successful as our 2-day sales in the past. I think we will adopt that schedule in the future.



**L-R: Judith Myrick & George Patterson
Photos by Phyllis Wilburn**

On June 8th our Society joined in with Sacramento, Leo T. Clark and High Desert Iris Societies for an annual summer picnic together at Ruth Ostroff's Garden. We enjoyed lots of wonderful food and some members took home potted door prize iris.

As we wind down our busy iris season, we look forward to our election of new officers in October. At that time, we will also have our last meeting of the year and a potluck dinner to thank all for their hard work through the season and prepare for next year!

SFIS Membership: \$10 dues per year. Members gather at 6 pm for 6:30-8:30 pm meetings with guest speakers, visual presentations, refreshments and impressive iris door prizes on the last Tuesdays monthly, except May, July, September and December. Membership in SFIS is on an annual calendar basis with renewals due Jan. 1st. New members joining after June pay half the annual dues. Like us on Facebook.

Check the website for updated locations: <http://sierrafoothillsociety.wordpress.com/>.

Written & Submitted by Kathy Braaten

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society recently held a successful online bearded iris rhizome auction. We will soon launch our online bearded iris rhizome sale - look for it on our website in a few weeks (www.bayareairis.org).

Looking a bit farther ahead, we will hold an online beardless iris auction on Friday, October 25. Information will be available on our website in early October.

We recently held our first AIS accredited virtual iris show, with entries from all over the country. You can view the results on our website. We will be having another virtual show next year, and anyone is welcome to enter. The entry period is March 1 - May 31, so it's a great opportunity to enter those flowers that don't bloom around usual show times.

Jean Richter, President,

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society will be busy this Fall assisting with the hosting of the 2024 Fall Regional hosted by Region 14 (Southern clubs helping) October 11-12th in Fresno. There are currently 38 members of YIS. We had a lot of fun at our annual BBQ Potluck and Auction in July hosted by John and Carolyn Honnette at their home.

We had our annual YIS Iris Show on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Oakhurst Community Center. Carolyn Honnette won Best of Show with Siberian Iris: "Judy,Judy.Judy." There were also 3 Youth entries and Silver Medals awarded to a 11-year old youth and Carolyn Honnette.

Three YIS members (Joan Earnest, Rick Tasco & Dinah Oppenheim) along with President Carolyn Hoover attended the AIS National Convention in Portland, OR and had a great time seeing all the beautiful Japanese Irises in 6 guest gardens.

YIS meetings are the 2nd Saturday of every month, at 1:00 PM except for July, August, and December at the Oakhurst Library Room, Oakhurst, CA. If you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Hoover, YIS President

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**L-R: Joan Earnest & Dinah Oppenheim
Columbia River, 2024 AIS Convention, Portland, OR
Photo by Carolyn Hoover**



**YIS Member Dinah Oppenheim with Japanese Irises
2024 AIS National Convention, Portland, OR**

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