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## ***Editor's Corner*** ***Meet Your Editor***

Hello all, this is CJ Gueldner. I recently joined the High Desert Iris Society in the greater Reno, Nevada area. Growing up in the bayous of Louisiana, I was wondering if the irises would even grow here. Then I discovered there was an iris society here, so I figured they do grow. I only remember three types of irises, though. So, with that being said.... that's how I came to join the group.

Knowing that putting together ANY bulletin or magazine is a thankless and monumental job, I would like to say many thank you's to **Stephanie Jennings** for all her service and hard work to get the Bulletin out each season. I can say - she did an awesome job!

Here is what I have done in the past:

- Written for the Sierra branch of the *Safari Club International*
- Assisted with putting a college newspaper to bed for WNCC, now known as WNC (Western Nevada College)
- Worked on numerous bulletins, newspapers, and magazines for oodles of non-profits.
- Prepped advertising layout on pasteboard.
- My biggest project was Business and Professional Women's (BPW) group Nevada Chapter.

Since we have missed the deadline for the Spring Bulletin, we WILL do better for the Fall 2025 Bulletin - the deadline for submissions will be July 31, 2025, and of course, I'll start hounding all the Presidents starting the 1st week in July!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

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

**Don't forget, you can submit your articles and photos year-round!**

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

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# ***The RVP's Garden***

## **RVP's Report Spring 2025**

I came to gardening late in life. I was facing retirement without being invested in any particular free time activities, at least no activities that I could afford to participate in on a daily basis. I never spent any time in the garden with my grandparents. They were farmers until the Depression took everything, so I suppose they had been scratching in the ground for an existence long enough that gardening held no appeal. My father was an accomplished bass fisherman, my mother a seamstress, neither of whom did any gardening. So, I suppose, it was natural that I choose gardening as my retirement activity, completely ignorant of what I was getting myself into. The only problem I could foresee was that: here I was, an elderly, gray haired, white guy who, when he said he was a gardener, would be assumed to possess a lifetime of experience and know-how coaxing life from the earth, when, in actuality, I didn't know jack.

I had always loved irises, and when I read that pretty much any idiot could bloom an iris, I knew that was the flower for me. Imagine my surprise when I went to order iris for the first time and discovered that they did not all grow from bulbs, and that I'd have to wait until July for them to be delivered. Nonetheless, I ordered some rhizomes (and bulbs), joined AIS in 2016 and went to my first National Convention in Des Moines, IA (2017). At the convention I made contact with my local club, became a member, and began my Region 14 experience.

Since then, I have come to realize how lucky we are to be in Region 14. We have the most members of any region, the most judges, 15 active clubs, a large number of hybridizers, and are surrounded by people willing to freely share their wealth of knowledge and experience with anyone who shows any interest, (and sometimes showing interest is optional).

## RVP's Report Spring 2025-Cont'd

Yes, we are blessed to be in Region 14. Yet, there are some things we lack in our region. We do not have a Bulletin editor, a regional secretary, and we need someone to take over the duties of treasurer. I ask every member of Region 14 to search their hearts, tap into their deep seated feelings of guilt at not doing enough for their beloved Region 14 which gives them so much and asks for so little in return, to honestly assess their abilities and time constraints, and, if you are able, to take on one of these important roles. Oh, by the way, we could use a club willing to host the Fall Regional 2026 as well.

Submitted by  
Dan Williams  
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## ***AIS Region 14 Fall 2024 Recap***

**Region 14's 2024 Fall Regional** was held in Fresno October 11-13th. Reblooming irises graced the Iris Show with their beauty.

### **The Queen's table at R14 Fall Regional in Fresno**



Photographer: Pam Damschroder-McMullin (both photos)  
2024 Fall Regional



Carolyn Honette receives **Best of Show** award at the Fall 2024 show in Fresno, CA.; photo (left to right) Riley Probst, Carolyn Hoover, Carolyn Honnette, with John Honnette taking the picture. Mary Ann Horton was awarded the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award



Dan Williams, RVP Region 14 giving a presentation

Photographer: Pam Damschroder-McMullin (both photos)  
2024 Fall Regional



Shoppers enjoying themselves

Delane Langton of Eagle Ridge Iris Garden, guest speaker at the 2024 Fall Regional meeting. Also, he invited us to attend the 2025 AIS Annual meeting in Billings MT (Below)



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2024 Fall Regional

# ***Minutes: American Iris Society Region 14 Fall Regional Board & Business Meeting, Oct 12, 2024***

**"A Fall Harvest of Colors,"**

Holy Redeemer Church Hall, 1084 Bullard St., Fresno, CA 93711  
Hosted by Region 14, assisted by James M. Gibson and Yosemite Iris Societies featuring Delane Langton of Billings, Montana, and a Fall Rebloomer Show with In-Garden Training on rebloomers.

DRAFT- Needs members approval at Spring Regional Board & Business Meeting: May 2-4,2025, Santa Rosa, CA. (Hereafter, Region 14 may be abbreviated 'R14', and Iris Societies may be abbreviated 'IS').

**Region 14 Fall Budget Meeting:** Carolyn Hoover, Regional Vice President (RVP) welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 8:53 am. Region 14 Treasurer Helen Franklin reviewed the distributed Budget Report, printed 9/30/24, and proposed 2025 Budget. The Approved 2024 Budget was compared to the Actual Expenses and Income for the year. The Proposed 2025 Budget showed the Historian budget decreased by the one-time \$600 that had been allocated for a large scanner/printer for sizable archive documents. Discussion, questions, motions and votes followed.

- Lynn Williams made a motion to reduce the Scholarship Expense from \$250 to \$100; John Honnette seconded. Approved.
- Lynn Williams made a motion to increase \$1,000 to \$1,500 for Youth Committee; Susan Wallior seconded. Approved.
- Lynn Williams made a motion that Internet Services be increased from \$250 to \$300 due to cost increases; Bryce Williamson seconded. Approved.
- Carol Cullen moved to increase the Donation Fund from \$400 to \$600 to donate to AIS or appropriate projects or funds in honor of R14 Members, their passing a more frequent occurrence recently; Lynn Williams seconded. Approved.

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Concerning Revenue, Helen Franklin reported that CD interest rates are improving earnings, proposing an expected \$355, not the previous \$200. Discussion on decreasing Regional Registration revenue was opened and pushed to later in the agenda.\*\*

- Lynn Williams moved that revenue from R14 Meetings change from \$750 to \$1,000 (not \$100, as written; seconded by Carol Cullen. Approved.
- It was brought up that previous recent Regional meetings had not come to any resolution on expense and potential revenue from Fall Meetings for Beardless Iris the way we produce auctions for rhizomes and plants at Spring meetings. Kathy Braaten and Phyllis Wilburn reviewed how in the past we had done well with beardless in Fall, and suggested we buy from Joe Ghio, Schafer & Sacks, Chad Harris and quality growers. Kathy made a motion to allocate up to \$1,000 expense to buy nice Japanese, PCI, Louisianas and Siberians for auction at Fall Regionals; Phyllis seconded. Approved. [JR note - Joe Ghio no longer sells iris.]
- Recommendation by the group's discussion was that Jane Jordan, Jeff Bennett Kathy Braaten and Phyllis Wilburn could collaborate and be involved in the purchase and auction process for Fundraising. Patricia Eisenberg made a motion to increase the Fall Regional revenue to \$1,000 to at least cover the expenses of beardless iris being auctioned; Dan Williams seconded. Approved.
- Kitty Loberg noted revenue duplication for "Finance" (Funding Committee baskets/auctions) and Registrations for Spring Regionals and moved that we decrease \$1,000 and remove the duplication; Lynn Williams seconded. Approved.



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Overall, the Projected Expenses total \$12,880, but Income is projected to be \$8,150, a shortfall of \$4,730. \*\*We need more people at Regionals to meet expenses and put this as a future topic.

Williams made a motion to accept the Budget; John expenses and put this as a future topic.

- Lynn Honnette seconded. Approved.

Carolyn Hoover thanked Helen Franklin for her work and adjourned the Budget Meeting at 9:34am.

Region 14 Fall Board & Business Meeting Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call: Following the Budget Meeting, Regional Vice President Carolyn Hoover called the Board & Business Meeting to order at 10:10 am at the Holy Redeemer Church, 1084 Bullard St., Fresno, hosted by Region 14 assisted by James M Gibson and Yosemite Iris Societies. (Hereafter, Region 14 may be abbreviated 'R14' and Iris Societies may be abbreviated 'IS').

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Carolyn welcomed attendees to the 2024 Fall Regional: "A Fall Harvest of Colors," and thanked Holy Redeemer Church for its hospitality. Affiliates Roll was taken; 14 out of 15 Affiliate Iris Societies were represented by members numbering:

James M. Gibson:	2
Fresno:	4
San Joaquin:	1
Yosemite:	5
Santa Rosa:	4
Mt. Diablo:	2
Monterey Bay:	7
Clara B. Rees:	8
Sacramento:	8
Sydney B. Mitchell:	2
Shasta:	1
Leo T. Clark:	4
Sierra Foothills:	9
High Desert:	4
Las Vegas:	0

\*\*...Affiliate totals come to 61; some of the 36 attendees belong to multiple clubs.

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**Approval of Minutes of the Spring 2024 Region 14 Meeting:** Patricia Eisenberg stated that the posted Minutes are current on the R14 website, and the Bylaw Amendment to add the Riley and Shirley Trio-Probst Cup award is also posted, thanking Bill Fink for the reminder. Helen Franklin made a motion to approve the Minutes; Terry Toney seconded. Approved.

**Secretary- Position Open:** RVP Carolyn announced that Patricia Eisenberg had submitted her resignation as R14 Secretary, and thanked Patricia for her service beginning as emergency interim when Carolyn's RVP term began three years ago. Carolyn invited anyone interested to volunteer for the position.

**Officer Reports:**

**Judges Training- Chair and Assistant RVP Carol Cullen:** Carol congratulated Linda Stremel and Christine Meagher upon becoming AIS Master Judges, and Jeff Bennett upon being appointed G/E Judge. We have 39 AIS Judges, down by 10 from 4.5 years ago. We need more training days available like when we offered a morning session, lunch and an afternoon session with more attendees from farther away because 20% of R14 Judges will need training hours this year. Carol suggested visiting the Judges section of the R14 website, AIS YouTube judges training, and noted that 20 plan to attend tomorrow's training at Honnettes' Coarsegold Bee Haven Iris Garden for 1.5 hrs. credit.

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**Bulletin Editor- Position Open:** RVP Carolyn announced that Stephanie Jennings had resigned as Editor, and in Stephanie's absence, thanked her for all the dedication and talent that Stephanie had brought to producing Region 14's 'Bulletin.' Carolyn invited anyone interested to volunteer for the position. Discussion followed about a committee or co-coordinators, or each club taking a section or page. Carolyn said that either she or her successor would announce a volunteer or a plan, and recapped that we want photos with people in them, identified in captions, and to record news of people, iris, activities, outreaches, speakers and celebrations.

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**Area Director Reports:** (5-minute limit for each Area Report): More detailed summaries will be provided in the 'Bulletin':

**Central Area Director- Riley Probst (2024-2026):**

Clara B. Rees IS will hold its annual Show April 6th and its Christmas Party maybe on Dec. 7th. 41 people attended Jeff Bennett's program on the AIS Portland Japanese Iris Convention. The 2024 picnic and auction was at Ortega Park, Sunnyvale, July 21, and rhizome fundraiser was Aug. 3rd at Yamaguchi Nursery.

Monterey Bay IS will hold its Holiday Party Dec. 13th. The Iris Show will be at Loudon Nelson Center, Santa Cruz. A club auction was held in July and Cummins Garden, followed by 3 fundraisers in August. The October meeting topic: Pacific Coast Iris and Beardless Iris.

Mt. Diablo IS: Aug. 3rd was the 2024 Auction at Linda Woods' home and iris fundraisers at Benicia Peddlers Fair Aug.10th, and Niles Street Faire Aug. 25th. MDIS 2025 Iris Show will be April 12-13, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, and will sell potted iris. MDIS will again host an AIS-sanctioned Virtual Iris Show.

Sydney B. Mitchell IS: Some events were previously reported. The online October 25th rhizome auction on Zoom is planned for Oct. 25th, 2024. With Shirley Trio's passing, judges' training plans are uncertain and in need of a volunteer. An online judges' training will be in Jan. 2025. SBMIS holds monthly Zoom meetings.

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**Southern Area Director- Helen Franklin (2022-2024):**

Fresno IS held its auction of iris and yard art at the home of one of its members. They worked on cleaning and labelling in the John Wilder Garden (named for Fresno Iris Society's founder) in the Clovis Botanical Garden. Aug. 4th was a potting party and members worked the Fresno Fair booth for education, presenting a potting display.

San Joaquin IS members are mourning the loss of Barbara Moore and Ted Hawkins. They are down to two members and figuring out how to move forward.

Las Vegas IS had a summer pizza social. September was the planning and door prize potting month. LVIS meets monthly on first Mondays, 6pm, at Nevada Garden Clubs Center.

Yosemite IS Iris Show was May 18th. YIS has been busy planning the Fall Regional, having potluck meetings and youth programs. Monthly meetings are held 2nd Saturdays in Oakhurst (except July, Aug., Dec.) at the Oakhurst Library. Info: contact YIS President Carolyn Hoover: yischoover (at) gmail.com.

James M. Gibson IS held its potting party, BBQ and auction led by Riley Probst. JMGIS holds its Porterville Spring Festival in May, 2025. Rhizome fundraisers were held in August and the club Auction & BBQ were in September.

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**Northern Area Director- Dan Williams (2022-2025):**

High Desert IS enjoyed the 4-club picnic in June. HDIS has been planning and installing gardens to host its first Spring Regional May 15-16, 2026 in the Reno Area. Since the National will be shortly after in New York, the theme is "On the Way to New York." HDIS meets in member homes and gardens, and is working on its Iris Show & Symposium, informational seminars. Meetings are usually a potluck brunch held the second Saturday of each month, and now boasts 51 dues-paid members.

Leo T. Clark IS - not submitted to Secretary for this draft.

Sacramento IS with Sierra Foothills IS held the 2024 Spring Regional and teamed up for the Roseville Garden & Home Show, offering great exposure and selling \$900 in potted iris. Members hosted open gardens and summer digs. The enjoyable 4-club Picnic was held at Ruth Ostroff's Garden. The rhizome fundraiser for SIS was in July.

Santa Rosa IS will host the 2025 Spring Regional, May 2-4, 2025, "Irises, Redwoods, and Wines." Meetings, lunches and banquet will be held at Luther Burbank Art Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa. There are two tour gardens: The LBAGC holds a full Dykes Medal collection and half of the guest iris; the other half at Diane and Don Ford's iris farm in Hopland, CA, in Sanel Valley near Russian River, 50 miles from Santa Rosa. Meetings start Friday night, events Saturday. Sunday offers optional tours and judges training. Attendees will transport themselves and find their own lodging. Diana Ford will speak on hybridizing. SRIS celebrated its 50th Anniversary in Sept. at Johnson Winery with speaker Phil Edinger, famous irisarian.

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Shasta IS, a small club, maintains the Holly Singleton Public Garden and planted iris from the Regional Dig to update the Garden's cultivars. Three members are aspiring Judge candidates. Shasta IS held an online fundraiser.

Sierra Foothills IS held a potted iris fundraiser in May, a holiday potluck in October, and co-hosted 2024's Spring Regional with Sacramento IS. Members hosted garden tours, and another multi-club June Picnic at the Ostroff Garden in Rio Linda. SFIS plans to dig, trim and label rhizomes in July for the annual SIS and SFIS rhizome fundraisers.

**Standing Committees:**

**Immediate Past RVP; Nominating Committee Chair – Jean Richter:** In Jean's absence, Carolyn Hoover deferred this report to New Business.

**Fund Raising Co-Chairs – Patricia Eisenberg, Resource Development; Marilyn Kaplan, Fundraising Events:** Patricia thanked everyone for generosity and supplying drawing baskets. Marilyn sent special iris items that have been passed to us by recently deceased R14 members; they are available in the Silent Auction. We have a strict closing time and limited help on the Auction. Timing is posted. Fundraising in 2024 has been responsive and creative, published in the Treasurer Report. We are hoping future Fall Beardless Iris Auctions will be successful. **Future Regional(s)** needs to address the wish by some that vendors, artisans and club boutiques at Regionals, have proceeds changed from 50/50 split for vendor and R14—to 90/10 or 80/20 or 70/30, so it's more worthwhile for vendors to participate, set up and earn any income; otherwise, it's really expecting them to donate proceeds and shoulder the expense of being present to offer iris jewelry, crafts, textiles.



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**Historian Committee Chair- Jean Richter:** Carolyn reported for Jean that a large-format printer/scanner will be purchased soon for the regional scrapbooks. Jean will work with Ann Pike on a website presence to show historic materials such as past regional bulletins or catalogs. A number of items have been separated from their source items; these unknowns could be posted to be identified. Jean wrote: "Each time a Region 14 member passes away, a little bit of our collective history is lost. Let's do what we can to preserve this history for the Region 14 members of the future."

**Electronic Services Chair- Ann Pike:** Not present.

**Membership Chair- Open Position:** Since sadly, Shirley passed away recently, on her behalf, Riley Probst shared that there will be a memorial for his wife Shirley, 2 pm, May 10th at Dry Creek Garden, and thanked everyone for their kindness. People are welcome to bring photos and stories of tribute.

Riley reported in her stead that there are 417 members including Youth; 297 adult members.

**Science Chair - Riley Probst:** Riley reported no research questions, nor project proposals submitted. Riley conducted heat monitoring across 4 months, June- September, and found 41 days over 100 degrees compared to 13 days in 2023. Heat results in less rebloom. John Honnette reminded attendees that a Rebloomer Tracking Form is available that should be filled out for cultivars that rebloom.

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**Trophies & Awards Chair- Bill Fink:** Bill pointed out the perpetual awards as photo ops. Bill listed the award winners of the Gibson Award, the Cotillion Award for the R14 Introduction; the Knopf Cup, the Clara B. Rees Award and the Hager-DuBose Award. Carolyn Honnette won the Riley and Shirley Probst Award for rebloomer *Best in Show* for 'Spring Bliss' from among 41 entries and 6 exhibitors.

"Hager-DuBose Award for Best Bearded other than tall: 'Pin Striped Suit', Riley Probst. Knopf Cup, Best Seedling from in Region: Seedling U4WHXHM-2, Riley Probst."

**Scholarship Chair- Lee Dickey:** Not present. No report. Info on R14 Website.

**Youth Chair- Carolyn Hoover:** Carolyn reported 4th and 5th graders meeting in September and participating in the AIS Youth coloring contest. Youth are encouraged to enter the Ackerman Essay Contest and made aware of the Cosgrave Award for the highest achieving youth, which has not been awarded in several years. AIS Youth Website has been updated and is growing. For \$8 youth receive the youth newsletter. An area of growth is the Fresno area, having about 80 young people involved. The challenge is getting student info, waivers and permission forms.

**Treasurer- Helen Franklin:** Reviewed the distributed 2024 Treasurer Report showing checking, PayPal, CDs, petty cash amounts on hand, current as of Sept. 30, 2024 (not specified here for website security reasons) and the 2025 Budget with Projected Revenues and Expenses. After some clarifications on expenses for Regional speakers, airfare and revenue, RVP allowance, judges training, awards and trophies, scholarships, internet, Regionals revenue and donations, and summarizing R14 is over budget by \$757 after adjustments made in the morning Budget Meeting, Patricia Eisenberg made the motion to approve the Treasurer Report; Carol Cullen seconded. Approved.

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**Santa Rosa Iris Society** will host the **2025 Spring Regional, May 2-4, 2025**, including an Iris Seedling Show. Kitty Loberg announced Diana Ford will be the Regional's speaker on her hybridizing program. "Irises, Redwoods, and Wines" meetings, lunches and banquet will be held at Luther Burbank Art Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, CA. There are two gardens: The LBAGC holds a full Dykes Medal collection and half of the guest iris, with the other half at Diane and Don Ford's iris farm in Hopland in Sanel Valley near the Russian River, 50 miles from Santa Rosa. Meetings start Friday night with events Saturday. Sunday offers optional tours and judges training. Attendees will transport themselves and find their own lodging.

***Minutes: American Iris Society  
Region 14  
Fall Regional Board & Business  
Meeting, Oct 12, 2024  
Cont'd.***

**2025 Fall Venue** needed for Regional. Spring 2026: High Desert Iris Society, Reno, May 15-16.

**Old Business: Bylaw Amendment:** Eliminate the \$3 fee to the Region from registration for Regional Meetings: See Article VII: 'Regional Meetings', Section 1. (A) and Section 2. Fall Regional, (B), p. 4 of Bylaws. At Spring Regional, Jeff Bennett brought up a proposal to change wording to "not" leave a \$3 minimum fee per registrant for the Region 14 General Fund, and move item to Standing Rules and change to "at discretion of RVP or Treasurer." Delete "effective since Fall 2023 forward" and add "not payable back to Fall 2023." Dan Williams made the motion and Lynn Williams seconded. Approved.

**New Business: Immediate Past RVP; Nominating Committee Chair – Jean Richter:** In Jean's absence, Carolyn reported Jean had no additional nominations for RVP, so the Membership should vote on the slate, 3-year terms for both: RVP: Dan Williams, Assistant RVP Carol Cullen. This was accomplished. Motion to approve the election as slated: John Honnette; second by Rugh Ostroff. Approved.

**New Northern Director:** to fill term vacated by Dan Williams' election to RVP: Ruth Ostroff nominated. Motion to approve: Kathy Braaten; seconded by Lynn Williams. Approved to fill the remaining year of Dan Williams' term.

**New Southern Director:** to fill term completed by Helen Franklin: Terry Toney was nominated and accepted. Motion to approve: Kathy Braaten; seconded by Lynn Williams. Approved.

***Minutes: American Iris Society  
Region 14  
Fall Regional Board & Business  
Meeting, Oct 12, 2024  
Cont'd.***

**Honorary Award Committee Chair- Carol Dahout:** Carol and Committee, Tiffany Rush (chair in 2025); Carolyn Honnette (2026); Dan Williams (2027) and Jeff Bennett (2028) worked on selecting a recipient for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award.

After a fascinating report on who Larry Gaulter was and his accomplishments, the Award was presented to **Horton Iris Garden** in honor of all that Mary Ann Horton and her family have done over so many years at the farm that has been in her husband's family for generations. Never declining a request for tours, garden judging, guest iris, national and regional events and a venue for countless one-on-ones for judges with judges training candidates, Region 14 has been enriched and amazed for many years, with extraordinary work and hospitality from the Horton Family.

**Adjournment:** Carolyn again thanked everyone. Motion to adjourn by John Honnette; seconded by Helen Franklin. Adjourned at 12:29 pm.

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

Patricia Eisenberg, Outgoing Secretary, AIS Region 14  
Peisenberg45 (at) gmail.com

# **Region 14 Treasurer's Report 2024 Fall Regional**

REGION 14 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY			
TREASURER'S REPORT	preliminary	Funds at	9/30/2024
Bank of Am-checking			8511.95
PayPal			2224.66
CD's			30958.42
petty cash			50.00
<b>Total Cash on hand</b>			<b><u>41745.03</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES BY ITEM:</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>		
Bulletin- Publishing			
" Color Pages			
" Editor Expense	30.00		
RVP Allowance	3500.00		2648.64
Finance, Summer Fundraiser			
" Beardless Purchases			
" Miscellaneous/Auctions/Raffles	100.00		
" Sales Taxes	200.00		151.00
Finance- fall regional, hosted by region 14	750.00		1227.40 includes air
Finance- spring regional	500.00		345.00
Judges' Training	250.00		155.94
Awards and Trophies	500.00		296.93
Honorary Awards	300.00		
Office/Legal	150.00		122.86
Historian	100.00		
Scholarship	1600.00		1150.00
Scholarship expenses	250.00		
Science	500.00		
Youth Committee	1000.00		
Membership	100.00		
Internet Services	250.00		212.65
Donation-	400.00		
Start-up Funds-regionals	1000.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11480.00</b>		<b>6310.42</b>

# **Region 14 Treasurer's Report 2024 Fall Regional-Cont'd.**

**REVENUES BY ITEM:**

Bulletin Advertising	50.00	
Bulletin Subscriptions		
Donations from Societies *	1750.00	1626.00
Donations/other	1000.00	200.00
Interest	200.00	355.00
Judges' Training		
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400.00	
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-	1500.00	1240.00
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1250.00	2032.00
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle/Donations	1000.00	
Finance, Spring Regional co/hosted by Region 14	<u>750.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Revenues	7900.00	5553.00
Total Expenses	11480.00	6310.42
Less total Revenues	-7900.00	-5553.00
Excess exp/revenues: funds needed from reserve	3580.00	757.42

Notes: Income from Fall Regional not received as Sept 30.

# Region 14 2025 Budget

AIS REGION 14 BUDGET FOR 2025

10.02.24

Please make any changes you would to suggest , email to me or bring to the fall regional  
email is: raffranklin@cs.com

EXPENSES BY ITEM:	Approved Budge 2024	Approved Budget 2025
Bulletin- Publishing		
* Color Pages		
* Editor Expense	30	30
RVP Allowance	3500	3500
Finance, Summer Fundraiser		
* Beardless Purchases		1000
* Miscellaneous/Auctions/Drawings	100	100
* Sales Taxes	200	200
Finance- fall regional,hosted by region 14	750	750
Finance- spring regional	500	500
Judges' Training	250	250
Awards and Trophies	500	500
Honorary Awards	300	300
Office/Legal	150	150
Historian not purchased yet \$600 for scanner	700	100
Scholarship	1600	1600
Scholarship expenses	250	150
Science	500	500
Youth Committee	1000	1500
Membership	100	100
Internet Services	250	300
Donation-	400	600
Start-up Funds-regionals	1000	1000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12080</b>	<b>13130</b>
REVENUES BY ITEM:		
Bulletin Advertising	50	50
Bulletin Subscriptions		
Donations from Societies *	1750	1750
Donations/other	1000	1000
Interest	200	200
Judges' Training		0
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional	400	400 to be voted on at regional
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-	1500	1500
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes	1250	1250
Finance, Fall Fundraiser, Drawings/Donations	1000	1000
Finance,Fall Fubdraiser, Beardless Iris		1000
Finance, Spring Regional co/hosted by Region 14	750	
Total Revenues	7900	8150
Total Expenses	12080	13150
Total Revenues	-7900	-8150
<b>Total Expenses over revenues</b>	<b>4180</b>	<b>5000</b>



# ***Membership Report Spring 2025***



As of February 2025, Region 14 has 380 members. These include 239 adult members and 141 youth members.

Region 14 is in need of a permanent **membership chair**. If you are interested in this position, please contact RVP Dan Williams at danr14rvp@gmail.com or 775-851-5220. I would be happy to provide assistance or information on this position.

Submitted by:

Jean Richter  
Interim Membership Chair  
AIS Region 14

# ***Judges' Training Report Spring 2025***

The Judges' Training Session will be held on Sunday May 4th in the gardens at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center.

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Carol Dahout and Mikey Lango will be giving a 1.5 hour (joint) garden Judges' Training session at the Spring Regional in Santa Rosa. It will be at 9:00 am in the Display beds at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center on May 4th. Their topic will be "Judging Bearded Irises in the Garden".



Club display beds at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2024

Submitted by  
Kitty Loberg

# ***Scholarship Chair Report Spring 2025***

No Scholarship Report was provided for the 2025 Spring Bulletin.



## ***Region 14 Youth Spring 2025***

The AIS Youth members have been very active and have over 120 youths enrolled as AIS Members. Region 14 has been very generous to cover the membership cost @ \$8.00 per student of the 110 of the CIP (Classroom Iris Programs) 4-5th grade students at Wasuma and Oakhurst Elementary Schools in Madera County, CA..

The CIP's meet once a month in the school gardens and cafeteria. We have a lesson plan for each month of the school year. We have planted an iris garden, learned about the color patterns of irises, parts of iris, hybridizing, reblooming irises, show prep instructions and introduction to the different classes of bearded irises. In January, students did an iris craft project of making an "iris" coaster by gluing an iris picture onto a 3 in x 3 in. tile.



Wasuma School AIS Youths making Iris Coasters.

Both Photos by C. Eshelman



Wasuma CIP 5th grade AIS youths w/Carolyn Hoover learning about hybridizing irises.

## ***Region 14 Youth Spring 2025 - Cont'd.***

I am also the Youth Chair for the American Iris Society. All youth members under 19 years of age have sent in the Annual Coloring Contest from all over the US, Canada and Puerto Rico. They will be judged and top winner receives \$25.00. The Ackerman Essay Contest is due May 17th (details can be found on the AIS Youth website):

[AIS Youth Website.](#)

The Clarke Cosgrove Outstanding Youth Award of the Year winner is also being selected now and will be presented a trophy at the upcoming AIS National Convention in June, Billings Montana. More information on these contests can also be found in the Spring 2025 issue of AIS 'Iris**es'** Bulletin, Youth Views.

If you have any questions and need help in starting up a CIP or small AIS youth group, please contact me. If you have any lesson suggestions or photos of youth in Region 14, please forward them to me.

Iristatically,  
Carolyn Hoover  
Region 14 Youth Chair  
(559) 760-5638  
Send me an email

CIP Youth, 5th grade Wasuma School  
with Carolyn Hoover Fertilizing, pulling  
weeds in Student Garden, Fall 2024.  
Photo by C. Eshelman



# ***AIS Region 14 2025 Spring Regional***



***Irises,  
Redwoods,  
and Wines  
May 2-4, 2025***



**AIS Region 14 Spring Regional  
Hosted by the Santa Rosa Iris Society**

**Guest Speaker, Diana Ford**

**Luther Burbank Art Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa**

Registration Form:

Registrant 1 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration if paid by April 1, 2025, \$ 115.00 per person x number of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paid after April 1, 2025 \$ 125.00 per person x number of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Registration \$ 60.00 per youth x number of youth \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

No Credit cards accepted. **Please make checks payable to: Santa Rosa Iris Society.**

**Please mail this registration with a check to Lynn Williams, Registrar  
25415 Salmon Pl, Willits, CA 95490, 707-456-9869 [laughinglynn2@gmail.com](mailto:laughinglynn2@gmail.com)**

Registrations received after April 23, 2025 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.

Bringing iris for the Friday seedling show, check box

Attending Judges Training on Sunday, check box

Lunch Choices, check one:  Turkey  Beef  Veggie

Need Gluten Free meal, check box

The Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center will be the location of all events, except the garden visits. Registration fee includes coffee/snacks @ Friday night Board Meeting, box lunch on Saturday, and Saturday evening banquet. Visiting gardens will be via individual cars or car-pooling. Hotel or Airbnb on your own.

# ***AIS Region 14 2025 Spring Regional Tentative Meeting Schedule***



***Irises,  
Redwoods,  
and Wines***



## **The Santa Rosa Iris Society invites you to the AIS Region 14 Spring Regional, May 2 – 4, 2025**

Meetings, lunches, and the Banquet will be held at the Luther Burbank Art Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa, CA. We have two display gardens for visitation, plus two optional gardens. The Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center is where the club maintains its club's irises, bearded and beardless, and a Dykes Medal collection. It also has half of the Regional Guest Irises. The Santa Rosa Rose Society maintains a rose garden there as well. The 2nd garden, will be the Diane and Don Ford's iris farm in Hopland, Ca. In addition to the Regional Guest Irises planted there, you will see thousands of their iris seedlings which grow in the fertile soil of the Sanel Valley.

**The Meeting Schedule for the 2025 Spring Regional is as follows:**

### **Friday, May 2, 2025**

- 4:00PM- 7:00 PM Registration Check-in at LBA&GC, Silent Auction is Open
- 4:00PM- 6:00 PM Seedling Show entries made, followed by Judging
- 5:00PM- 6:45 PM Dinner on your own
- 7:00PM- 9:30 PM Welcome & General Board Meeting at LBA&GC

### **Saturday, May 3, 2025**

- 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM Breakfast on your own
- 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM Registration Check In at LBA&GC
- 8:00 AM- Group 1 - Leave for Ford Garden in Hopland via Hwy 101
- 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM - Group 2 -View Display Garden @ LBA&GC
- 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM - Group 1 – Visit Diana & Don Ford's garden
- 11:00 AM- Group 1 - Return to LBA&GC
- Group 2, followed by Group 1 - Lunch at LBA&GC
- 12:00 PM- Group 2 - Leave for Ford Garden in Hopland via Hwy 101
- 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM - Group 1 - View Display Garden at LBA&GC
- 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM - Group 2 - Visit Diana & Don Ford's garden
- 3:00 PM- Group 2 - Turn in garden voting ballots at Ford's, or 4:00 PM at LBA&GC
- 3:00 PM- Group 2 - Return to LBA&GC
- 4:05 PM- Deadline for turning in ballots at LBA&GC**
- 5:00 PM- 7:45 PM No host cocktails followed by Banquet Dinner at LBA&GC
- 7:45 PM- 8:45 PM Guest Speaker: Diana Ford "Hybridizing Irises"
- 8:45 PM- 9:15 PM Awards Presentation: R14 Awards Chair
- 9:15 PM- 9:30 PM Silent Auction Closes and Basket Raffle Drawing occurs

### **Sunday, May 4, 2025**

- 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM Breakfast and Lunch on your own.
- 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM Judges Training (In garden) @ LBA&GC 1.5 hrs.
- 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM Optional Garden, Anna Cadd, Healdsburg
- 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM Optional Garden, Ellen Johnson, Healdsburg

# ***Nearby Hotels 2025 Spring Regional***

If you are planning on attending the Spring 2025 Regional (May 2, through May 4, 2025; staying May 2, and 3, and leaving May 4th), here are four hotels that you may want to consider. Each are just minutes from Luther Burbank Art Center.

For more info on hotels, please visit [Santa Rosa Hotels](#). Prices provided by Hotels.com, and are based on one (1) person occupancy. Prices are subject to change.

**NEW! Check out the new IRIS rating!**

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## PARK INN BY RADISSON

### SANTA ROSA SOUTH

2760 Cleveland Ave

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

(707) 543-1340

Starting at \$93 per person / per  
night + taxes

Rating 2.0 Irises

Sorry, No Breakfast

Air Conditioned

Free Wi-Fi

Pet Friendly

Free Self-Parking onsite



## QUALITY INN AND SUITES

3000 Santa Rosa Ave

Santa Rosa, CA 95407

(707) 523-8030

Starting at \$131 per person / per  
night + taxes

Rating 2.5 Irises

Free Breakfast

Air Conditioned

Free Wi-Fi

Pet Friendly

Free Self-Parking onsite





## ***Nearby Hotels - Cont'd. 2025 Spring Regional***

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### LA QUINTA INN & SUITES

111 Commercial Court  
Santa Rosa, CA  
707-596-9800  
Rooms starting at \$158 per person  
/ per night + taxes  
Rating: 2.5 Irises

Free Buffet Breakfast  
Free Wi-Fi  
Pet Friendly  
Self parking on site  
(USD \$10 per day)



### BEST WESTERN GARDEN INN

1500 Santa Rosa Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
707-546-4031  
Rooms starting at \$174 per person  
/ per night + taxes  
Rating: 2.5 Irises

Surcharge for Breakfast  
Free Wi-Fi  
Pet Friendly  
Self parking on site  
(USD \$10 per day)





# Affiliate Happenings



***AIS Region 14 - Affiliates  
Current as of 3/1/2025***

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Fresno Iris Society

High Desert Iris Society

James M. Gibson Iris Society

Las Vegas Iris Society

Leo T. Clark Iris Society

Monterey Bay Iris Society

Mount Diablo Iris Society

Sacramento Iris Society

San Joaquin Iris Society

Santa Rosa Iris Society

Shasta Iris Society

Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Yosemite Iris Society

## ***Clara B. Rees Iris Society***

We kicked off the year in January with a program on how to have healthy soil in your garden presented by CBRIS member and Master Gardener, Lynn Stuart.

Lynn also presented our new CBRIS website, [www.cbris.org](http://www.cbris.org). We had been struggling with how to design our site for a year when Lynn and her colleague, Stacey Becker, came to the rescue with their considerable web design expertise.

At our February meeting, Riley Probst presented a program reviewing the Region 14 2024 Spring Regional in Auburn. The idea was to show new members what to expect at this year's regional and encourage members to attend.

Our potted iris sale will be on Saturday, April 12th, at the Saratoga Farmer's Market, 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga. We will be selling our one-gallon pots for \$10 each.

Our spring show, "A Symphony of Iris", will be a one day show on Sunday, April 6, 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 to 10:00 AM; open to the public from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Carol Dabout  
President  
Clara B. Rees Iris Society

# ***Fresno Iris Society***



Photo taken by  
Don Fennell



Photo taken by  
Terry L Toney

Fresno Iris Society, with 43 members strong, will be looking forward to fun and productive year. We will be participating in the **Fresno Home and Garden Show** March 7th-8th-9th.

Our **55th Spring Iris Show** will be held at Sierra Vista Mall on April 12th with judging starting at 10:00am. Contact, Katie H. [Click here for Katie's Email.](#) The theme will be **Mythical Magical.**

August 9th Rhizome Fund Raiser 7:30 to Noon, Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1084 West Bullard, Fresno

Members have been working on **The John Weiler Memorial Garden** at the [Clovis Botanical Gardens](#), located in Clovis, Calif. John Weiler was the founder of our society, which he created in 1967. We are still trying to locate as many of his iris as possible. (See photos above)

## ***Fresno Iris Society - Cont'd***

Here is a list of what we are still looking for.

(TB) Azure Luster, Bold Stripes, Bridal Wreath, Country Sky, Fame, Fire on Ice, Heady Perfume, Hot Pink, Once Again, Oriental Knights, Pulsar, Raven's Return, Seasons, Solstice, Starlit Blue, Swan Dance.

(SDB) Autumn Maple, Cornhusker Autumn, Glitter Bit, Golden Violet, Khaki Print, Little Bishop, Mini Busy, Mini Might, Quietly, Rainbow Sherbet, Re Pleat, Sunstrip, Susie's Honey, Third Charm, Triplicate, Thrice Blessed.

(BB) Frizzy Lizzy

(IB) Halloween Rainbow, Mountain Red, Perky Plik, Yellow Wave

(MDB) Chip, Twilight Whisper

(SPX) Beauty Crest

(PCN) Blue Cocktail, Chief Sequoia, Western Bluebird

Contact Terry Toney [Send me an email](#)

[Visit our Facebook page](#)

# ***High Desert Iris Society***

## ***Northern Nevada***

Hi there!

The High Desert Iris Society elected me as Chapter President last fall, allowing Dan Williams to spread his wings into the Region 14 President position.

2024 was a good year for HDIS. We had a successful iris show and educational symposium, a record supply inventory and customer response during our fundraiser of member-supplied rhizomes. We provided an educational experience for elementary school children, and we initiated a community service garden beautification project at Circle of Life Hospice. We enjoyed a holiday banquet and Yankee Swap gift exchange in November and concluded the year with 51 current members.



Sue Goodman presenting at 2024 HDIS Iris Show and Symposium

Photos taken by Pam Damschroder-McMullin



# ***High Desert Iris Society***

## ***Northern Nevada - Cont'd***

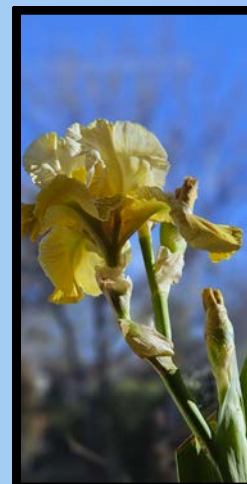
Personally, I did some traveling in 2024, visited the oldest Botanical Garden West of the Mississippi in Davenport Iowa, and discovered that the Hungarian 20-forint coin (about 5 cents US) has an Iris on it! To top the year off, one of my rebloomer irises Again and Again sweetened the holidays with golden blooms in a pot in my garage. Enjoy some of these photos I took:

The HDIS meets the 2nd Saturday of each month..



Hungarian Forint

Potted Again and Again  
blooming in garage  
window in Reno Winter



Submitted by  
Pam Damschroder-McMullin  
President

**[Visit HDIS Facebook Page Click Here](#)**

### **HDIS Iris Show**

May 30, 2025 9:00 a.m.

June 1, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Moana Nursery Landscape Design

1190 W. Moana Lane

Reno, NV 89509

### **Rhizome Fundraiser**

July 19, 2025 9:00 a.m.

July 20, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Moana Nursery Landscape Design

1190 W. Moana Lane

Reno, NV 89509

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

The James M. Gibson Iris society meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in Porterville. The potluck starts at 6 PM with the business meeting following.

The James M. Gibson Iris society worked on Porterville's Main Street removing the Iris in all the planters down Main Street for the city due to their revitalization program. They were all relocated at historic sites in the Porterville area.



Christmas party

We had a Christmas party in December at El Tapatio, Mexican restaurant with many members attending.

We look forward to a busy 2025 with the Porterville Spring festival coming up in April, a field trip to Burlington Roses in May, the Visalia Farmers market rhizome sale In August, our annual BBQ and Iris auction in September, Halloween party in October, and will end the year with our Christmas party in December.

Submitted by  
Linda Hood

# ***Las Vegas Iris Society***

## ***35 Years!!!!!!***

Just a few notes from Las Vegas Iris Society. 2024-2025 year we are celebrating our 35th Anniversary and have plans on serving cake to all flower show guests in April.

### **Christine Meagher Earns Master Judge Certification!**

One of our Garden Exhibition Judges has after 15 years earned her certification as a MASTER JUDGE, We are so proud of her!

Congratulations, Christine!

Submitted by  
Karen Hudson



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

Affiliate of the American Iris Society  
2025 Annual Spring Show  
**A Rainbow Of Colors**

Saturday, April 26, 2025,  
1 pm to 5 pm

Sunday, April 27, 2025,  
11 am to 5 pm  
Chico Marketplace  
1950 East 20th Street, Chico, CA.

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Admission to AIS approved shows is  
open to the public at no charge.

Send Us An Email:

.Deb Rojas, Co-President

Sandy Brodrick, Co-President

Carol Cullen, Co-Vice President

Nathalie Kuhn, Co-Vice President

Lynne Baker, Secretary

Mary McCune, Treasurer

[Visit our website here](#)

# Monterey Bay Iris Society Celebrating 50 years!!!

🎉 Celebrating 50 Years of Growth and Beauty! 🌱

Join us as we mark a monumental milestone in the history of our beloved Monterey Bay Iris Society—50 years of nurturing nature, community, and irises grown by **Joe Ghio!** 🌸

From humble beginnings to blossoming into a vibrant group of passionate gardeners, we've come together to share knowledge, cultivate beautiful gardens, and create lasting friendships.

We invite all Iris Society Members, Region 14 **past and present, plus guests** to come celebrate this amazing event with us! Jo Chisholm has a wonderful venue at her home with a view of the Monterey Bay, and about 1000 irises at this time.

Jo Chisholm and her partner Lloyd Clark are the amazing hosts, and they invite all Region 14 plus hybridizers for a lovely celebration event.

**We are requesting an informal \$10 donation for interested folks who are not members of Monterey Bay Iris Society.** 🌸🌟



Expect fun activities, a garden tour, a delicious spread, and a heartfelt ceremony with awards to honor the club's history, growth, and future. Let's gather to reminisce, reconnect, and look ahead to the next 50 years of flourishing together! 🌿❤️

**RSVP: Jo Chisholm, [JoChisholm0700@gmail.com](mailto:JoChisholm0700@gmail.com), 408-209-5708 (in case you get lost on the Santa Cruz mountain roads on the way!)**

**[Visit Our Website](#)**

**[Diane's Email Address](#)**

**[Affiliate Email Address](#)**

#GardenClub50 #GreenThumbs  
#Celebrating50Years #GrowingTogether 🌻

You Are Cordially  
Invited to Attend

**Monterey Bay Iris Society  
Hosts Iris Show**

London Nelson Community Center  
301 Center Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



Saturday, April 26, 2025  
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
and Sunday, April 27, 2025  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Contact:  
Diane Sampson, President  
7 Cutter Cove  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
831-206-1444



# ***Monterey Bay Iris Society Art Display Call for Iris-Themed Artwork***

The Monterey Bay Iris Society is thrilled to announce an upcoming art display featuring the beauty of irises during the month of April! We've reserved 150 linear feet of wall space in the London Nelson Community Center hallway to showcase iris-themed art, and we need your help to fill the space with vibrant works inspired by this stunning flower.

## **Event Details:**

- Date to Hang Art: Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 9:00 AM-noon.
- Date to take down: Sunday, April 27, 4-5 PM
- Date of Iris Show: Saturday, April 26, 1-6 and Sunday, April 27, 2025, 10 AM-5 PM.
- Sale of Art will take place directly from the artist. No commission required to MBIS.
- Location: London Nelson Community Center Hallway, 301 Center Street, Santa Cruz, 95060

We are looking for any form of wall art that can be safely hung, such as:

Framed paintings, prints, photography, and other pieces of framed art.

## **Submitted by:**

Diane Sampson, President  
831-206-1444





# ***Mount Diablo Iris Society***

## **SHIRLEY TRIO-PROBST TRIBUTE**

**May 10, 2025 2:00 pm**

All Region 14 Members are invited to a tribute celebrating the life of Shirley Trio-Probst. It will be held at **DRY CREEK IRIS GARDEN** in Union City, CA at 2PM on Saturday, May 10th, 2025.

Light refreshments and drinks will be available. Shirley passed away on May 16th, 2024.

Please be willing to share memories and stories about Shirley. For anyone who says they don't have a story about her then just describe the circumstances the first time you met her.

If you have a photo of Shirley please bring it to share with others.

Plan to come a little early or stay a little late because Dry Creek Iris Garden should have a lot of iris bloom. If you have never been to Dry Creek Garden at iris bloom time you are missing a real treat. This will be an opportunity to see the garden that Jeff Bennet works so hard to maintain.



# ***Sacramento Iris Society***

## MEMBERSHIP IN SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY

Membership in the Sacramento Iris Society is on an annual basis and runs January to December. Renewals are due January 1st of each year. New Members joining after June pay one-half of the current fees. Payment can be mailed to the Treasurer.

Membership in the Sacramento Iris Society provides the opportunity to meet other people interested in IRIS. We purchase recent introductions to grow and distribute to members. We have an annual Iris Show under the rules of the AIS. Meetings are usually the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. (see home page for exact dates and times) except June, July & August, at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Park Blvd in Sacramento. We encourage members to become AIS Judges and participate in AIS Region 14 activities.

Make checks payable to SIS.

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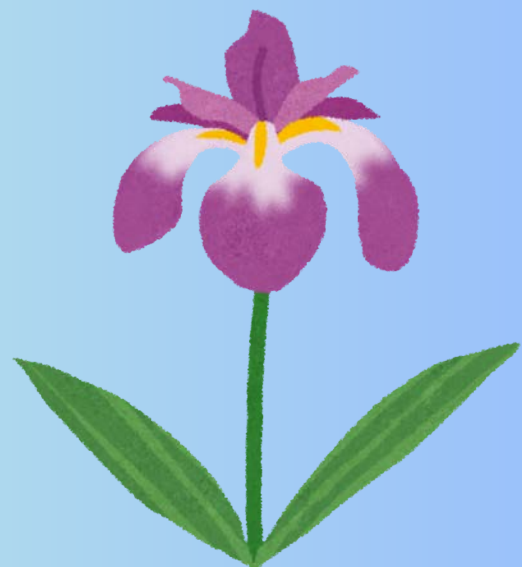


# ***San Joaquin Iris Society***

Welcome to the San Joaquin Iris Society site. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Modesto, Ca. We represent the counties of Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Merced in Region 14 of the American Iris Society. Since 1991, The San Joaquin Iris Society has been supporting educational and community interest in Iris.

We hope you will enjoy learning about iris. The growing and hybridizing of iris can be fun and informative. Please visit our website often as this is a work in progress, look for upcoming projects.

[Visit Our Webpage](#)



# ***Santa Rosa Iris Society***

This information is the usual information for long-time Santa Rosa Iris Society Members, but we have now several new Members and I would like to update the information about our summer activities.

1. Eight of us attended the **American Iris Society Convention** in Portland, Oregon, – June 25-29, 2024. This was the “*Beardless Iris Convention*”. Five gardens had blooming Japanese, Siberians, Spurias and Pseudatas irises. This was a unique convention – probably the first time there were no Tall Bearded irises in bloom!

2. SRIS continues to maintain the bed of Club irises in Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa. We purchase every year about 100 newest irises from different hybridizers and we grow them for a year. We then give away the increases to SRIS members as door prizes. All undistributed increases are auctioned at the Members only Potluck/Auction Dinner for a fraction of the original \$50.00-\$75.00 introduction price.

The potluck/auction is a fun event. The club supplies chicken and maybe sandwiches, and all members are asked to bring some food to share for about 12-16 people. Bring your favorite dish! During the Auction you can buy the newest introductions making this **one of the perks** of belonging to the SRIS!

We usually have Raffle irises, where the members will bring latest iris introductions, and if you buy enough tickets, you will come home with a basket of irises! **Tickets are 6 for \$ 5.00!**

## ***Santa Rosa Iris Society - Cont'd***

3. For this Picnic/Auction event, we dig the Club irises in LBA&GC one week before; then we, clean and divide them, and record their names. We also pull the door prizes for the members to take home, and we save some irises for the next year's planting.

4. Once a year the Santa Rosa Iris Society hosts a bare-root fundraising event to the general public. The bare-root rhizomes are donated from the gardens of our members. They are older varieties but have proven to be excellent garden perennials. All members dig their irises at the end of August or the first week of September. The list of varieties is then sent to members, who will then provide pictures of the irises. **"The picture sells the iris!"**

5. During our regular meetings, we may have programs about Iris Culture, how to prepare the soil, how to plant and take care of irises.

6. In September we had our 50-Year Anniversary Party at Ellen Johnson Winery.

7. In November, we had our annual Potluck/Christmas Dinner - "Dress as the Iris" party. Members chose a named iris and designed a costume for this name - some were very elaborate and some were very simple. We had prizes and we installed the new officers. Santa Rosa Iris Society is affectionately known as the "Iris and Eating Society".

Thank you,  
Anna Cadd  
President  
Santa Rosa Iris Society

[Santa Rosa Blog Click Here](#)

## ***Santa Rosa Iris Society - Cont'd***

The Santa Rosa Iris Society meets  
the 2nd Monday  
of each month  
February thru October  
at 12:00 p.m.  
at the  
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center  
2050 Yulupa Ave.  
Santa Rosa, Calif.

# ***Shasta Iris Society***



The Shasta Iris Club has had an enjoyable year expanding their club garden. Our goal for 2025 is to improve the record keeping on the iris varieties in the garden, hold our first garden tour for our community and display our iris at our annual show.

Our iris garden tour will be April 19, 2025 (the Saturday before Easter). Everyone is welcome if they find themselves in Shasta County. Contact us at [shastairissociety@gmail.com](mailto:shastairissociety@gmail.com)

Our show is Sunday April 27th at the Anderson River Park gazebo. Again, everyone is welcome to enter or attend.

We have expanded our club garden to 206 different named iris. Our beds are located in both FULL sun and partial sun. They are planted above ground to assist with drainage. Our newest beds have wood chips from our local tree trimmers for the first 6" and then a commercial soil from a local nursery for 6". We will be keeping records of the rebloomers and the hardiness of the iris in our 110+ degree summers.



Submitted by  
Holly Singleton

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## ***Sierra Foothills Iris Society***

Membership in our Society provides the opportunity to meet other people interested in IRIS., as well as a monthly bulletin, door prize iris and many fun activities.

SFIS has an annual Iris Show under the rules of AIS. The 2025 SFIS Iris Show: April 25–26, Lakeside Room at 3770 Richardson Dr Auburn CA is open to the public for free. Members participate in a variety of iris activities including presentations, garden tours and in-garden trainings with a choice to pursue becoming an AIS judge. SFIS hosts potted iris and iris rhizome fundraisers through the year. The main 2025 SFIS Fundraiser: August 9, 2025, Lakeside Room, offers rhizomes from member gardens for sale. SFIS also purchases recent iris introductions to grow and distribute to members in accord with the mission of the American Iris Society: to organize and disseminate knowledge of the genus *Iris*, while fostering its preservation, enjoyment and continued development.





## ***Sierra Foothills Iris Society - Cont'd***

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 fourth Tuesday monthly, except May, June, August, September and December.

Our meeting place is Auburn Civic Center (Rose Room) 1225 Lincoln Way Auburn, CA. Membership in SFIS is on an annual calendar basis with renewals due Jan. 1st. New members joining after June pay half the annual dues.

Check the website for updated locations:

**[Visit our website.](#)**

**[Visit Our Facebook Page Click Here!](#)**



Submitted by:  
Kathy Braaten

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

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society was very honored to present an online judges' training by AIS president Bonnie Nichols in January. The presentation was recorded, so if you missed it and would like to view the training (and get judges' training credit for it if you wish). [Visit Our Website!](#)

We are looking ahead to activities in 2025, including a virtual iris show (we plan to be taking entries from March 1 - June 15). In addition to our monthly meetings, we have an online bearded iris rhizome auction July 25th and an online beardless iris auction October 24th. All are welcome at SBMIS events, see our web site for details.

Submitted by,

Jean Richter

President

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



## ***Yosemite Iris Society***

Yosemite Iris Society currently has 35 members. We had a lot of fun at our Annual Christmas Party last December hosted @ John and Carolyn's Honnette's home in Coarsegold.

Sat. March 8th YIS meeting we will be having a program on "Median Iris" given by Riley Probst.

Sat. May 17th YIS will be in the garden @ Doug Kanarowski's Mariposa Iris Garden for a 1-hr. Judges Training on TB's given by Doug. If you need In garden judge's training and would like to attend, please contact Carolyn Hoover.



YIS Members @ Farmer's Market Fundraiser.  
Photo by C. Hoover

## ***Yosemite Iris Society-Cont'd***

Annual YIS Iris Show on Saturday, April 26, 2025 @ Oakhurst Community Center. The theme is: **'Iris on Parade.'** YIS will have an Artistic Design and Youth Section at the Show.

Six YIS members will be attending the upcoming AIS Convention in Billings, Montana in June.

YIS meetings are the 2nd Sat. of every month, @ 1PM except for Jan, 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

[Send Me An Email](#)



Reblooming Irises on Display @ Dec. 2024 Holiday YIS fundraiser, Mariposa. (L) John and Carolyn Honnette (R) Dinah Oppenheim.  
Photo by C. Hoover

## ***Yosemite Iris Society-Cont'd***



Riley Probst (L),  
Christine Erikson (R)  
February 2025 Birthdays  
@YIS Meeting  
Photo by Guy Hoover

December 2024 YIS Birthdays  
@ YIS, Joan Earnest (L),  
Georgia Regert © and Rick  
Tasco (R)



## ***Yosemite Iris Society-Cont'd***

Carolyn Hoover- receiving Bronze Medal @ 2024 YIS Show (L), Carolyn Honnette, won Silver Medal and Best Artistic Design, YIS 2024 Show.

Photo by Guy Hoover



Riley Probst, Show Chair, Region 14 Fall Show, Oct. 2024 presenting Bronze Medal to John Honnette (R),  
Photo by Guy Hoover

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## **Bay View Iris Garden**

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## **Bee Haven Iris Gardens**

John & Carolyn Honnette  
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Coarsegold, CA 93614  
(559) 859-7800 [Website](#):

## **Bluebird Haven Iris Garden**

Mary Hess  
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95684  
(530) 620-5017 [Website](#)

## **Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden**

Anna Cadd  
329 North St. Healdsburg, CA 95488  
707-239-4836 [Email](#)

## **Crazy Cat Lady Iris Garden**

Linda Hood & Tiffany Rush  
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## **Hillside Iris Gardens**

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# New 2025 Introductions from Anna Cadd

## **'Ukulele Girl'**

(Anna Cadd, R. 2025). Seedling 30-91-1, TB, 40" (101.5 cm), Early to midseason bloom. Standards light creamy yellow, darker base and edges, delicate light violet-purple flush in center, delicate violet-purple veining; style arms yellow; falls white ground, violet-purple plicata with violet-purple dots, violet-purple broken stripe down center, veined edge violet-purple band, short violet-purple veining around beard, creamy yellow around beard; beards yellow; slight fragrance. 'Tennessee Gentleman' X 'Take Me Away'.



## **'Rain Of Angels'**

(Anna Cadd, R. 2025). Seedling 8-91-1, TB, 40" (101.5 cm), Very late bloom. Standards creamy white, very light yellow overlay fading to white, light yellow at base; style arms yellow; falls creamy white, light lavender overlay, darker at edge when opened, fading to creamy yellow, darker lavender center stripe and veining on shoulders, very light green veining from beard to end of petal; beards light lavender base, yellow tips; pronounced musky fragrance. 'Seakist' X 'Wide Horizon'.

Did you know.....  
The most familiar irises  
are the tall bearded  
irises (*Iris germanica*)

Name a song with the  
word **IRIS** in it



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