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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5 –
“COME DRESSED AS AN
IRIS NAME” COSTUME
PARTY & POTLUCK DINNER
*Where? Luther Burbank Art & Garden
Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa
Time? Doors open at noon; we’ll eat at
2 PM and finish before dark.*

All members and their guests are encouraged to attend. Set up and decorating starts at noon. We’ll eat about 2:00 p.m. Bring a dish to serve 8-10, with serving spoon, for the buffet. President Rudy Ciuca will prepare ham and turkey breast, courtesy of the Society. Bring your own table service and napkin. Coffee and tea will be provided. After we eat, we’ll have the costume contest, organized, for the 17th year in a row, by Betty Ford. For inspiration, see the write up on last year’s party elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please use the 2015 Symposium winners list, also in this Newsletter, as a starting point for your costume. If all this seems too intimidating, come as you are! You’ll still have a good time. And the food emphasizes why we jokingly call ourselves “the Santa Rosa Iris and Eating Society.”

This is fun party, so break out your individuality and creativity. Some costumes can be very labor intensive while others are easy. Folks may be very puzzled or may guess your hints right away. Here’s an example: There’s a TB iris named ‘Life Behind Bars’, hybridized by Doug Kanarowski of Mariposa, California, up in the Sierras. Three years ago Alleah come dressed as an inmate, with chains and shackles, wearing a sign “I’m never getting out” [of prison]. It was a fairly elaborate costume. I decided to represent this same iris name the following year. On the front of a thick *Life* magazine I glued different candy bars - Milky Way, Snickers, Kit Kat, etc. It was “Life” behind the bars! It took me 10 minutes to make this “costume” and after the party I had something to read and something to eat!

Anna Cadd



Pictured above is Clara B. Rees Iris Society member Mikey Lango in her interpretation of ‘Raindrops Keep Falling’ (Paul Black, 2016, TB), from her Facebook page. Used with permission.

**Board Members and other interested parties: BOARD MEETING
Monday November 14, 6:00 PM – we’ll plan programs for 2017.**

Gardening Tips for November

Anna Cadd

1. Who expected that summer would be suddenly over, tomato plants no longer bearing fruit, that days would be short and cold, and that we would get over 5" of rain already? Looks like we have time to relax, and "retire" from the garden. But this is an illusion, of course. There is still so much to do; and we, ambitious gardeners - are always busy! Some friends in Europe are always jealous, telling me that we are lucky and can garden all the year around, when they have snow cover and ice rings. Yeah, how lucky we really are!
2. So, back to basics: keep your iris beds clean and free of weeds and debris, allowing the tops of the rhizomes to bask in the sun. Bloomstalks should be cut off close to the base after all buds have finished blooming. You did this a long time ago, right? Healthy green leaves should be left undisturbed all summer, but diseased or brown leaves should be removed now. In the fall, it is good to trim the leaves to a height of approximately six inches. Remove weeds, leaf debris, and Bermuda grass roots from iris beds.
3. Often, when gardeners think about the best time of year to plant, spring pops into their minds; but fall is an awesome time to plant plants. And there are a number of reasons for that. Generally, fall will have cooler temperatures so the plant is not going to be nearly as stressed going into the garden. Plus, fall normally has more predictable rainfall and thus one shouldn't need to rely so much on irrigation. And plants planted in the fall have the opportunity to put down a nice deep root system resulting in nicer spring blooms. So when thinking about planting, think fall.
4. With just one growing season to give their all potential - annual flowers and vegetables deserve to begin with a clean slate. Once blooms pass and harvests end, use fall's days to clear old vegetables - roots and all - and improve soil for future plantings. Some diseases and pests can overwinter on plants, so dispose of all garden debris at season's end.
5. Some cool-season crops, including kale and collards, will sweeten with cold weather and root crops stay protected as we usually don't have frosts. Leave these veggies in the garden as long as they deliver table-worthy produce. But just in case of light frost at night cover them with blanket-like garden fabrics known as row covers. A regular bed sheet, used to cover plants overnight when temperatures drop, can prolong harvests.
6. If you're going to be gathering leaves this fall, whether by raking or blowing, don't bag them up and get rid of them. Autumn leaves are an underused - and free - natural material that can be used all around the garden. They can be used as a source of organic matter to be added to a winter compost pile. You can chip it with the lawn mower and add the shredding to flower beds or lawns. You can even spread them on flower beds whole. They will prevent weeds from growing! But don't use leaves from black walnut trees. They have a chemical in them, juglone, that can kill some plants.

From the President's Desk

Is everyone enjoying the rain? It is great to see all this water but it puts a strain on those of us trying to wrap up this year's iris season.

Thank God the Center garden is looking really spectacular. We finally got the Dykes planted and all that is left is to get the water lines set. Of interest to note is that while working the Dykes section we learned that the sun hits the western section very well. We thought the area was not getting enough sun but it turns out that portion was not getting the water it needs.

Getting rhizomes to the schools is ongoing and not yet completed, and we are still planting irises at our home and potting irises for the spring sale.

The planning for the 2019 National AIS convention is ongoing. Since one of the gardens is the C&L Vineyard garden, we are planning the layout. We have already received beardless irises including Siberian and Louisianas. On Friday we received eight more Louisianas which were very dry and that may be a problem.

I am looking forward to the November 5 "Come as an Iris" party which is always a lot of fun.

At the next Board Meeting on November 14 we will start planning for next year's programs. Come with your ideas.

Rudy Ciuca

Gardens are a form of autobiography. Sydney Eddison.

This Month

Saturday, November 5, 12-5 PM – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Costume Party, LBAGC. We'll eat at 2:00 PM.

2016 Board Meetings - Board Members and Officers, please mark your calendars:

Monday, November 14, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 12, 6:00 PM

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Anna Cadd, Rudy Ciuca, Betty Ford, Diana Ford, Anna Marie Hermansen, Alice Kemper, Mikey Lango** of Clara B. Rees Iris Society, & **Jean Sharp.** *Alleah*

Display Garden Update

Jean Sharp

The first week of October was a busy one in the display garden. A worker was hired from the Graton Labor Center to move the remainder of the compost (nearly four yards) to the remaining beds. Most of it went to the recently dug Dykes bed to a depth of 2-3 inches. Since the worker George was only hired for four hours, I wanted to use his time to move all the compost to the garden before we did clean-up. At the end of the week, Joe and Rudy brought their rototiller to incorporate the compost, fertilizer and oyster shell flour in the Dykes area. Rudy and I trimmed the overgrown hedge at the back of the bed. We had to stop when we'd filled the only available green can. Anna Cadd planted the spuria ordered before the October meeting and Joe and Rudy planted the Dykes the last week of October.

There is still some clean-up and mulch spreading to be done after the weather cooperates.

“Something’s Always Blooming Somewhere” – Fall Region 14 Meeting in Livermore

Anna Marie Hermansen

The fall regional was held on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. It is a lovely 60 year old nursery with grounds to explore, many plants to see, and a lovely gift shop and store. Once arriving there, we had a great time, but getting there on Friday and getting back home Saturday afternoon was a challenge! Friday afternoon on Hwy. 580, along with the wind and rain, is not the optimal time to be on the road. Commute times seem to be earlier and earlier. And when we left Livermore Saturday afternoon, we had the same winds, rain, and traffic!

About 70 people attended the event. Our society was well represented by Rudy Ciuca, outgoing northern regional director, Joe Lawrence, Betty Ford, Jeanne and Bob Plank, Alleah Haley, Anna Cadd, and Anna Marie Hermansen. Anna Cadd was elected the new northern regional director. All the meetings, exhibits, and foods served were staged at the nursery in a lovely clubhouse adjoining a greenhouse. Friday afternoon was a show for rebloomers, which had approximately 15 entries. For evening indulgence, we were treated to finger foods that represented the areas in the world where irises are found. There was baba ghanoush, hummus, pita chips, egg rolls, lumpia, paghlava, falafel, a variety of exotic beverages, and other items for people who did not want to be as adventurous in sampling.

We had two speakers Friday evening. The first presentation was by Stan Morgan, president of Mt. Diablo I.S., who spoke on "The Wild Iris - A Specie Overview". Our second speaker was Dr. Carol

Wilson, a research botanist currently at U.C. Berkeley and affiliated with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, who travels extensively worldwide researching and collecting wild iris. We saw pictures of her trips as well as comments regarding her collecting experiences. Dr. Wilson has traveled to Turkey, Spain, Portugal, China, and Syria. She's even been to Aleppo, although not recently, and was sad to think about what the area would look like now.

Saturday morning started out rain-free, which was very welcome. There was a business meeting with reports by various officers and standing committees. Lunch was served, again including a few foreign food items, mowz il laban and roughani naan, as well as familiar choices.

After the traditional silent auction and the raffle of lovely affiliate gift baskets, people assembled for the judges training session given by our own Anna Cadd on judging artistic arrangements. It's a whole lot more difficult than one would think.

Save your money and plan on going to the Spring Regional. It will be in Sacramento April 21-23, 2017. Two gardens will be visited - one in Loomis and the other in Elk Grove. Dell Perry, an iris judge and owner of Seandel Iris Gardens, an Aril Society International Display Garden in Plano, Texas, will be the featured speaker. If you've never been to a regional, the spring ones are the best with the most to see and do. We hope to see you there next year.

The Iris Learning Corner - *Iris ensata* var. *spontanea* Anna Cadd

Not lot of information is available about this iris species. As the Iris Encyclopedia tells us at: <http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Spec/SpecEnsata> *Iris ensata* Thunberg (Carl Peter Thunberg, 1794, China and Japan); Section Limniris; height 24-36" (60-90 cm); is an iris with purple or reddish purple flowers. ; *Iris ensata* Thunberg in *Transactions of the Linnaean Society* ii (1794).

Iris ensata (Japanese iris, Japanese: *hanashōbu*) is a species of iris native to Japan, China, Korea and Russia, and widely cultivated as an ornamental plant for hundreds of years. Japanese iris may also refer to other culturally significant species of iris native to Japan.

I. ensata var. *spontanea* is a robust, clump-forming perennial growing to 4 feet tall with erect, narrow leaves and in summer, bright purple flowers with yellow marks on the falls.

The pictures below were taken by Mr. Toshihiro Nagata, who lives in the city of Kakegawa. The iris was seen in various places on the coast of Hokkaido, but he didn't expect to find this iris a 20-minute drive from his home. They were growing in a grassy area, together with bamboo, Asian persimmon and different local, common plants. In the past this *Iris ensata* was very widely distributed all over Japan, and was cultivated and admired by generations of gardeners. Now it is rarely seen and it was surprise to find it so close to the city.





2015 Come as an Iris Name Potluck Party

Betty Ford

Friday afternoon, November 6, SRIS members gathered at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center for the annual Come Dressed as an Iris Name Potluck Party. As the 'iris names' began to arrive, the guessing games got under way. It's usually the iris that we should all know that eludes us the most. The object is to see how many of these creative 'iris names' that you can guess. This year Alice Kemper, Anna Marie Hermansen, Joe Lawrence, Alleah Haley, and Cheryl Bryan all tied for guessing the most iris names. (Some guessed 8 and some 7, but I figured it was close enough to call it a tie).

Once we had laughed ourselves silly pondering over the 'irises' in attendance and were sedated with the excellent selection of food available, it was time for the full disclosure of 'iris names'. All 'irises' came forth and revealed the iris that they portrayed. At that time everyone voted for the Best Iris Impersonation, their Personal Favorite and the one 'iris name' they found to be the Most Perplexing.

Most Perplexing went to Bob Plank who did an excellent job of portraying his chosen iris name by carrying an unopened bottle of wine and an empty wine glass. The intriguing part was how he pantomimed pouring himself a glass of wine, drinking it, then pouring another glass and drinking it, and so on. No one guessed Bob. Can you? He was I'LL HAVE ANOTHER (Joan Roberts 2013). Jeanne Plank wore the color combinations of her iris name with burgundy slacks and white top, adding a colorful array of colored bead necklaces. She even displayed a photo of her colorful iris, and carried a decorative ball containing the colors. Sadly enough, even with all those clues, I couldn't figure out that she was LIKE A RAINBOW (Lauer 2009). Just like a rainbow, her iris has lots of colors infused in it.

Christie Flum won the award for Best Impersonation. She found a Scottish costume in a thrift store, then went home and looked up a name to go with it. The costume was hilarious. It covered her from neck to feet. A device inside the costume inflated it to several sizes larger than she actually is. It came with a hat and orange hair. Her iris was HIGHLAND LORD (Tasco 2009).

Everyone's Favorite Choice award was bestowed on Anna Cadd. She carried an old rusty pipe approximately 3 feet in length. A picture of wide open eyes was glued to that rusty pipe along with a box of sleep aid and then more wide open bloodshot eyes. Clues indicated that these eyes just weren't getting any sleep. Great way to display the little reblooming IB, RUST NEVER SLEEPS (Lauer 2013).

No one figured out Rudy Ciuca's iris name. A large picture hung from a cord around his neck that featured a roasted turkey and an assortment of delectable side dishes of food. Attached below that picture was a photo of the LA iris THANKSGIVING FEST (M. Dunn 1998). Joe Lawrence wore a crown on his head. An extension cord was coiled up and rested on his head inside the crown. What do you do with a cord? You connect it to something. Right? CROWN CONNECTION (Cadds 2003).

Anna Marie Hermansen stumped everyone except Joe Lawrence. She wore a white top with big black spiders attached to it, including one caught in a spider net. A larger brown spider was attached to her waist. Red droplets emerged from under the spiders which indicated dripping blood for SPIDER'S BLOOD (Clark 2006), an Australian TB iris.

Alleah Haley dressed from head to toe in black (the color of her iris name). Pinned to her shirt were the clues to her iris explaining that it was a combination word. Word 1 – adjective; synonyms – evil, wicked, naughty. Word 2 – plural noun; synonyms – countries, regions, acreages. A map of South Dakota was also attached. Pictures of scenery and animals found in the badlands were posted on her back. What great clues for BADLANDS (Schreiner 2003). Nothing like a good 'mind game' to figure out the name of an iris.

Kitty Loberg wore a lovely tiger patterned blouse with a large eye of a tiger attached to the front and another attached to her back. Her iris? EYE OF THE TIGER (P. Black 2008). Amazing what you can find in your closet that you can incorporate into an iris name. Steve Albert wore a midnight blue shirt, and a placard with a brightly shining star against a dark sky with smaller glittering stars surrounding it. Steve's iris name immediately jumped out at me, and I believe that I was the only one to guess the median iris as STAR IN THE NIGHT (P. Black 2009). Perhaps it came to mind so easily because I had just recently dug my huge clump of it.

Alice Kemper wore her iris name clues which were: 1. Award-winning white TB 36", 2. Space Ager, 3. Introduced 1991. She also waved a pendant back and forth in front of us. Yes, that's it. MESMERIZER (Byers 1991).

Diana Ford carried a cup indicating that it was cappuccino. A strip of lace was wrapped around the cup for CAPPUCCINO LACE (Schreiner 2015). Good job, Diana. Just goes to show what really clever ideas come to our members. Don Ford wore a sign reading 'Deed' stating that he was an Official Better for BET THE FARM (Schreiner 2015). Way to go Don! Don and Diana exhibited simplicity at its best!

Jeff Davis dressed as a cowboy wearing a midnight blue shirt, neck scarf, cowboy hat and boots. A placard of a clock with the time set at 12:00 hung around his neck. OK, so we could assume that it was midnight. Right? Excellent clues for MIDNIGHT COWBOY (Maryott 2002).

Cheryl Bryan portrayed a schoolmarm. With a pencil stuck in her hair, chalk and a blackboard, she set out to give us a lesson in French. Written on her blackboard was a message: "For today learn" and then some lessons written in French. Put on your thinking caps, because this literally shouts out her iris name FRENCH LESSONS (Kerr 2014).

Oh yes, then there was me. I wore a name tag stating that my name is Elizabeth, but everyone calls me Betty. Several other small individual placards were stitched around the front and back of my sweater. Each placard with a different name and nickname, i.e. Jeffrey/Jeff, James/Jim, Patricia/Pat, William/Bill etc. My iris name was NICKNAME (Kerr 2008).

Urban Legends and Myths of the AIS Wiki

Bob Pries, reprinted with permission from *Tall Talk* Vol. 19 Issue 2 (Fall 2016)

The Iris Encyclopedia aka the AIS wiki is FREE. You do not have to be a member of any iris organization to participate, although the wiki encourages membership in them all. The Iris Encyclopedia is not the same website as the AIS website. The wiki workers cannot edit the AIS site, but the wiki does reference other websites. E-membership in AIS is not the same as registering on the wiki. AIS e-membership allows you access to the Iris Register and the Bulletins. Registration on the wiki does not use the user names or passwords of the e-membership. The only purpose of registration on the wiki is to block spam, hackers and pranksters from messing with the information. If a user doesn't respect the work of others they can be banned from the site.

So what is the Encyclopedia about? Like every encyclopedia it brings together as much information as is possible about its topic; Irises. The Encyclopedia has a page for every registered Iris and those that are published but unregistered. Altogether there are over 63,000 irises. Amazingly we have been able to assemble images for over half of them. But we are still adding, and someday we hope to have 70% of all Irises illustrated. It would be easier if AIS required images with registration like most cultivar registration authorities. We still only get about 60% of new registrations photographed. Please send images directly to the wiki workers and we will get those images in place or upload them yourself.

Every cultivar page contains the official AIS description but we are also adding additional descriptions from catalogs which often give more information. A comment box at the bottom of each page allows users to add their own observations. Presently there are about 20,000 more descriptions in the wiki than on the Iris register, since that reference does not yet have descriptions for Irises before 1950.

The Wiki is more than a checklist. Each entry links the author (hybridizer) of the Iris to a page enumerating that hybridizer's registrations. There are over 3,400 hybridizer pages. When possible, a biography of the hybridizer is included with images of course.

Each entry also contains links to the parents such that one can easily follow the pedigree backwards. Some few entries also provide the pedigree going forwards; in other words, the offspring. Of course the wiki is constantly being edited and improved. There are over 50,000 edits made each year.

The Encyclopedia is also an online Library of Iris Literature. Over 600 articles are currently available and someday we expect thousands. Each would appear in relevant searches for keywords. In addition there are over 600 catalogs, one by a nursery that was started with the help of Benjamin Franklin. But we would like to add all current Iris catalogs so that Iris history will be available in an accessible archive.

One myth that is spread about the Encyclopedia is that it has lots of errors. Actually the wiki has annotated hundreds of errors that were found in earlier checklists but go unnoticed because their corrections occurred in later R & I [Registrations and Introductions] issues. People also complain about incorrect images. While some occur, they usually do not persist for long. When we have 16,000+ plus [sic] people in a month looking at the wiki those eyes spot most of the errors and they are soon corrected. If you have seen an error and not reported it, for shame!

We are introducing a new format, including a larger picture as a picture of choice that best represents the cultivar. While some of the other images may not be typical, they often show the variability of colors especially using different cameras or under different climates. Although some irises are almost invariable, others can vary quite a bit depending on conditions. This is often good to know to compare images of the plant grown in your area. All images are ultimately vetted by 3-4 individuals.

There are many ideas to be developed in the future. Wouldn't it be nice if you could identify an Iris with the aid of the wiki? Something to work towards, and for some types not that far off.

I urge you to explore the Encyclopedia. There is more there than you realize. One way to start is open the general topics index on the left bar. Skimming through that index will give you a perspective on the depth and breadth of the Encyclopedia. And there is always more being added.

Ed. Note: The Iris Encyclopedia is most easily found by going to the AIS website: www.irises.org. On the homepage Iris Encyclopedia is the last topic in the list on the left hand side. Clicking on that takes you to the Iris Encyclopedia. Description and pictures are found under the type of iris; e.g., Standard Dwarf Bearded, Tall Bearded, Siberian, etc., and then searching for the name of the variety.

Happy Birthday November Babies

Anna Cadd 11/2
Ginny Howard 11/3
Barbara Foley 11/4
Barb Baruth 11/10
Jan Wax 11/12
Paul Yarnal 11/13
Loretta Figueroa 11/15
Phil Edinger 11/18
Juanita Breckwoldt 11/20
Mary Pagonas 11/21

Wow – 10 member birthdays in November, with no duplicate dates. And if memory serves, Ginny Howard is 101. Congratulations, Ginny!

February through October of each year meetings of the Santa Rosa Iris Society are held on the second Monday of each month at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, California. The Program starts at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting follows after the break. Come early and visit. The doors open about 6:00 p.m. for set up and coffee making. *The deadline for all submissions for the **December 2016** issue of this Newsletter is **November 20, 2016**. E-mail copy to: alleah.haley@gmail.com.*



Jean Witt's Legacy
Anna Cadd

On August 27, 2016 Jean Witt passed away peacefully at age 95 in Des Moines, Washington. An extraordinary iris hybridizer and artist, I had the honor and privilege to know her personally. We visited together several times, and I was always in awe of her personality and knowledge.

Jean and her husband Joe were married in June 1945. They went on to complete their Masters Degrees in Botany at Washington State College. Jean and Joe had three daughters. The family moved to what is now Shoreline, Washington where Jean lived for nearly 50 years before "retiring" to a senior living community in Des Moines, Washington. Joe passed away in 1984, but Jean continued on and expanded her lifelong passion for iris breeding. She was a "backyard hybridizer". Over the years her work earned many awards and accolades, including the Williamson-White Award for best MTB from the American Iris Society in 1973 for 'Ice Fairy' and in 1981 for 'Spanish Coins' and the Hybridizer's Medal from AIS in 2012. I still grow 'Spanish Coins' and consider it the one of the most beautiful MTBs ever!

Jean always willing to share her knowledge. A member of numerous garden clubs, she was in high demand as a speaker. Jean loved to write and was an avid quilt maker. Throughout her life she stayed interested in the natural sciences, philosophy, and current events.

Jean Witt was a talented artist, including painting watercolors of irises. She arranged for her iris watercolors to go to AIS before her death. Thanks to her and to Bob Pries' dedicated work, you can now view these [iris watercolors on the Iris Encyclopedia](#). Note - with 129 watercolors, the pages may be slow to load. Be sure to [check the second page](#) as well.

Do visit the gallery of the work of Jean Witt in the wiki encyclopedia at:
<http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Hist/GalleryOfWittArt>

And here are some examples of Jean Witt's watercolors:
Left *Iris missouriensis*; right *I. samariae*



Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Members Meeting, October 10, 2016

Kitty Loberg gave a presentation on “Beardless Irises including Pacific Coast Irises”. This was a slide show program from AIS and was very informative with asides from Kitty and other knowledgeable members. Once the program was complete, Kitty presented photos of the newly purchased beardless iris just received and available for purchase. Beautiful.

SRIS general meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Rudy thanked all the members who have worked so hard on the center’s garden. It is looking great. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report was presented and approved.

- a. Betty Ford reported the rhizome sale at the Heirloom Festival went well.
- b. Alleah Haley reported that next year she will need more help setting up for the farmers market since the easy up proved difficult without a number of helpers.
- c. There was a discussion of price for the beardless iris. A few were set aside for the garden and the rest were sold after the meeting. \$5 for PCI and \$10 for Sib and Spec-X.
- d. Library materials; Barbara Foley will take discarded materials for the Petaluma Seed Bank Library. Cheryl Bryan asked that we retain the information on PCI Iris. Rudy asked everyone to mark items they wished to keep.
- e. Cheryl Bryan just got an *Aristea major* for the garden.
- f. Jean Sharp called for a work party to cleanup under the hedge.
Joe and Rudy dug up the Dykes bed and the rhizomes need to be planted back after the cleanup. Jeff will hook water up for that bed. Anna Cadd got the spurias planted
- g. Rudy reported discouragement getting the schools and youth program going. He will report at the regional. He is very disappointed with AIS.
- h. National. There is a meeting scheduled for the end of the month at Joe’s house. They have 10 plants so far and expect about 500 for the 2019 convention.
- i. Anna Marie reported on the actions of the nominating committee. Jeff is nominated for President, Anna for Vice President, Joe for Treasurer, Diana for Secretary. Kathy McCallum will stay on as a director and Jean Sharp and Delores McKey will replace Jim Begley and Marlene Freetly who have termed out. There was a motion to accept the nominations and the officers were elected.
Kitty Loberg has agreed to be the Show Chair for our Spring Show on May 6 and 7. Joe will send her an electronic copy of this year’s program and Anna Marie will send her other information. Betty Ford will handle ribbons. Kitty will start passing out her helper signup sheet at the next meeting and will begin looking for judges.
The Dean Linscott Committee is working on the award.

Round Robin:

Our pumpkin grower next door won with a 1900 pound pumpkin.

Jim Begley is doing better and has starting driving.

Barbara Foley thanks everyone for the prayers and reports she is doing more chemo because they found more cancer.

Anna Cadd reports that our newsletter is the best in the United States.

Anna Marie will transport our gift basket to the fall regional.

Our next get together is dress as the name of an iris. This is the November 5 potluck. Use the 2015 Tall Bearded Symposium Winners from the October newsletter.

The beardless iris were sold by drawing. Kitty had included very informative handouts for the different types and their individual requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Ford, Secretary

2015 Tall Bearded Symposium Winners

Use this list for "Come Dressed as an Iris Name" costume ideas for the November 5 Potluck:

1. Dusky Challenger
2. Jesse's Song
3. Queen's Circle
4. Gypsy Lord
5. Daughter of Stars
6. Stairway to Heaven
7. Florentine Silk
8. That's All Folks
9. Conjuraton
10. Celebration Song
11. Thornbird
12. Beverly Sills
12. Stepping Out
14. Silverado
15. Sea Power
16. Lady Friend
17. Immortality
17. Paul Black
19. Drama Queen
20. Dacadence
21. Mesmerizer
21. Montmartre
23. Splashacata
23. Titan's Glory
25. Absolute Treasure
26. Clarence
27. Golden Panther
28. Before the Storm
28. Happenstance
28. Vanity
31. Skating Party
31. Skating Party
31. Yakina Blue
33. Edith Wolford
34. Elizabethan Age
35. Black Magic Woman
35. Hello Darkness
37. Champagne Elegance
37. Starring
39. Honky Tonk Blues
39. Mary Frances
41. Black is Black
42. Cracking Caldera
42. Notta Lemon
44. Slovak Prince
45. Supreme Sultan
46. Superstition
47. Sharp Dressed Man
47. Victoria Falls
47. Wintry Sky
50. Acoma
50. Crowned Heads
50. Laced Cotton
53. Kathy Chilton
53. Rare Treat
53. Tiger Honey
56. Devonshire Cream
57. Chief John Jolly
57. Glitter Gulch
57. Millennium Falcon
57. Rustler
57. World Premier
62. Poem of Ecstasy
63. Bewilderbeast
63. Hollywood Nights
63. Magical
63. Tuscan Summer
67. Brazilian Art
68. Heartstring Strummer
68. Ink Patterns
68. Jeanne Clay Plank
68. Starship Enterprise
72. Celestial Explosion
72. Grand Canyon Sunset
72. Jurassic Park
72. Parisian Dawn
72. Ring Around Rosie
72. Tour de France
78. Beauty Becomes Her

- 78. Beneath My Wings
- 78. Going My Way 78. White Hot
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14 Surprising Uses for Your Microwave

source: www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/tools-products/14-surprising-uses-for-your-microwave
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- 11. Partially Cooking Foods for the Grill - To cut the grilling time of vegetables, cook them partway in the microwave before putting them on the barbecue. Heat new potatoes for 2 minutes (prick them first), and bell peppers for 1 minute. And why wait until your next campfire to make s'mores? Put the marshmallows in the microwave for 30 seconds.
- 12. Getting More Juice From Citrus Fruits - A lemon or lime taken straight from the refrigerator is harder to juice than one left at room temperature or warmed slightly. To get the most juice, microwave citrus fruits for 20 seconds before squeezing.
- 13. Toasting Nuts, Bread Crumbs, and Coconut - The microwave toasts them in a quarter of the time it takes in a conventional oven. Spread them out on a plate and heat on high for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring every minute. Keep in mind that they will continue to toast for about a minute after removal.
- 14. Cooking Vegetables - All vegetables can be steamed in the microwave without adding water. Place them in one layer on a dish, cover tightly with plastic, and cook on high. Check tender items, such as spinach, mushrooms, and snow peas, after 30 seconds, and crunchy ones, like carrots, after 4 minutes.

Fresh Apple Cake

Alice Kemper

Ingredients:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup oil

2 eggs

Beat until frothy. Then beat in:

1 tsp. vanilla

Stir in:

1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups sugar

2 cups sifted flour

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. baking soda

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

Add:

4 cups cored and chopped apples with skins on (about 3 medium apples). I use Granny Smith, Gravenstein, or Pippin.

1 cup chopped walnuts

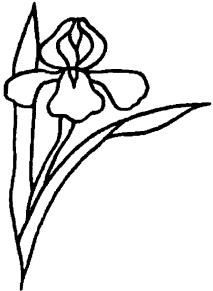
Directions:

Pour into 9" x 13" lightly greased pan. Bake at 350° for one hour (until toothpick test done). Don't use more than 4 cups apple or cake will be soggy.

Did you know that Jesus drove a Honda but didn't talk about it? "For I did not speak of my own accord" – John 12:49 [It's amazing what you can learn from the Internet – Jesus drove a Honda??]

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Meetings & Membership

The Santa Rosa Iris Society meets the second Monday of each month February through October at 7:00 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California. In November instead of having a regular meeting, we have our annual holiday potluck dinner and dress up as an iris name costume party, scheduled this year Saturday, November 5 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Membership dues are \$15.00 per year. Send payment to: Santa Rosa Iris Society c/o Betty Ford, 1383 E. Napa St., Sonoma, CA 95476. Membership offers regular meetings, iris door prizes, special programs, use of our library, a monthly newsletter, annual iris show and rhizome sale, and fellowship with other iris lovers.

December Deadline – November 20th