

The Newsletter of

# The Santa Rosa Iris Society

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### **2016 Summer Rhizome Sales Chm.**

Need volunteer



MONDAY, JULY 10, 7:00 PM –  
MARLENE HORN, CLUB IRISES  
AVAILABLE AT THE AUGUST  
PICNIC/ AUCTION

To help you prepare for our Society's annual auction on August 5, longtime member and accomplished photographer Marlene Horn

will give a PowerPoint presentation this coming Monday based on her photos of our Club irises, many of which will be available for bid at the auction. When asked for information to introduce her program, Marlene said: "I love doing this. I learn a lot using the computer, and I love to see all the irises and really enjoy photographing them."

**Board members and officers, in particular, should note that we will have a Board Meeting at 6:00 PM.** Everyone's welcome.

## Gardening Tips for July

Anna Cadd

1. How did you survive the heat wave? I was smart and escaped to Lake Tahoe for three days with my relatives from Poland. It was beautiful - a lot of snow at 8000+ feet elevation, enough to build a small snowman and have a dirty snow ball fight. At over 10,000 feet elevation there were 6' snow banks along the road. When I got home, half my plants were hanging onto the last threads of life and even the irises got scorched. It would be interesting to know what the temperature was on the surface of the soil between the iris plants. By the way – my nephew reported 130° F in Death Valley. It is always good to check how it feels to be in Hell, just in case!
2. With all this snow we are still having drought and the Russian River looks like mud puddles. They are saying that all this melting snow will cause flooding and excess water, but the reality is that more cities are considering imposing water restrictions. So it is a good idea to steer towards drought resistant plants for our gardens. Bearded irises are a good choice!
3. More and more I am thinking about growing my garden naturally. Of course, irises are heavy feeders and chemical fertilizers may be the economical answer to grow healthy rhizomes. But for human health, nothing beats an organic garden. It is easy when you start by improving your soil, focusing on growing native species that adapt well to our region, maximizing water resources and creating a haven of nectar-rich flowers to attract beneficial

birds, bees and butterflies.

4. With great sadness I read about the passing in February of Louise Hallberg, the “Butterfly Lady” from Graton. I was lucky enough to visit her garden and have a long talk with her several years ago. She wanted to plant more irises, as butterflies like to flutter around them. Her nine-acre garden was overgrown with weeds and plants beneficial to butterflies. The caterpillars were crawling all over and colorful butterflies were flying around. After this visit, even if I am not particularly fond of caterpillars, I planted Buddleias and milkweed. I didn’t see a lot of caterpillars, but butterflies were all over my garden this year. Give them small dishes of water for drinking and bathing.
5. But back to irises. The clumps which you plan to dig this season may receive little water for now. They will go into a dormant stage. Bearded varieties may be watered once a week, not too much. If the leaves have brown tips, you can clip them off if you are worried about the look of your garden. If not, leave them; these leaves will be dry in fall and then we can clean them up easily. Spurias also need to go to summer rest; all other beardless types need to be watered regularly, or otherwise they may die.
6. Soon we will buy new irises during the SRIS rhizome sale, auction, raffles, from iris catalogues and get them from friends. It is already time to prepare iris beds or the spots where the new irises will be planted - clean out the weeds and amend the soil with steer manure, organic compost and a handful of fertilizer. If you can afford it, buy a bag of microelements. They will also improve the soil. With the bed ready to plant you will be able to pop the new irises in the ground in no time at all. This is the situation for the idealized person in the idyllic garden....

## From the President’s Desk

July is already here. Hope you enjoyed your holiday over the 4<sup>th</sup>. We can all take a break in our gardens, sit under a cool tree with a piña colada and relax and enjoy the summer. Oh wait, that was the dream I had last night. I look out at all the iris that I need to dig this year and reality hits. I have to start thinking of next year. What will I keep? Am I going to put in that new planting bed? Do I try some new varieties? So much for sitting. Well, maybe I’ll have just one piña colada before I get started.

*Jeff Davis*

## This Month

**Monday July 10** – Marlene Horn, “Club Irises available at the August Picnic/Auction”.

**Late July** – Digging door prize and auction irises. Exact date, time, and location TBA.

## 2017 Iris Events and Important SRIS Dates

**Saturday August 5** – Potluck Picnic, Iris Auction and Raffle, C & L Vineyard, home of Rudy Ciuca and Joe Lawrence, 1595 Denmark St., Sonoma.

**Monday August 14** – No meeting.

**Saturday August 26, 9-3** – Rhizome sale, LBAGC.

**Tuesday thru Thursday, September 5-7** – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Heirloom Expo, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds. SRIS will have a booth.

**Monday, September 11** – Anna Cadd, “Iris Culture”. Free seminar for new members.

**Monday, October 9** – Speaker and Topic TBA.

**Friday and Saturday October 27 and 28** – Region 14 Fall Meeting “Going Beardless” Ramada Plaza Hotel, 685 Manzanita Ct., Chico, CA. Guest Speaker Chad Harris, Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm, Washougal, WA. Includes reblooming iris show. Registration \$70 until October 10.

**Saturday November 4, 12-5 PM** – Holiday Potluck/Come Dressed as an Iris Costume Party, LBAGC.



**2017 Board Meetings** - Board Members and Officers, please mark your calendars:

Monday, July 10, 6:00 PM

Monday, September 11, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 13, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM

## 2017 Plant Sale Dates

**American Fuchsia Society – Sebastopol Branch**, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Veteran's Bldg., 282 High St., Sebastopol. **Saturday, July 29 – 9 AM – 1 PM.** Hanging plants, upright plants. For info contact Gerri Crane 415-892-5808; Facebook Sebastopol Fuchsia Friends.

**Occidental Arts and Ecology Center Nursery**, 15290 Coleman Valley Rd., Occidental.

**Saturday & Sunday, August 12-13, 19-20 – 10 – 5,** Fall Plant Sale

<https://oaec.org/events/plant-sales> .

Nursery open Saturdays & Sundays thru October, 10 – 5 (closed April 14-15) – vegetables, flowers, herbs, drought tolerant plants, habitat and pollinator plants.

**Willowside School**, 5299 Hall Rd., Santa Rosa (corner of Willowside and Hall Rds.)

**Saturdays August 19, Sept. 9. Sept. 30, October 21, November 11 – 9 AM – 2 PM.** Low water & drought tolerant perennials, natives: \$4/ 1 gallon pot. Japanese maples 3-5' tall: \$25 - \$45/tree. No veggies. Call 707-569-4724 with questions.

**Sonoma Co. Jail Plant Nursery & Teaching Garden**, 2254 Ordinance Rd., Santa Rosa.

**Saturdays September 9 & October 7 – 9 AM – Noon.** Checks or cash only. Native & drought tolerant shrubs, perennials, succulents, fruit & ornamental trees, veggies. Master Gardeners on site to help you select plants and answer questions. Info and plant list at [www.scoe/jailindustries](http://www.scoe/jailindustries) or call Rick Stern 707-525-8310 or email [jailind@mcn.org](mailto:jailind@mcn.org) .

**Milo Baker Chapter, California Native Plant Society**, Santa Rosa Vet's Memorial Building, 1351 Baker, Ave., Santa Rosa. **Saturday, October 13 – 9 AM – 1 PM.** Native shrubs, perennials, bulbs, seeds. [www.milobaker.cnps.org](http://www.milobaker.cnps.org) **Graton Community Club**, 8996 Graton Rd., Graton at the corner of Graton Rd. & Edison St.

**Fall flower show Friday October 13 and Saturday October 14 – features lunch including homemade dessert for \$10 11-2 both days.** Handcrafted quilts and tea towels; raffle, live music. 707-829-5314 / [www.gratoncommunityclub.org](http://www.gratoncommunityclub.org) .

**Windsor Garden Club**, Windsor Town Green @ McClellan & Market St., Windsor. **Sunday, October 22 – 10 AM – 1 PM** (succulent- topped pumpkin sale).

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Juanita Breckwoldt, Anna Cadd, Rudy Ciuca, Jeff Davis, Betty Ford, Diana Ford, Joe Lawrence; Kathy McCallum, Jean Sharp, Ann Shippey, Phyllis Wilburn, and Bob Wright.**

*Alleah*

## Display Garden Report

Jean Sharp

Four members gathered early on Thursday, June 15 to rid the garden (mostly club iris bed ) of the summer scourge of spurge. Cheryl Bryan, Jeff Davis, Bob Wright and Jean Sharp worked for over three hours clearing the club iris bed of the spurge that covered every inch like pond scum. We filled over half a green can with the spurge and other weeds scattered in the beds. Jean looked for a pre-emergent herbicide that would work for spurge but found that permits are required for purchase. After checking the garden two weeks later, there was some spurge at irrigation points but beds were relatively clean.

On Friday June 30, Cheryl, Jean and Alleah Haley met at the garden early to fertilize everything. During nearly four hours, 6-24-24 was applied to the bearded irises, scratched in, and watered in well. There was minimal weeding and grooming done since a future work party will be announced.

Jean returned Saturday July 1 to feed the beardless irises with a water-soluble acid fertilizer. The garden looks good except for the weeds in the paths. Plans for fall include fresh wood chips on the pathways.

The Iris Learning Corner – *Iris korolkowii*

Anna Cadd

The various media have been full of negative comments about Russia recently, so I started to think that we need to find something positive about it and what better than the story of the “Russian native” *Iris korolkowii*. The following is from the Iris Encyclopedia (see [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)):

***Iris korolkowii* Regel** (Edourd August von Regel, 1873, Turkestan); Section *Regelia*, 16-24" (40-60 cm); Typical flower with white ground finely marked with blackish-maroon veins. Enum. Pl. nov. Turest. in Act. Hort. Petrop. 2 432. 1873, (sent to St Petersburg by General Korolkow in 1872: Bull. 1874.)

There's a story behind this identification: In 1885 editor William Robinson of the magazine: "The Garden: An illustrated weekly journal of horticulture and all its branches" wrote:

'My friend, Mr. Max Leichtlin once said to me: "There are some plants which, as long as they are in bloom, I always go and look at the first thing in the morning, in order that I may enjoy their beauty; and *Iris korolkowii* is one of these". They who know the floral wealth of the Baden-Baden [a town in southwestern Germany; Leichtlin was a German horticulturalist] garden will recognize that the flower to be thus singled out must have particular charms; and indeed, I am myself inclined to regard *I. korolkowii*, as, in some respects, the most beautiful of all Irises as yet known to me; the delicate veining, the rich tone of the dark "purple – brown" (if I may use such a term to designate a very peculiar color which is common in this and allied irises) throat between style and standard, and the contrast which this affords to the soft creamy ground color of the falls and standards, together with graceful form, produce an effect which, in my eyes at all events, is most delightful.'



Continuing ...' *Iris korolkowii* was some years ago described and figured by Regel (Gartenflora, 1873), but the plant, I believe I am right in saying, was nearly lost to cultivation, until it was revived by the skill of the great Baden-Baden gardener, to whom I am indebted for my own specimens.

'Thanks to the energy of the Russian Government, of Dr. Regel and other Russian men of science (and I may add, of Russian generals, who at least do not think it is below their military dignity to take the trouble to send home roots and seeds of rare plants) we are becoming acquainted with the large number of irises, growing in Western and Central Asia, which form an interesting group intermediate between the ordinary bearded Iris and the Oncocyclus Irises such as *I. iberica* and *I. susiana*. *I. korolkowii*, sent from Central Asia (I have so far failed to find its exact habitat) by General Korolkow, after whom it has been named, is one of these; *I. leichtlini* from Bokchara [*sic?*; Bokhara = Buchara is a city in Uzbekistan] is closely allied to it, as are also several other Asian irises, which have not yet come into general cultivation.'

From Anna: Then Mr. Robinson describes in detail the botany of *I. korolkowii* and other Oncocyclus irises for several pages. We now know that *I. korolkowii* belongs to the *Regelia* group.

Michael Foster in Curtis's Botanical Magazine wrote in 1888:

"This very distinctive iris was discovered in Turkestan about 1870, by the collector, whose name it bears. It was imported to England from St. Petersburg by Mr. William Bull in 1874, but is still very little spread in English collections. We received it in 1876 from Max Leichtlin at Baden-Baden. The species has flowered both at Cambridge and Kew in the month of May this present year".

Also in 1888 Mr. Foster wrote in The Gardeners' Chronicle:

'The scientific zeal of Russian military officers and explorers guided by the Nestor of Russian Botany, Dr. K. von Regel of St. Petersburg, has within the last twenty years brought to light many new plants from Central Asia, and among them many new irises. Of those latter not a few are obviously allied to, and yet to certain characters, differ from the group of Irises known as the "Oncocyclus" group, of which *I. susiana* and *I. iberica* are well known examples.

'They thus form a distinct group by themselves, to which I propose to give the name Regelia. In this group *I. korolkowii* is distinguished by the large ovate-lanceolate falls, which – [skipping the long and detailed description – falls embrace standards, when gracefully are falling down – explanation by Anna]. Both falls and standards are marked by thin branched veins with the dark signal.'

I think that I have bored you enough, quoting these two gentlemen from England. They go on and on describing every form with a slightly different color variation or growth pattern for several pages each. And there are others. What strikes me is that they loved this iris so much that they devoted many hours to observing and writing descriptions of *I korolkowii* over the years. It seems that they described every line and every hair in detail. And this iris, like most of the Oncocyclus and Regelia groups of irises, is hard to grow, especially in England. But we are greatly thankful to Russian generals and German and English botanists for embracing this beautiful iris and forever preserving it for science. Turkestan is in the deadly snakes' zone, with difficult to traverse mountains, hostile local tribes and merciless war. No sane person would travel there now. Maybe all that is left of this beautiful species are the old drawings and descriptions and maybe several clumps somewhere in a special garden. This is like reading about the old ruins of Sumeria and Babylon. Reading such things is an expression of our humanity.

Reference:

<http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Spec/SpecKorolkowii>

## Vote the AIS 2017 TB Symposium

American Iris Society Region 14 RVP Phyllis Wilburn emailed on June 23:

Hi All: I want to remind everyone to vote the Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot.

Did you know that **ANYONE CAN VOTE? You don't even have to be a member of AIS.** This is something that I learned at the Spring AIS Board member. So do encourage all club members and any other iris lovers that you know to vote. You can print the ballot and pass it around at your meetings. Of course, all AIS members received the blue ballot in the Spring AIS Bulletin, and they can use that. The ballot can also be downloaded from the AIS website: [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org) . Click on About Irises, then on Awards and Surveys. You don't need to waste a stamp to mail the whole ballot to me. Just send me a list of 25 numbers or names, via email ([abirder@aol.com](mailto:abirder@aol.com)). If you feel that you must send it over the mail, my address is P.O. Box 9, Rescue, CA 95672. Either way is welcome. The deadline is Sept. 1, 2017, but the sooner the better.

We had such a poor turnout on this voting last year, and I am hoping that Region 14 can make a better showing this year.

Thanks, and do enjoy your summer and all your digging, labeling and sales activities. Phyllis Wilburn, AIS Region 14 RVP.

**Anna Cadd** suggested we print this Symposium reminder. She commented that all American Iris Society awards and medals are awarded by AIS judges and its convention awards by convention attendees. Regular AIS members and plain old iris fanciers have nothing to say in these matters. But the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium is open to all. So use your voice – you are the ones who pay big bucks for new introductions, grow irises in your gardens and see them every day. Tell AIS which irises

are the most valuable in our Region and which to recommend to the general public. Anna stressed, "It is very important to be part of the voting system. Every vote counts. I already voted!"

 Notice: Changes to Roster

New member **Ann Shippey** has sent more contact information, so update your membership list to:

**Ann Elizabeth Shippey**

2643 Oaks Dr.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

aeshippey@yahoo.com

 Keeping In Touch

**Kathy McCallum's** husband Walt had a stroke on January 2, 2017, was in the hospital for a week, and recovered over the spring. Then at the end of April, 2017 Walt was diagnosed with bladder cancer. He was hospitalized briefly in late May/early June, and is being treated with chemotherapy. Two weeks ago Walt consulted with a preeminent expert on this type of cancer at Stanford University who determined that he was not a good candidate for bladder removal. Walt is "tired but doing okay", recently has needed blood transfusions after the chemo, and is expecting to have radiation also.

If this wasn't enough, in May **Kathy McCallum** had surgery on her right elbow to release pressure on a nerve that's been an ongoing problem. Kathy hopes to make our July meeting.

You can send get well wishes to:

Kathy and Walt McCallum  
1267 Burbank Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

kt7mccallum@gmail.com

**Don Ford** had surgery for kidney cancer on June 9 and is recovering. **Diana** emailed on July 4: "[Don] appreciates the cards and all the get well soon wishes from everyone. He's chomping at the bit and wants to be fully recovered and back to normal right away. He's going to try to make the auction." They welcome greetings to:

Don and Diana Ford  
1310 University Rd.  
Hopland, CA 95449

[forddd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:forddd@sbcglobal.net)

Newer member **Darlene Anderson** had a stroke on June 10 in the emergency department at Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa while still awaiting a bed, 32 hours after being admitted for high blood pressure. She was able to go home after about a week but was hospitalized again June 28 - July 2 with periodic hypertension. She is tired but looking forward to attending our July 10 meeting. Darlene welcomes get well wishes to:

2875 W. Steele Lane  
Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

**Rudy Ciuca** had an operation to remove kidney stones on June 14. Doctors used a laser to break up the stones so they could pass. Hospitalization was minimal although the whole thing required three trips to the hospital in Vallejo, but by June 23 Rudy was doing well and preparing to take a cruise to Alaska with **Joe Lawrence**.

## Happy Birthday July Babies

Marlene Horn 7/11

Delores McKey 7/16

Shirley Tatum 7/22

## July Wedding Anniversaries

Susan and Ray Wiseman 7/1

John and Je-Won (Mickie) Viebranz 7/22

Kathy and Walt McCallum 7/27

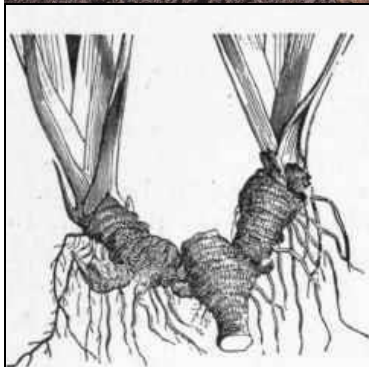
## What is a Rhizome?

Anna Cadd (from the May, 2017 SRIS newsletter)

During iris sales, mostly "bare root" sales but also during potted iris sales, people often struggle with the terminology of what is on the bottom of the iris plant. Of course, we know that this is a rhizome.

A true bulb, such as a hyacinth and a narcissus, is a swollen underground stem with a bud inside. In addition, a number of bulblike plant parts are often grouped under "bulbs." Corms such as crocus or gladiolus are similar but have the bud on top. They make new corms that replace the original one each year. A tuber, such as a tuberous begonia, is the swollen part of an underground stem with buds along the sides. Some plants, such as dahlias and ranunculus, have tuberous roots. All of these are food storage organs and are convenient for the gardener since they can be safely kept until ready to plant. A rhizome, such as an iris, is an underground stem; new plants sprout along its length.

Rhizomes are horizontal stems that grow underground, usually near the surface. Although they resemble roots, they have scale-like leaves and axillary buds (embryonic shoots) at each node (part of a stem with one or two leaves and buds). Adventitious roots (roots arising at unusual places such as from stems) are produced along the length of the rhizome, especially from the lower surface. In addition to the small, scale-like leaves, full-sized functioning leaves also form. Rhizomes vary from thick and fleshy food-storage organs such as in irises to slender structures in some ferns and many perennial grasses.



From "Bulbs and Friends" in *365 Days In The Garden Calendar* by Workman Publishing.  
Introductory Plant Biology by Kingsley R. Stern, 1994 edition, Wm. C. Brown Communications:  
Dubuque, Iowa.

*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 **August 2017** issue of this Newsletter is **July 20, 2017**. E-mail copy to: [alleah.haley@gmail.com](mailto:alleah.haley@gmail.com).*

## 2016 Registrations and Introductions Book

Anna Cadd

The new 2016 Registrations and Introductions booklet has just arrived. In 2016 there were 1185 irises registered originating in 16 countries, with 43.5% of the total originating in North America (USA - 505, Canada - 11). So North America lost its dominance in the iris world, as other countries are now registering more than half of all registered irises. This is probably good, as there is more diversity in the iris world. But we need to remember that earlier North American iris varieties are in the pedigrees of most registered varieties.

Other countries represented are: Russia (187), Australia (110), France (85), Netherlands (68), Ukraine (46), Germany (40), New Zealand (40), United Kingdom (27), Italy (22), China (21), Poland (11), Slovak Republic (11), Czech Republic (11), Lithuania (5).

Of the 1185 new registrations, 66.7% are tall bearded, 22.7% other bearded irises and 11.0% are beardless, species or species hybrids. Totals by class are as follows:

787	Tall Bearded	66.7%
137	Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)	11.6%
40	Japanese (JI)	3.4%
37	Border Bearded (BB)	3.1%
35	Intermediate Bearded (IB)	3.0%
32	Louisiana (LA)	2.7%
28	Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)	2.4%
19	Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)	1.6%
19	Pacific Coast Native (CA)	1.6%
17	Siberian (SIB)	1.4%
12	Aril/Arilbred (AR, AB)	1.0%
10	Species Hybrid (SPEC-X)	0.8%
7	Species (SPEC)	0.6%
5	Spuria (SPU)	0.4%

So looking at these numbers closely, if you are a new hybridizer, there is a slim chance to win a top award in TB or SDB classes against famous and well established hybridizers. But you never know; it only takes one ticket to win the lottery. You have a much greater chance to become "rich and famous" (??) if you start to dabble in the rest of the classes. At least I am trying. How about you?

The booklet is available for \$13 (includes shipping and handling; make check to The American Iris Society) from the AIS Storefront, John and Kay Ludi, PO Box 956, Sandy, OR 97055. Can also be charged on VISA or MasterCard – see details at the bottom of page 55 of the Spring 2017 issue of "Irises" or under AIS Storefront at [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org).

## Iris Donations Lists Needed



Anna Marie Hermansen and Alleah Haley will be making the photo labels for the paper barrel bags that are used to sell irises from at the Society's summer rhizome sales. This takes time – it takes hours of careful computer work to cut and paste iris descriptions and select and size the photos from the Iris Wiki. If you plan to donate rhizomes to the rhizome sale at the Center on Saturday, August 26 or to the rhizome sale at the Heirloom Expo at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds September 5-7, please make a list of the varieties you'll be digging. Send the list to Anna Marie at [amrmah@ix.netcom.net](mailto:amrmah@ix.netcom.net) and Alleah at [alleah.haley@gmail.com](mailto:alleah.haley@gmail.com) as soon as you can. If you don't have email, mail it. Their addresses are on the membership list included in the June 2017 SRIS Newsletter. If you "think" you might have enough increase to donate but aren't sure, include it on your list anyway. They can't make the labels at the last minute. Your list should include: variety name, hybridizer, year of introduction, and type of iris (TB, SDB, etc.).

If you're donating 2015 or 2016 introductions to the SRIS members-only auction to be held on Saturday, August 5 at C&L Vineyard in Sonoma, please send the names of those varieties to Kitty Loberg at [iris.loberg@comcast.net](mailto:iris.loberg@comcast.net). She needs a list to record bids at the auction.

### **Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Members' Meeting, June 12, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Davis at 7:10 p.m.

Anna Cadd introduced three guests: Justyna and Krzysztof Majewski from Poland and Daniel Cooper from Nevada. We were also pleased to see new members Bob and Dawn Wright.

Before the programs were given, Jeff and Kitty Loberg presented the trophies and awards from the Spring Show which were noted in the June newsletter.

Anna presented her program on the Spuria Convention in Burbank followed by Kitty's program on the Spring Regional in the Sacramento area.

The business meeting began at 8:45 p.m.

Before the minutes were approved, there was a question about horticultural awards from the show. Kitty will check her notes and send the information. Joe made a motion to approve the minutes which Anna seconded. Minutes approved.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved. Jeff announced Joe Lawrence's resignation as treasurer effective immediately. He thanked Joe for his ten years of service.

Kitty has agreed to assume these duties for the remainder of the year.

Jeff, Anna and Alleah attended the LBAG board meeting on May 16. It appears the Center is experiencing a financial crunch. One solution will be to raise Center dues for the various member clubs. The current \$15- per year will increase to \$25- in 2018 and \$30- in 2019. Another proposal was to install individual meters for water users.

The controversy over show dates was settled - the dates for SRIS 2018 Spring Show are April 28 - 29 and are presently on the Center calendar.

Jeff announced our October speaker has cancelled and asked the group for suggestions for a replacement. Anna Marie suggested Glynis Johnson of Enchanting Sweet Peas.

Jeff briefly spoke about upcoming club events and announced that the LBAGC has a new website. SRIS is included and we can add our own information to it.

The display garden and its weed outbreak was discussed. Jean will attempt to find an effective pre-emergent for the spurge and make sure garden is weed-free and ready for June fertilizing.

Cheryl Bryan asked if club was interested in ordering more irids for the display garden and noted the urgency to do so. She asked where the money for them would come from. Joe made a motion to add \$250.- as a line item to budget for irid purchase. Alleah seconded the motion which passed.

Jeff stated calendars were still available for \$5.-.

The raffle was then held. Results following.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Jean Sharp, temporary stand-in for Secretary Diana Ford.



Gardening ... just another day at the plant.

On marriage – *Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house.* Rod Stewart, rock star.

#### Door Prize Winners for June

**Belle Fille** – Bob Wright  
**Blame it on Rio** – Kitty Loberg  
**Bud to Blossom** – Marlene Freetly  
**Cameo Keepsake** – Mary True  
**Gentle Soul** – Jim Begley  
**Havutur Way** – Patricia Franz  
**Heart of Hearts** – Steve Albert  
**Magic Mirror** – Kitty Loberg  
**Menehune** – Jean Sharp  
**Outcast** – Marlene Horn  
**Passion for Fashion** – Rudy Ciuca  
**Ravishing Ruby** – Cheryl Bryan  
**Ridgecrest** – Alleah Haley  
**Rings True** – Gilda De Niro  
**Ruby Red Dress** – Jeff Davis  
**Sicilian Orange** – Anna Marie Hermansen  
**Spice Rack** – Anna Cadd  
**Splendid Spring** – Linnea Polo  
**Swivel Hips** – Anna Cadd  
**Syncopated Rhythm** – Dawn Wright

#### Door Prizes for July

Joe Lawrence

Please look over this list and familiarize yourself with the choices. All are TBs unless otherwise noted. When your name is chosen, please call out your name (not “me!”), which helps us keep track of the winners. We will try to pass out a list at the meeting so you can cross out selections as they are chosen. This should speed up the drawing. **Door prizes go to those present at the time of the drawing. If you leave early, you can't win!**

**BLACK CHERRY SORBET** (Harris, 2016). **MTB** 22” E. S. black cherry-red; style arms tan; F. orchid ground heavily veined black cherry-red; beards bright lemon yellow; slight spicy fragrance

**BREATH TAKING** (Black, 2016). **SDB** 14” M-L. S. silvery mauve; F. light slate blue, hafts blushed light mauve, pale light mauve band; beards burnt orange in throat, dark lilac in middle and end; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**COZY COTTON** (M. Sutton, 2015). **RE** 36” M-L. White self; beards yellow, hairs based white; ruffled and lightly serrated; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**CYBERGRAPE** (Schreiner, 2016). 42” M. S. medium blue-purple; F. violet-purple, white veining around beard; beards light blue.

**FRONT OF THE LINE** (Ghio, 2016). 34” EM. S. rusty mahogany-red; style arms gold, mahogany edge; F. gold overlaid mahogany-red to near dotting to razor thin gold edge; beards yellow.

**GET BACK** (L. Lauer, 2015). 35” M. S. white; F. aster violet darkening to towards rim lightening back to aster violet, copper brown shoulders, peach-beige toward beard; beards orange in throat, Indian yellow in middle, buttercup yellow at end; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**HAVITUR WAY** (Annand, 2015). **SDB** 12” M. S. light creamy olive, lavender midrib and wash on lower half of petal; F. medium olive, darker olive veins, hint of purple on hafts; beards white; fluted. **HIGH**

**DESERT** (Keppel, 2015). 40” M. S. lemon; F. yellow ground paling to warm white in center, narrow dark greyed red-purple band, veined shoulders and dart below beard; beards mustard orange and light purple; plicata.

**IRRESISTIBLE CHARM** (Tasco, 2016). 37” ML. S. peach; F. black-plum purple, bright clean white sunburst around beard; beards capsicum red; lightly ruffled; slight sweet fragrance.

**MANGO MELTDOWN** (M. Sutton, 2016). 38" M-L-VL. S. peach-pink; F. pale lavender-blue blending into lavender-pink band, lighter edge; beards yellow gold in throat and middle, light lavender ends; ruffled; slight sweet fragrance.

**MIDDLE GROUND** (G. Sutton, 2016). **BB** 23" M-L. S. white; F. white, chartreuse veins at shoulders, blue-violet lines in middle; beards yellow.

**MYSTIC IMAGE** (Tasco, 2016). 37" M. S. light bronzed yellow, rosy plum wash over midrib towards edge; F. burgundy-black, orange veins on both sides of beard; beard hairs based bronze, tips rusty brown; moderately ruffled; purple based foliage; pronounced baby powder fragrance.

**OUTER RINGS** (M. Sutton, 2016). 34" M-L. S. and style arms Dresden yellow; F. white, sulphur yellow at shoulders, faint yellow influence at edge of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " red-purple rim, lighter edge; beard yellow, tips orange; ruffled; slight spicy fragrance.

**OVER DRINKS** (Schreiner, 2016). 41" ML. S. dusky cream, purple on midribs; F. dark maroon hafts blending to red-lavender-mauve on edges, white medial line; beard white, tips orange.

**PATH TO HEAVEN** (Ghio, 2016). 38" EM. S. mid-deep pink; style arms pink; F. mid-deep pink, wide band of rosy orchid; beards tangerine-red.

**PURE MAJESTIC** (Annand, 2015). 34" E. S. white ground, outer bands of pale lavender deepening to medium lavender band around white centers; F. white, medium purple speckling becoming solid medium purple band on edges, hafts veined; beards white tipped gold in throat, white tipped lavender in middle and end.

**PUZZLED** (T. Johnson, 2015). 37" M-L. S. and style arms peach-orange; F. lavender-maroon, deep maroon wash; beards orange.

**SWIVEL HIPS** (T. Johnson, 2016). 32" L. S. smoky pink heavily infused royal purple; F. very wide and ruffled velvety deep royal purple, lighter band; beards smoky pink; sweet fragrance.

**TABLE FOR TWO** (Schreiner, 2016). 36" VE. S. tawny brown, violet at midribs; F. black-red, white blaze around beard; beards yellow.

**UNDER MY SPELL** (Tasco, 2016). 38" M. S. red-chocolate, orange-bronze wash on midrib toward edge; F. velvety dark black-red, few golden veins near back of beard; beard hairs based burgundy-brown, tips golden bronze; moderately ruffled; medium purple based foliage; slight fragrance.

**VENUS BLUSH** (Black, 2015). **BB** 25" M-L. S. mid dusky lilac to salmon, cream band along upper edge; F. green-cream, darker textured veins, blended  $\frac{1}{2}$ " buff-peach band and haft, mid cocoa-buff veins beside beard; beards mid tangerine; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**WAVES OF JOY** (Tasco, 2015). 39". ML. S. Naples yellow, slight violet veins on midrib; F. violet, Naples yellow rim, bronze shoulders and veins near upper portion of beard; beard hairs based white, golden tips, minor violet tipped hairs at very end; moderately ruffled; light purple based foliage; pronounced sweet fragrance.

**WINTER'S SMILE** (Black, 2016). 35" E-L. S. icy white, palest violet-blue edges; style arms pale grey white; F. icy white, pale yellow gold blush over haft; beard hairs based white, tips light tan in throat and middle, white end; heavily ruffled; slight sweet fragrance.

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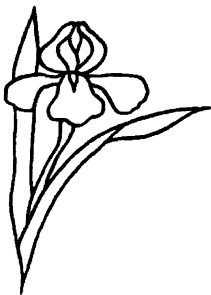
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## **Meetings & Membership**

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.

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