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Monday, September 11:

6:00 PM – Board Meeting, all welcome!

7:00 PM – Anna Cadd, “Iris Culture”, a free seminar for new & older members



Our speaker will be our own Anna Cadd. She will speak about how to plant and care for newly purchased irises and share general iris information.

Anna was born and raised in Poland and was the proud owner of a garden which, strangely enough, had some American irises growing in it! She earned a Master’s Degree (MS) in Biology and a doctorate (Ph.D.) in Plant Ecology from the University of Warsaw. She worked at the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Station, where she created several introduced lines and varieties of Triticale, which were grown all over southern Europe and the Middle East. Hard work was always a part of her life.

Anna decided to enrich her experiences by traveling throughout Europe and came to visit her relatives in Santa Rosa. She met David Cadd; and after she married him, she settled in Healdsburg in the home built by David’s grandparents. Now everything was simple – she worked full time, and together with David managed a huge home garden and the commercial Cadd’s Beehive Iris Garden. Together they introduced 97 iris varieties and received multiple awards from the American Iris Society (AIS) and international iris societies. They won Best of Show at Santa Rosa Iris Society at least 10 years in row, entering close to 100 iris varieties each year. She built countless flower arrangements for shows and meetings and is an accredited AIS Master Judge. David passed away two years ago. In 2017 she is solo introducing two spuria iris varieties: ‘Other Side of Pluto’ and ‘Mister David’.

Anna’s presentation will be one of many given during the last 27 years. She welcomes the opportunity to share her extensive knowledge of iris culture.

Gardening Tips for September

Anna Cadd

1. To avoid overwintering insects and diseases that can cause rot and to reduce the occurrence of leaf spot, remove and destroy any garden debris, spent iris bloom stalks, and brown dry foliage. You can start now before fall, as the days will get shorter and

there is always so much to do in the garden!

2. Planting your new irises is the priority now. They need to be well established before winter. Come to the September meeting and learn how to make this happen. Input from all SRIS members will be very much appreciated.
3. We are too busy now to think about planting a winter garden. So try to survive the load of work and just water the plants in the ground now, collect your buckets of fruits and veggies, can what you can, eat like a king and share some bounty with friends and neighbors!

From the President's Desk

As we head into September and the upcoming Heirloom Expo, I reflect back on this year's iris season and all the contributions made by members to help make our events a success. It takes the dedication of each of us to break away from all the other things pulling at us in our daily lives to make them happen. And many of us are in other clubs and organizations pulling for the same contributions. I really want to thank everyone for taking the time and energy for this club. So, Happy September and onto our next event!

Jeff Davis

This Month

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

Monday, September 11 – Anna Cadd, "Iris Culture". Free seminar for new & older members.

2017 Iris Events and Important SRIS Dates

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, September 11, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 13, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM



2017 Plant Sale Dates

Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10, 10-5 – "Beckoning Butterflies, Birds & Bees to the Garden" at **Russian River Rose Company**, 1685 Magnolia Dr., Healdsburg 707-433-7455. Roses for sale; Book signing of *The Bee Friendly Garden* by local author Kate Frey. See russian-river-rose.com.

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

Saturdays 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 or call Rick Stern 707-525-8310 or email 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 **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 .

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

Heirloom Expo 2017

Anna Cadd

Time is flying by and September is already here...which means it's time for our all-time favorite conference! September 5-7 is the amazing Heirloom Seed Expo in Santa Rosa. Old friends and new will gather together to bring you the BEST celebration of seeds on the planet! See Ronnie Cummins, Zen Honeycutt, Vandana Shiva, Jeffrey Smith, Dave Murphy and many more speaking on the direction of the food movement. There will be the introduction of a new project called "The Good Food Brigade". And once again Santa Rosa Iris Society will have a booth to sell irises and participate in Heirloom Expo 2017. If you haven't attended before, please come by and maybe help with selling irises together with the members who signed to do this task at our last meeting. The half-day shifts are long and even short breaks are very much appreciated. We all know a lot more about irises than the average public – so don't be intimidated.

Tickets are \$10 for one day or \$25 for all three days. You may get in for free if you persuade the ticket people that you are going to sell irises. Wear your green t-shirt with SRIS logo or name tag. They will not lose money, because for sure you will buy some seeds, books or maybe even irises?

From the Editor – **Many thanks** for contributions to this issue: **Anna Cadd, Jeff Davis, Diana Ford, Stan Logan** and **Phyllis Wilburn** of Sacramento Iris Society, **Jonnie Russell, Jean Sharp, Jan Tolmasoff** of Russian River Rose Co., and **Susan Wiseman**. *Alleah*

Keppel's 'Montmartre' wins 2017 Dykes!



Montmartre (Keppel, 2008, TB), a luminata – 37 (of 403) votes

Each year American Iris Society (AIS) judges vote for the top irises in each iris class based on their performance in gardens. This year's winners were announced in August.

Runners-up for the Dykes Medal were Sharp Dressed Man (T. Johnson, 2010, TB) – 24 votes, and Magical (Ghio, 2008, TB) – 21 votes.

Other major AIS awards were:

Wister Medal for top three vote getters in TB Award of Merit (AM) balloting:

39 Reckless Abandon (Keith Keppel)

38 Beauty Becomes Her (Paul Black)

38 Black is Black (Schreiner)

Napa hybridizer John Painter's Spice Trader was 2nd runner up for the Wister Medal.

Knowlton Medal for best Border Bearded (BB) – Ballerina Pink (Paul Black)
Hans and Jacob Sass Medal for best Intermediate Bearded (IB) – Red Hot Chili (Michael Sutton)
Williamson-White Medal for best Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB) – Tic Tac Toe (Thomas Johnson)
Cook-Douglas Medal for best Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB) – Bright Blue Eyes (Michael Sutton)
Caparne-Welch Medal for best Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB) – Cute as a Button (Paul Black)
Clarence G. White Medal for best arilbred ($\geq 50\%$ aril) – Sand Dancer (Richard Tasco). Tasco also took the 2nd and 3rd runner-up slots in this voting with Exotic Treasure and Bhutan
William Mohr Medal for best arilbred (25%-50% aril) – Eye to Eye (Keith Keppel)
Founders of Signa Medal for best species iris – Ruth Wilder (Walter Hoover)
Randolph Perry Medal for best interspecific hybrid – Okagami (Hiroshi Shimiza)
Sydney B. Mitchell Medal for best Pacific Coast iris – Foggy Days (Joseph Ghio). Ghio also took 2nd and 4th runner-up for Multiplicity and Area Code
Mary Swords Debaillon Medal for best Louisiana (LA) – Our Friend Dick (Ron Killingworth)
Morgan-Wood Medal for best Siberian (SIB) – Judy, Judy, Judy (Robert Hollingworth)
Eric Nies Medal for best spuria (SPU) – Line Dancing (B. Charles Jenkins). 3rd runner-up was Lemon Chiffon Pie by SRIS' own Anna and Davis Cadd.
Payne Medal for best Japanese Iris (JI) – Oh So Pink (Donald Delmez)
Fred and Barbara Walther Cup for most Honorable Mention (HM) votes in any category – Moose Tracks (Lynda Miller)

TB AMs went to:

Don't Stop Believing (Thomas Johnson)
Bluebird of Happiness (Paul Black)
Opposites (Shirley Trio)
Cotillion Gown (Keith Keppel)
Dazzle (Joseph Ghio)
Oil Painting (Joseph Ghio)
Autumn Explosion (Richard Tasco)
Broke Again (William Tyson)
Coal Seams (Schreiner)
Ghost Writer (Keith Keppel)
Oh Carol (Larry Lauer)
Teasing Tiger (John Painter)
Chocolatté (Leslie Painter)
My Lady's Manor (Philip W. Remare)
Dots and Splashes (Michael Sutton)
Vanilla Frappé (Michael Sutton)
Baby I Love You (Paul Black)
Florentine Gold (Bruce Filardi)
Pretty Kitty (Keith Keppel)
Sea Cruise (Keith Keppel)
Orangelo (Michael Sutton)
Jerico Springs (Barbara Nicodemas)
One of a Kind (Paul Black)

BB AMs went to:

My Cher of Happiness (Paul Black)
Wild (Paul Black)

IB AMs went to:

Leave the Light On (Riley Probst)
Spectator (Keith Keppel)

MTB AMs went to:

Gesundheit (Charles Bunnell)

Little Wite Tiger (Jean Witt)

SDB AMs went to:

Matador's Cape (Paul Black)

Look Inside (Paul Black)

Worry Wart (Paul Black)

Abuzz with Charm (Carol Coleman)

Coconino (Marky Smith)

MDB AMs went to:

Beetlejuice (Paul Black)

Rivulet (Keith Keppel)

AR and AB AMs went to:

Dubai (Thomas Johnson)

Eyes on You (Paul Black)

AB AM went to:

Desert Snow (Paul Black)

Species AM s went to:

Lakeside Ghost (Chad Harris)

Cloud of Dragons (Anita Moran)

Interspecies AM went to:

Yasha (Hiroshi Shimiza)

Chocobeards (Lynn Markham)

Californicae (PCI) AMs went to

Banner for Iona (Joyce Prothero)

Going Bananas (Joseph Ghio)

LA AMs went to:

Seminole Moon (Harry Wolford)

Gris Gris (Patrick O'Connor)

Southern Star (Heather Pryor)

SIB AMs went to:

Paprikash (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

Concord Crush (Bob Bauer & John Coble)

SPU AMs went to:

Red War Clouds (Lee Walker)

Ibex Ibis (Brad Kasperek)

5th runner up was Angelic Snowflake (Anna & David Cadd)

JI AMs went to:

Japanese Plum (Chad Harris)

Indigo Angel (Bob Bauer & John Coble)

A large number of Honorable Mentions were awarded.

Did you know that the AIS website has the yearly lists of winners, including number of votes, from 1999 to the present in PDF format? Go to [www.irises.org/About Irises/Awards Surveys/AIS Awards.html](http://www.irises.org/About_Irises/Awards_Surveys/AIS_Awards.html) ; go about halfway down the page to find the links. From the same page you can find pages devoted to each of the awards with pictures of the winners.

The Dykes Medal is the highest award judged by the American Iris Society judges. It is awarded by the British Iris Society in honor of William Rickatson Dykes to the best iris registered by AIS. The candidates are chosen from the AIS Medal winners. The Medal winners are the best irises in their class. So this is the best of the best. The British Iris Society (BIS) also presents Dykes Medals to irises registered by the BIS.



Change to Roster

Please note the following new member and help her feel welcome to our Club:

Jonnie Russell
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Happy Birthday September Babies

Rich Kunde 9/6
Susan Wiseman 9/22

September Wedding Anniversaries

Betty and Ken Ford 9/7
Bill and Shirley Tatham 9/10
Jim Begley and Marcelline Nelipowitz 9/29

August in the Display Garden

August was a very busy month in our display garden. On Friday the 18th, Jim Begley and I met at the garden to spread the club tarps for delivery of nine yards of compost from the City of Santa Rosa Biosolids-Compost facility on Llano Road. Marcy's Hauling did a great job of piling the compost only on the tarps, avoiding the weeds underneath. Then, on Sunday the 20th, Jim and I and a worker from the Graton Labor Center worked nearly five hours shuttling the compost to the club iris bed as well as to two other tarps positioned by the Dykes bed and the other bearded bed. Jim added 50 lbs. oyster shell flour and 20+ lbs. of 6-24-24 fertilizer and raked the entire bed level in preparation for planting a few days later. We spread more compost around the rebloomers and then gave them extra water. In all, we moved half the compost and used the second tarp to cover the remainder.

Tuesday the 22nd was the big work party for tilling, planting club iris, cleanup of beardless iris, mulching and watering the Dykes and PCIs and digging, trimming and labeling the medians and historics to be sold at the rhizome sale. I wish to extend a huge "Thank You" to those who came that day: Jim Begley, Diana and Don Ford, Jeff Davis and his friend Diane Guffey, Alleah Haley, Anna Cadd, Cheryl Bryan and Joe Lawrence and Rudy Ciuca. I know it was a hotter day than expected, but I appreciate everyone's efforts – we accomplished a lot.

Diana and Jeff headed the planting and labelling detail with assistance from Diane Guffey, while the rest of the crew dug, trimmed, mulched and weeded. The club iris bed looks beautiful – home to 105 TBs and medians. Pre-emergent was applied and bed was watered and charted by Diana.

After the medians and historics were dug, one tarpful of compost along with oyster shell flour and fertilizer was added to that bed. Then it was tilled and raked so it could be replanted. Joe and Rudy concentrated on cleaning, mulching and watering the Dykes bed.

Nearly everyone started by 9:00 a.m. and the last stragglers left around 4:00 p.m. A good day's work, well done. Thank you to all who helped.

Jean Sharp, Display Garden Slave Driver

On August 23rd President Jeff Davis emailed the previous day's volunteers:

"A big thank you to all of you for your help digging and planting all the iris at the garden yesterday. You made it all go smooth and organized. I will personally thank Jim since he does not have email. Jean, great job getting it all together. And thanks Don and Diana for bringing the tiller. Wow, what a help that was. See you all Saturday [at the Club's August 26 rhizome sale at LBAGC]. Jeff"

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 **October 2017** issue of this Newsletter is **September 20,, 2017**. E-mail copy to: alleah.haley@gmail.com.

Iris Rhizome Sale at LBAGC

Members got up bright and early on Saturday August 26; and, starting at 7:00 a.m., sorted donated iris rhizomes into cut-down supermarket barrel bags by variety. Rhizomes were donated by Jim Begley, Rudy Ciuca, Betty Ford, Diana and Don Ford, Marlene Freetly, Alleah Haley, Anna Marie Hermansen, Marlene Horn, Joe Lawrence, Kitty Loberg, Linnea Polo, and Lynn Williams. Set up and sorting was aided by Steve Albert, Cheryl Bryan, Jean Sharp, Marlene Freetly's daughter Shelley, and newer member Bob Wright. Most of the variety photo bag labels were made by Anna Marie, aided by Alleah. The public started arriving just before 9:00 a.m. and sales were steady up until closing at 3:00 p.m. It is likely that high temperatures discouraged the number of shoppers. But, all in all, it was a good sale, we got new member Jonnie Russell, and we organized for the upcoming rhizome sale at the Heirloom Expo at the fairgrounds on September 5-7.

How to Plant Newly Purchased or Replant Irises

Anna Cadd

1. Soil preparation: Iris will thrive in most well-drained garden soils. Planting on a slope or in raised beds helps ensure good drainage. If your soil is heavy, coarse sand or humus may be added to improve drainage. Gypsum is an excellent soil conditioner that can improve most clay soils. The ideal pH is 6.8 (slightly acidic), but iris are tolerant in this regard. To adjust the pH of your soil, lime may be added to acidic soils or sulfur to alkaline soils. It is always best to have your soil analyzed before taking corrective measures.

2. When, Where and How to Plant Bearded Iris Rhizomes: For best results, iris should be planted in July, August or September. It's imperative that the roots of newly planted iris be well-established before the growing season ends. In areas with hot summers and mild winters, September or October planting may be preferred.

Iris need at least a half day of sun. In extremely hot climates, some shade is beneficial, but in most climates iris do best with at least 6 hours a day of full sun.

Iris should be planted so the tops of the rhizomes are exposed and the roots are spread out facing downward in the soil. In very light soils or in extremely hot climates, covering the rhizome with 1 inch of soil may be desirable. Firm the soil around each rhizome and then water in to help settle the soil. A common mistake is to plant bearded iris too deeply.

Iris are generally planted 12 to 24 inches apart. Close planting gives an immediate effect, but closely planted iris will need to be thinned often. Plants spaced further apart will need less frequent thinning.

When do I cut my iris leaves?

Anna Cadd

During the summertime you will hear this question often, so you should be prepared to give the right answer. Cutting off iris leaves half way is our grandmothers' style of growing this garden perennial, and this old wives' tale just won't die. We don't cut the green leaves any more. These leaves are "working" for next year's bloom and for the general well-being of the plant.

Normal summer die-off of some leaves is to be expected and is related to the plants' dormancy period. Leaves turn brown at the tips and can eventually brown all the way down. Avoid trimming the browned parts from the leaves, as they provide some shade. If they are trimmed, the leaves will just brown again from the top edge. It is fine to remove any leaves that are brown all the way down and have fallen over. So we may cut all brown tips and all dry-to-the-ground leaves for cosmetic reasons if we want a perfect

garden, but that is it. On the other hand, trimming the foliage, does have its benefits. The garden appears tidier, and the surface area on which fungal leaf spot can develop is reduced. So you need to decide....

To Water or Not to Water – that is the Question

Anna Cadd

Now we come to the problem of watering irises in summer. There are many opinions. Some say that irises should never be watered if the temperature is above 85 °F. That sure doesn't seem logical. Some say that we must not water irises at all in the summer. That seems rather dicey, unless there are regular summer rains. And it certainly does not seem like the thing to do to potted irises. Some of my friends whose irises are watered with drip-lines said that their plants are fine.

Watering from above, such as I was doing with my sprinkling hose head, causes the base of the leaf fan to essentially "cook" as the water trapped there heats up in the sun. The rhizome may be damaged, causing it to rot and die. I have noticed that the leaf fans could go from looking healthy in the early morning when I watered, to becoming semi-transparent and falling over by afternoon.

From my experience, in temperatures of about 85 °F and higher, irises should be lightly watered at their base about once a week. Watering in the evening or at night is best because it is cooler and the sun is not so intense. Drip emitters and drip-line soaker hoses are good choices.

Potted irises should be relocated into full shade from May through September, and should be watered as described above. Do not fertilize during the summer. Now is also a good time of year to decide on a spot for new irises. An ideal iris bed receives shade on summer afternoons. Remember that the place that we choose in September will not have the same amount of sun as it does in the middle of summer.



Ad for gardener: "*WANTED: Eager, high-spirited recruit to keep me company while we do 'dirty things'. Respond to 109 Morton Ave. or 104 Sid Ave. in Elkhart or 208 Eucalyptus Ave., Cotati.*" – Susan Wiseman, thinking to get more applicants if job is billed as X-rated.

We're All Hosers

Stan "The Tool Man" Logant

What can you say Region 14 RVP hoses. I've been have some not. Since I knew comments for the

The most basic what you pay for." problems with hose material will Other than this decisions to make.



about hoses? That's what I asked myself when Phyllis Wilburn requested I do an article about pondering this question for several months now. I thoughts that are possibly worth sharing . . . or nothing about these hoses, I looked at the different models you can buy on Amazon.

rule as with practically all things you buy: "You get If you buy a cheap hose, you will likely have kinking, the fittings will eventually leak, and the not bear up against the ravaging of the sun's rays. obvious cost consideration, there are other

Most garden hoses have a 5/8 inch inside diameter. 1/2 inch hoses are lighter, have reduced volume flow, and are generally of low quality. How much length do you need? Most hoses are 50 feet long. I've noticed a long monster for sale at Costco.

You must have noticed the “Pocket Hose” or the other numerous expandable hose brands that seem to be the latest hot items on the hose market. You can find it for sale in a container about the size of a lunch box. You have to use one of these to appreciate them. It weighs almost nothing, so if aging muscles have difficulty dragging a heavy hose around, this may be the hose for you. You don’t have to worry about knocking things down as you drag the hose because it doesn’t ever lie in stiff loops on the ground. When you release the pressure, the hose shrivels up to almost nothing and can be stored in a large flower pot. However, these hoses are notorious for developing leaks in a very short time. They have come out with supposedly improved models. I have to admit that I bought one of these Pocket Hoses at Target because it was on clearance for \$14—I can’t resist a sale. The regular price is over \$30. You see, I had found a Pocket Hose at a garage sale months ago, and my wife really loves it. It developed a leak next to a fitting, but I was able to fix it. I think it will be only a matter of time before her hose is a goner, but now I have a backup. I figured that \$14 for a hose that my wife loves for one year is worth it. If you choose to also gamble, don’t leave the pressure on after use. Also, stepping on it can result in premature death ... of the hose, that is.

Then there is the stainless steel hose that has recently appeared. In fact, it appeared on the ground at [a recent local] potting party. I noticed it had a dent in it. I’ll have to ask Ruth what happened. It was probably Rick’s fault. Anyway, if you believe all the hype, this is the hose of the future ... or not. Since I knew nothing about these hoses, I looked at the comments for the different models you can buy on Amazon. I hope you have used consumer comments to help you select products when you buy online. These comments are often very revealing and often amusing. Among the comments about these hoses were many complaints about the low volume flow and frequent leaks—but these varied a great deal from brand to brand. It once again revealed the fact that you get what you pay for.

Aquarian, IB,

How about coiled hoses? I hate coiled hoses. If they don’t **MSmith, 2017** path from tripping on them, they will cause a heart attack for all the stress they create when they get tangled or hung up on something. Volume flow is low. These stupid hoses do not last very long either. That being said, we have one of these ... I don’t know why ... except they do recoil into a relatively small space. Actually, my proof reader says she likes this hose and uses it more than any other hose. And here I was ready to pull out that Pocket Hose that I was saving for a leaky day.



†Stan Logan is a retired teacher and frequent contributor to the Sacramento Iris Society *Iris Lore*. This was reprinted by permission, with minor edits, from their September 2017 issue.

Minutes of Santa Rosa Iris Society Special Meeting, August 14, 2017

A number of people wanted to address the meeting. Jeff opened up the meeting to hear these points. There was a lively discussion of how to direct monies in the budget. There were many suggestions. Since a large part of SRIS money consists of funds designated for education scholarships, a suggestion was made to send some money to the region for their scholarship program, also a suggestion was made to see about elementary and middle school education programs. For the other portion of money there was a discussion of bringing in outside speakers for presentations, hiring help to manage the display garden and educating youth. A decision was made to continue this discussion at the budget meeting. Next meeting please make suggestions of outside presenters to discuss at the programs meeting.

There was a discussion about having youth and young adults participate along with schools. Anna Cadd will contact AIS to put in an article asking clubs how they attract younger members. There was a discussion on making new members feel welcome and providing a brochure describing many of the iris terms and explaining procedures for new members. Members described a personal connection they felt

from older members checking on them and making them feel welcome. We may be falling short on this. The number of door prize iris needs to be increased and may need to be given out earlier in the meeting. Many people can't stay as late because of work and kids going to school the next day. Our meetings are lasting too long. We may need to reduce the amount of club administration in general meetings and discuss iris and difficulties people may be having with their own gardens.

Bill Tatham offered to contact 4H and Granges groups.

Garden preparation: Tuesday August 22 at 9:00 a.m. we will dig the historic and intermediates, prepare the soil for the door prize iris, and plant them.

Jean Sharp asked for donations of good space age iris for the display bed.

There was a discussion of running the rhizome sale on site and the Heirloom Festival. Anna Marie sent out the emails. We were late for getting community events in the paper.

The sale at LBC is set for August 26 at 9-3 with setup at 7 a.m. Prices were set at \$4 per Tall Bearded or 3 for \$10, SDBs are \$1 or 6 for \$5. There was some discussion of logistics, signs, storage of iris between sale and Heirloom Expo, handouts and bags available, as well as pictures for the bags. Bill Tatham offered his garage for storage.

Setup for the Heirloom Expo will be at 1 p.m. Monday September 4 at the fairgrounds. Tables and bags of iris need to be delivered then. It was decided to use the Expo's insurance. There was a discussion of setting up money for each day.



2017 Fall Regional Speaker – Chad Harris

Chad Harris of Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm in Washougal, Washington has been growing many different species of irises at his magnificent estate along the Columbia River for over 35 years. He is respected in the iris world as a Master Judge with the American Iris Society and for his work with *Iris ensata* of which several of his introductions hold national awards. He also enjoys working with the Asian water species *Iris laevigata*. Currently he and a handful of hybridizers worldwide are using *Iris ensata* to create a new iris hybrid "Pseudata" that is longer blooming and more tolerant of cultural needs.

SRIS members were fortunate to have Chad give our Society the program "Beyond the Bloom" in August, 2015. His talk introduced us to the many different types of irises including the water-loving irises of Asia and their use in the garden. Come to this fall's Regional meeting at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Chico to hear more from this renowned iris hybridizer, judge, and landscape wizard. See registration form in this issue.

Iris Garden Markers

SRIS uses See-Fine Markers, available in 13", 20", and 26" lengths from See-Fine Marker Co., Thad Brinkley, 1314 Alder Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501. Phone 208-413-6238. See seefineflowermarker.com. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$1.10 each. Names are attached with a Brother P-Touch labeler or Avery Weatherproof®

5520 labels, printed on a laser printer. Names made on regular paper labels or with an ink jet printer will wear off quickly.



Region 14
 2017 Fall Regional October 27th – October 28th
“Going Beardless”

Hosted by Region 14/Leo T Clark Iris

Guest Speaker – Chad Harris
 -proprietor of Mt Pleasant Iris Farm
Washougal WA

Conference Hotel
Ramada Plaza Chico
 685 Manzanita Ct Chico CA

Contact them directly for room reservations at 530 345-2491 or by e-mail
 directorofsales@ramadachico.com

To receive the group rate use the group name Iris Fall Event when making your reservation.

The room rate is available until **October 10th 2017.**

Hotel room rates are \$99.00 + tax for double queen and \$89.00 + tax for single king.

Breakfast included in room rate. Pet Friendly \$22.00 per night charge. Wireless Internet

Registration includes deli buffet lunch on Saturday

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee if paid by October 10th, 2017 \$70.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

if paid after October 10th, 2017 \$80.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Region 14

Please send registration to:

Carol Cullen

2856 Sun River Dr.

Chico, CA 95973

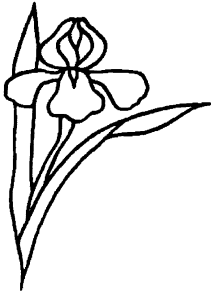
carolcullen805@gmail.com (805) 441-4433

Re-blooming Iris Show Oct 27th Ramada Plaza Lobby Will enter: Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

Irises Accepted: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm Judging at 5:00pm

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Name and Address Correction requested



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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.

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.

October Newsletter Deadline – September 20th