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REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE:

FALL REGIONAL 2009  October 23-24, 2009
Hosted by: Sacramento Iris Society
Contact: Shirley Trio
shirleytrio@clearwire.net  209-551-6323

SPRING REGIONAL 2010  April 23-25, 2010
Hosted by: Region 14 Board
Contact: Shirley Trio
Shirleytrio@clearwire.net  209-551-6323

FALL REGIONAL 2010  TBA
Hosted by: Fresno Iris Society
Contact: Shirley Trio
Shirleytrio@clearwire.net  209-551-6323

2009 RHIZOME SALES

AUGUST 2
Monterey Bay Iris Society  Deer Park Shopping Center
Hwy. 1 & Rio del Mar Blvd  Aptos, CA
Contact: Thomas Karwin  gardening@karwin.com

AUGUST 8
Fresno Iris Society  Fresno State University Horticulture Bldg. Fresno,
Contact: Michele Gunderson  dm_gunderson@sbcglobal.net  7am-12pm

Monterey Bay Iris Society  Aptos Farmer’s Market
Cabrillo College, 600 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA  8am-12pm
Contact: Thomas Karwin  gardening@karwin.com
CALLING ALL SOCIETIES!

It has come to my attention that there is some confusion regarding the annual dues of the society to the Region. In the past, according to Standing Rule 5, the amount has been $2.00 per society member. At the Fall Regional, October 18, 2008, changes to the Standing Rules were adopted and among the changes are the below change to Standing Rule 5 regarding the amount payable per society member: “5. The RVP shall respectfully request a minimum of $3.00 per member of each affiliate on an annual basis based upon their membership roster for the purpose of supporting the operation of Region 14. July first (1) is the date to transfer money from the affiliates to the Region.”

A copy of the complete text of the Standing Rules is on our website: www.aisregion14.org or you may contact Lynn Williams, RVP for a complete copy.
From the Desk of
Lynn Williams, RVP

Its summer time, a time to make plans to visit family and friends, enjoy the great outdoors, dig irises, attend and work your society’s rhizome sale; and most fun of all, wait for those new irises that you have ordered to arrive and organize the rhizomes that you bought from the Region and your society’s sales. During the hottest part of the day, I like to hide from the sun and use that time to make my master list of the irises that I plan on keeping and the new ones that I have gotten. I have very limited space in my garden that gets full sun, so when I get more irises, I must select which irises to remove from my garden. It is sometimes very hard to choose which ones to give up, since I have so many favorites. Once I’ve made my selection and have typed my list of irises on the computer; I look up the description and enter it next to the name, hybridizer, and year of introduction of each iris. Then next spring I take my list with me to the garden to make sure that the irises are correctly named. With all the work that Kitty Loberg is doing to put the photos of the irises that are being offered for sale by the Region on our website, we have a wonderful resource to check against if we aren’t sure if that beautiful iris in question is correctly named.

Speaking of beautiful irises, what a wonderful show of irises in bloom we were treated to at the Spring Regional. For those of you who didn’t attend, you missed out on a great Regional. A special Thank You to Santa Rosa Iris Society for a great job of hosting this year’s Spring Regional. Besides the spectacular bloom, the Judges’ Training put on by Anna Cadd on iris arrangements for the show was very informative and interesting. On Friday, if you went to the master planting at the LBAGC, you were able to participate in a blind judging of irises. I found it quite an experience and learned that I often don’t take as much time as I probably should when evaluating irises. I hope that we will be able to add this as a regular feature at our future Spring Regionals. At the banquet, we were treated to a wonderful entertaining guest speaker, Steve Schreiner and a slide show. Also there was a lot of interesting iris items for sale in the silent auction. At this Regional we had an unintended consequence that ended up being a special treat. Because the bus company scheduled the buses for the wrong day, we ended up car-pooling to the gardens. This allowed many people the chance to get to know and talk to other people, that they might not have had the opportunity to do so, if they had been on buses. Several people said that they really enjoyed the car-pooling better than riding on a bus because they were able to make new friends. This is something we should consider for future Spring Regionals as a fun thing to do as well as a way to help keep the registration fees down, which will hopefully allow more people to attend,
especially in these times of economic uncertainty.

Next year the Regional Board is hosting the Spring Regional and there will be three guest iris gardens in the Modesto area. So, start saving your money for next year’s Spring Regional as it should be another spectacular Regional. More information will be in the next Bulletin.

For those of you who were unable to attend this year’s Spring Regional, the board decided to postpone going over the changes to the By-Laws as they needed more work. Once the committee has the proposed changes to the By-Laws completed, a copy will be sent to everyone in the Region for their review and consideration and then they will be presented to the Board for recommendation to the membership at the Fall Regional. So, be sure and attend the upcoming Fall Regional, October 23rd and 24th. Not only will you be treated to a wonderful guest speaker, Terry Aitken, who will also be giving the judges’ training, but there will be beardless irises for sale. Don’t forget the all important board meeting on Friday evening to discuss issues and set the policies that direct this Region, your Region. Last, but certainly not least, this is a wonderful time to socialize with fellow Irisarians and share information and photos, get help solving those tricky iris problems or questions you may have, and generally have a good time. I’m looking forward to seeing each and every one at the Fall Regional in Sacramento. 🎉

Lynn Williams

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Anna and David Cadd for a wonderful job of chairing this year’s Spring Regional. They worked very hard organizing and overseeing all the jobs that the members of the SRIS did, not to mention the work they personal did. This was a wonderful Spring Regional and I have heard from many people who attended, how much fun they had, how much they enjoyed the gardens, and how smoothly everything went. That is the highest complement the chairs can receive. Kudos to you both. Also, Kudos to all the members of the SRIS for all their hard work making this Spring Regional a huge success. 🎉
Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

I’d like to give a special THANK YOU to Rudy Ciuca, who not only cooked the fabulous lunch we enjoyed at the Spring Regional, but also donated everything that was needed to make the lunch. I’d also like to thank his various family members who helped serve the food.

Lynn

Milestones:
If your Society is having a special event or project this year; Jim Morris, compiler of the milestones column in the AIS Bulletin would like to know. The Milestones column is the place for your Society to promote your events, special occasions, and anniversaries. Please send your articles to Jim at AISSectionLisison@irises.org.

“PRESS RELEASE”

We will be voting on our new RVP and Assistant RVP/Judges Training Chairman at the Fall Regional. Be there and make your voice heard!!!!!!!

Also we will be honoring our outgoing RVP - Lynn Williams for the outstanding job she has done over the past three years!!!!
Revisions to the Region 14 By-Laws

It has come to my attention that some of you are wondering why it is necessary to revise the By-Laws. The By-Laws are outdated and do not reflect the way the Region has been doing business for many years. Since we are now a 501(c)3 non profit corporation we are required to file a copy of the new By-Laws with the State of California every time a change is made to the By-Laws. As a consequence, the By-Laws need a complete revision. Specific dates need to be taken out of the By-Laws and words like annual or yearly need to be put in. Some specific details can be put in the Standing Rules to allow more flexibility for future Region 14 Boards. It is easy to change the Standing Rules, but difficult to change the By-Laws, so they need to be updated and streamlined.

Here are just a few items that are being revised: There are no provisions for what to do in the case of vacated positions due to incapacity or death. There is no provision stating the length of term of elected officers or appointed officers. There have been no duties listed for the Immediate Past RVP. The process of nominating and electing officers needs to be redone because we are no longer in compliance with the By-Laws. According to the By-Laws the slate of nominated officers must be published in the Fall Bulletin before they are elected at the Fall Regional. We no longer have a Fall Bulletin.

The Revision Committee has worked hard and we all need to have a better understanding of how complicated this revision is, and to discuss it and get it right.

Lynn Williams
Region 14 RVP

Electronic Judges’ Training:
Just to let you know, AIS is currently doing a pilot test project using electronic Judges’ Training for certain topics. Ethics is the first topic to be tried. Keep tuned for further information.
Betty Ford Garden
By Marlene Freetly and Delores McKey, paraphrased

Betty’s garden is like a park. She could charge admission and get it, it is so impressive. Everywhere you look is pleasing to the eye. Betty expanded her garden area to accommodate the guest irises, which were planted in sweeping, curved beds that were lined with rocks. The bloom was spectacular and it was a treat to see so many irises in bloom. In Betty’s garden, there are winding pathways that weave in and around beds of irises interspersed with other plants like the explosion of red, yellow, and orange poppies that set off the bearded irises so nicely; and the dark pink sweet peas climbing on the back fence that complimented the Spurias planted in front of them; and the yellow and blue violas peeking up here and there. Also interspersed among the flower beds are bird houses, a fountain, a garden sculpture of a person sitting made of flower pots, a metal chicken or two, and a fantasy bird made of gardening tools, to name a few of the garden art objects, and of course those interesting rocks, all of which add up to a delightful vision. You never know what you are going to see around the next corner or in the next bed. Along the one side of the garden tucked under the pine trees you could see some PCI clumps that were still in bloom. Every where you turned was a delight to the senses of color and texture, interest and humor. Betty always has so many interesting effects built into her garden that there is so much more to enjoy than just irises. Her garden has the relaxed atmosphere of going to a retreat and you don’t think about the massive amount of time she must spend in it to keep it that way. Thank you Betty, for all of your hard work and your willingness to share your garden with everyone. ♫ ♫

Jim Begley Garden
By Anna Marie Hermansen paraphrased

Our fellow iris participants had cheery faces and smiles as they exited their vehicles. All were very enthusiastic to see what lay ahead in the garden. They proceeded from the front pasture down to the far end, through a newly planted area at the gate, where the guest irises were planted in raised beds. Most of the irises were in bloom, and people were busy taking pictures and
jotting down names of those that interested them or what they had photographed. In the area surrounding the guest irises were roses and other plants as well as many additional irises that Marcelline had planted. Leaving the guest iris area we walked past the pool along a very impressive rose garden. Unfortunately the roses were not quite ready to open for us, but we could see they would be gorgeous once in bloom. Walking to the opposite side of the property, we saw more irises. As people strolled down the driveway, everyone oohed and aahed at the gorgeous sight of bountiful clumps of irises that were nearly all in bloom. What a sight! Around the house, on the deck, in pots and hanging from the deck rafters were many other flowers and plants including azaleas, wisteria, daphnia, hostas, rhododendrons, and petunias. The pots on the deck were elegantly arranged with various colors of foliage and flowers. Everyone had many, many wonderful comments about this wonderful garden.

After perusing the flowers, people were treated to what our society is famous for – food! There was a choice of hot and cold drinks, cookies, cake, and fruit. Many sat by the pool to relax and enjoy the openness and serenity of the property. Others walked around eating and enjoying all the irises as well as all the other landscaping. Jim and Marcelline did a tremendous job in preparing their garden for us to enjoy. We thank them along with Marcelline’s daughters, Denise and Julie, for their hospitality and for being such gracious hosts.

**Master Garden, Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, Santa Rosa**

The Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center Garden was one of the four gardens on the tour where the guest irises were planted for the spring meeting in April, 2009. One of each of the guest irises was planted in this Master Garden sent in by over fifty hybridizers who responded with a large number of varieties and sizes of named and seedling bearded irises. The irises were planted in fourteen 45-foot raised rows adjacent to the Rose Society's display beds.

Jean Sharp, the Master Garden Coordinator and our Club Secretary oversees the display garden which thrives from the collective endeavor of much help from dedicated Santa Rosa Iris Club members. Many hours of work goes into the display garden each year watering, weeding, fertilizing, etc. This year,
Jean and her team spread 24 cubic yards of chipped wood from pallets between the rows and around the perimeter to even the walking surface. This addition was an aesthetic complement to the blooming irises and the surrounding garden.

Jean also added decorations to the garden for the enjoyment of the visitors. She placed sunflowers in a footed vase; an old ladder painted blue with iris bouquets in antique watering cans at the base; potted succulents on the steps with a bird house on top and roses in a pot on the side...this on the northwest corner of the garden; an antique wooden chair with succulents and moss planted in the seat; succulents around a large wood carving with succulents at the base; and a copper container with plants in it.

One way signs were posted to help foot traffic flow throughout the garden. Visitors were asked to leave bags and purses on a bench to avoid breaking bloom stalks as they walked down the paths. The rose garden was in full bloom as well and added to the overall beauty of the garden. Many positive comments were made about the garden and the experience. The refreshments inside the center served by Juanita and Bob Breckwoldt were enjoyed as was the lively conversation with new and old friends.

The weekend event began at this site on Friday afternoon, April 24, with a "Blind Judging" of the guest irises, modeled after the judging of the "Premio Firenze" in Florence, Italy, for accredited AIS judges, student and apprentice judges. This was followed by one hour of judges training at the Convention hotel by Anna Cadd on preparing entries for the artistic division in a bench show.

Delores McKey, Vice President, Santa Rosa Iris Society, Region 14

C & L Vineyard Garden of Rudy Ciuca & Joe Lawrence

Alleah Middling

Outside the town of Sonoma, at the end of a long country driveway with olive trees and irises on the left and trellised grapes on both sides, the C & L Vineyard iris garden practically filled the view as Joe Lawrence directed us to park our cars and we bailed out, heading to the blooms. Walking past a fish pond with solar pump edged by lava and river rocks, ‘Red Apple’ ice plant and California poppies and across a bright planting of assorted annuals and perennials with various garden art in rock-edged beds we entered the garden though an arbor gate in a wrought-iron fence.
Featured prominently near the entrance was an oil painting of native irises by Rudy and a raised bed “In Memory of Lois Jean Walker O’Brien”, containing all 11 of Lois’ registered iris varieties. Lois was an AIS retired master judge, a founder of Westbay Iris Society and later a member of Santa Rosa Iris Society, who passed away in December 2006. In bloom were Lois’ ‘Louise with Lace’ (TB 1995), a laced white self; and ‘Elizabeth Gamble’ (TB 1995), medium blue standards and darker falls. Lois’ husband Dan and their daughter P.J. seemed pleased with the planting as chief horticulturist Joe introduced them to the garden visitors.

Rudy and Joe moved to this property in 1974, and their work here has been a labor of love. Rudy started growing irises in pots in the 1980s. Soon half their back yard was devoted to irises in ground beds, before gophers and moles forced them to build raised beds with ½” hardware cloth (wire) bottoms. They added even more raised beds for this tour, and the guest irises were growing in 18 of them, flanked by a 60-tree olive grove to the south from which they press olive oil every two years. Additional raised beds featuring Rudy’s collection of all of the American Dykes Medal winners attracted much attention and others containing irises being grown for SRIS door prizes completed the side garden. A growing collection of Eric Nies Award winning spurias formed a border.

Especially striking irises in bloom were: ‘Spades’ (Leslie Painter 2008), a very dark purple self TB with self beard. Four branches, 9 buds! ‘Lava Fountain’ (Darnell and Greg Hester 2007) – TB with mulberry standards, slightly darker velvety falls, bright orange beards, and flowers held well above very healthy foliage. ‘Ink Patterns’ (Tom Johnson 2007), a ruffled white TB with dark blue plicata bands around all petals and dark blue styles; winner of both the Jim Gibson Cup for best plicata of the last five years and the Out of Region Award at this convention. ‘Dividing Line’ (Charles Bunnell 2005), an especially floriferous MTB with lavender-white standards, red-purple falls, striped hafts, and a light lavender line down the center of the falls. This won the Hager-Dubose Memorial Cup for the best bearded iris other than tall at the regional. ‘Halloween Trick’ (Ghio 2007), a stunning TB – mid-orange standards, maroon black falls, tangerine beards. ‘Lemon Pledge’ (Joe Spears 2004), relatively small flowered bright yellow self TB with a strong lemon scent; two branches, seven buds.

A charming brick walkway behind the house led past two additional paintings of irises done by Rudy, these arranged also on easels, and a
collection of wind chimes along the deck to Joe and Rudy’s personal iris garden featuring a fabulous Italian fountain. Rudy’s extensive collection of succulents on the front porch and beneath a large tree at the back corner of the house bears witness to their gardening dedication. Rudy was “chef of the day”. He had prepared giant barbecued meatballs, rigatoni with red sauce, Caesar salad, rolls and butter, and a choice of drinks including a refreshing lemonade. Dessert was a packet of Rudy’s home-baked cookies. Rudy’s cousins (five in all) had come from Nebraska to serve the lunch from under a canopy; and seating was at tables under two other shade canopies, around the swimming pool, under a pool side patio cover with blooming orchids nearby, and beneath a large shade tree amid rhododendrons, also in bloom. The delicious lunch was followed by a raffle of donated items, including new iris introductions, a hand-decorated bottle of wine, a bottle of their olive oil and a bottle of C & L Vineyards Gewurtztraminer wine produced by Nevada City Winery.

We thank Joe and Rudy for sharing their beautiful garden and the fruits of their skills with us. ♫♪

Edited by Alleah and printed in May 2009 SRIS Newsletter:

**Trophies and Awards given at the 2009 Region 14 Spring Meeting**

**KNOPF CUP** for the best numbered or named seedling of a Region 14 hybridizer (cannot be introduced) – Tie: **LOO - 27 C - Lesley Painter** and **02 49 3 - Karma and Chuck Barnes**

**COTILLION CUP** for the best current introduction of a Region 14 Hybridizer (2009 introduction): **Let It Be –Larry Lauer**

**CLARA B. REES CUP** for the best past introduction of a Region 14 Hybridizer, seen blooming in a clump (3 or more stalks in bloom): **Heather Marie - 2008 – Vern Wood**

**JIM GIBSON CUP** for the best plicata or visual plicata. (Can be either a numbered seedling or a named variety; if named, must be introduced within the last five years (2005-2009) : **Ink Patterns - 2007 – Tom Johnson**

**MELROSE AWARD** for the best beardless iris: **Drip Drop - 2000 – PCN – Joe Ghio**
OUT OF REGION AWARD for the best iris from a hybridizer outside of Region 14 (if named, must be introduced within the last five years (2005-2009): **Ink Patterns – 2007 – Tom Johnson**

HAGER/DUBOSE MEMORIAL CUP for the best bearded Iris other then tall (introduced within the last five years (2005-2009). MDB, SDB, IB, MTB, BB and Aril-med are eligible: **Dividing Line - 2005 – MTB – Chuck Bunnell**

BEST SEEDLING AT THE SEEDLING SHOW: **2K1040B by Barbara BeVier.** TB; S. peach, F. lavender purple; ruffled, very well branched. Congratulations, Barbara!

YOU HAVE A VOICE IN AIS!!!
VOTE THE TALL BEARDED SYMPOSIUM BALLOT!!

This year’s TB Symposium ballot is once again in the July AIS Bulletin. Deadline to send to your RVP is September 1, 2009.

Every member and each Affiliate of The American Iris Society may participate in this balloting of the irises listed on the following pages. Each member is allowed twenty-five votes. Please follow the instructions below.

1. Because the ballot is now bound in the Bulletin, voting may be accomplished in a variety of ways:
   a. You may mail the RVP a list of the iris you are voting for, either names and numbers, or just names.
   b. You can photocopy the list in the Bulletin, mark your selection with an X (for those with dual members voting the same ballot, please use X and O), and mail it.
   c. You can download the list from the AIS web site (www.irises.org), print it, mark it up, and mail it.
   d. You can email your ballot to the RVP, irislynn@willitsonline.com.

2. No member may vote for more than twenty-five varieties. You may vote for fewer than twenty-five if you wish. Write-in votes are not allowed and will not be tabulated.

3. Your ballot must be mailed to and received by your Regional Vice President by September 1, 2009 in order to be counted. Sign your ballot and mail it first class.
A Message from David Cadd, Chairman, 2009 Region 14 Spring Meeting

On April 24-26, 2009 the Santa Rosa Iris Society hosted the Region 14 Spring Regional Convention. Members of our Society made this one of the biggest events in the life of our club. It took two years of preparation; but now it is over, leaving behind the glow of achievement, memories of meeting with old and new friends, pictures of irises and funny faces between them and the prospect of preparing thousands of iris rhizomes to be distributed to the irisarians of Region 14. This huge job couldn’t have been done without the collective work of some dedicated members. For some strange reason I wound up being the Convention Chair, even if I have no recollection of how it happened. And as I always say, “Don’t applaud, just throw money!” (Rudy actually threw a quarter to me one year.)

I would like to say “Thank you” to the garden owners: Jean Sharp, the Master Garden Coordinator; Betty Ford; Joe Lawrence and Rudy Ciuca; and Jim Begley. The gardens were spectacular and they are the reason we attend Conventions. If you have extra pictures taken in their garden, please send copies to the garden owners.

I would like to thank Lynn Williams, Region 14 RVP, and the Region 14 Executive Board for inviting us to put on this event, for advice and help, and for trusting us that we could organize this event.

I would like to thank all our guests and attendees, who devoted three precious days of iris bloom season to share with us the beauty of Irises in the Wine County.

I would like to thank to my wife, Anna, for all the secretarial work with countless hours on the computer (she says she learned a lot), and for making the flower arrangements for the hotel lobby, the banquet centerpieces, and the arrangements for the judges training “Judging the Artistic Division”. Anna also conducted three hours of judges training.

I would like to thank: Joe Lawrence, the Convention Registrar and Convention Treasurer, who also made the name tags and the garden labels. Rudy Ciuca and his cousins for the wonderful homemade, financially donated lunch. Thanks to Juanita and Bob Breckwoldt for making the special needlepoint pictures for all the garden owners. Thanks to Elizabeth Rice for putting together the Convention Booklet and Jeff Davis for
coordinating the Seedling Show. Thanks to Patti and Dan O’Brien for donating the spectacular iris artifacts for the silent auction. To Alleah and Clyde Middling for preparing the excellent bus route descriptions and endless editing work. Thanks to Delores McKey and her workers for baking and arranging the garden treats. Thanks to Ross and Barbara BeVier for donating the irises for the arrangements. Thanks to Evelyn Hensley, Anna Marie Hermansen, Bob and Juanita Breckwoldt, Marlene Horn, Marlene Freely, Jeff Davis, Alice Brigaerts, Lucille Bisagno, Nancy Fortner, Kathy McCallum, Bob and Jeanne Plank and Lea Wall for endless work with garden owners and doing all the special tasks which needed to be done. If I forgot someone, please, forgive me. Sometimes I was not aware of who stepped in to help, when help was needed.

On our road to success we faced a lot of challenges due to several key committee members’ health issues. Despite these setbacks, our members pulled through and everything came together by the Regional. Marcelline Nelipowitz, Jim Begley’s partner, made spectacular planters and hanging baskets and recruited her daughters to help host their garden. Jean Sharp did spectacular floral staging in the Master Planting at LBAGC. While other members baked cookies and made fruit kabobs the night before the Regional.

And so to all our dedicated members and their families who worked so hard to make this Convention so wonderful, I would like to express my heartfelt “Thank You”! We are really a special group of people and it couldn’t have happened without all your hard work.

Shirley Trio and Riley Probst, it is your turn next and we wish you GOOD LUCK!

A Message from Anna Cadd,
2009 Spring Regional Co-Chairman

When Santa Rosa Iris Society accepted the invitation from Region 14 to host the Spring Regional, we got pretty excited. We knew that we would receive great new irises and we would meet with old and new friends. Our expectations all came true. We had a great Convention and a lot of letters from attendees after the event proved, that SRIS did a great job. Unfortunately, one week after our computer crashed unexpectedly and we lost everything. We were forced to install the brand new hard drive. We recovered almost all of the files, except the two weeks after convention, and unfortunately, the precious “Thank you” letters are gone. Now is the big job
to install all the programs, security and lost address book. This is why I was so “silent” this last month.

I want to write thank you notes to all of the Hybridizers, who trusted us with their irises. There was a lot of correspondence regarding their plants and I started to be very friendly with most of them. You don’t know, how many times your name and the names of your irises were mentioned during these two years. SRIS members will remember them for the long time. If you want to have the recognition as a hybridizer, please send your introductions to many conventions.

Being the Secretary for Convention is a full time job, especially when you need to learn to do strange computer tasks. I don’t know how National Conventions handle tracking of all the irises, we had only 312 specimens and that was a big job. Working full time at a regular job and also having a computer illiterate husband doesn’t help a lot. Our garden weeding was done by a “hired hand” with great expense and our commercial garden was closed for this year. David’s deteriorating health was part to blame for it. This experience taught me a valuable lesson: When you visit another person’s garden, Convention or whenever, never criticize this persons weeds or untidy garden. Maybe there is the reason that something is not perfect. I know it’s hard to believe but we all have a life outside of garden.

There are some people in the Iris Society, who you just discover by doing something new. These people are usually quiet, never asking any questions during the meeting and you barely notice them. Suddenly, when asked for help, but usually even without asking, they will stand as Giants. They will show up to weed the garden, transport the stuff around, prepare the food, volunteer for the most boring tasks, visit the sick in hospitals and they will always say “call me when you need to do .......” Santa Rosa Iris Society is privileged to have several of these “silent blessed angels”. They know who they are and as one of the organizers I have the great privilege to express Thank you to all of you. As I always say: “You never know who your friend are”. This is my Thank you to all of you, Friends in Santa Rosa Iris Society.

Anna Cadd ♫♫
LYNN WILLIAMS PRESENTING THE GALTER AWARD TO KITTY LOBERG

THE BIG WINNERS

Dyks Medal.......Rick Tasco.....Golden Panther

John C. Wister Medal.....Anna & David Cadd
....Italian Ice

Williamson-White Medal......Riley Probst
....Somewhat Quirky

Sydney B. Mitchell Medal..Bob & Janet Canning
..Mendocino Blue
“COME TO SACRAMENTO THIS FALL”

The Sacramento Iris Society will be the hosts of the Fall Regional meeting. We will meet at the Hawthorn Suites in Sacramento. So come early or stay late and do some sightseeing. Some of the many attractions are, Old Town Sacramento Historic Landmark District located along the famous Sacramento River. A must see is the California State Railroad Museum complex which is widely regarded as North America’s most popular railroad museum, the Crocker Art Museum, the oldest public art museum west of the Mississippi River and considered one of the finest art museums. Another major attraction is the California State Capitol and grounds. The capitol was moved to Sacramento in 1854 and in 1879 was named the permanent capitol, much to the jealousy of Los Angeles. The present capitol building was begun in 1860 and completed in 1874 in the neoclassical style and includes the California State Capitol Museum. Among other attractions at the museum is a unique display from each and every county of California. Come check out your county’s display.

Friday evening will begin with a happy hour at 4-6 PM. All guests of the hotel may enjoy light dinner of Mexican food in the dining area. All hotel guests may enjoy a hot buffet breakfast on Saturday morning in the dining area. At 7 PM the Region 14 Board Meeting will begin. If your presence is not required at the board meeting we will have something new and fun to do. Friday night at 7 PM there will be an iris slide program. There will be a projector and screen available to all. If you enjoy taking slides, bring them to show the rest of us. If you are a hybridizer, bring slides of your intro’s and seedlings. Bring whatever iris slides you want to share. Hopefully, we will have digital capabilities if you want to bring a CD of your irises pictures. Our guest speaker will be on hand to enliven the festivities. We will also be having a reblooming show, set up to begin anytime after 4:PM. Bring your flowers. Sacramento Iris Society will provide the containers.

The photography contest has proven to be so much fun we are continuing with what we hope will be the new Region 14 tradition. Eric Hansen will accept your photos on Friday or you may contact him before the meeting to arrange to send them to him earlier. There will be a prize for winning first place. Eric’s e-mail address is ylhansen@gmail.com or call him at 916-652-7555

This fall we want to honor Glen Corlew. Glen served the region as RVP from 1968 – 1970. Glen has been tireless in his efforts for Region 14. He represented the Region on the American Iris Society Board for many years in several positions. We owe Glen a big thank you for all of his
support for many years.

For more information please contact Shirley Trio/Riley Probst at shirleytrio@clearwire.net or rprobst02@earthlink.net phone 209-551-6323.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

We will meet at the Hawthorn Suites in Sacramento. The hotel is very conveniently located just about ½ block off Interstate 5 in the heart of Sacramento. Whether coming from the North or the South, take Richards Blvd exit east ½ block to Bercut Drive, turn left. Address is 321 Bercut Drive. The hotel is just one mile from downtown old town Sacramento, and the state capital.

Contact Hotel directly for your Reservation
Convention dates: October 23 & 24, 2009

321 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA

--------- 916-441-1200---------

This is the direct number to the Hawthorne Suites Reservation desk in Sacramento. Ask to speak directly with the Manager, Keith. Otherwise your call gets routed to any other reservation desk they will not have the convention price that we have.
So please speak only to the Sacramento desk.

Our Price is $59.00 plus tax per night
$64.00 plus tax per night after October 10, 2009
Included is the Friday night Happy Hour snacks (drinks Soft or alcoholic are extra) and the buffet style breakfast on Saturday morning

Deluxe Room, King or Queen/Queen
Single or Double Occupancy

Hawthorne Suites is a non-smoking Hotel
Swimming Pool, Spa and lot of other amenities.
Two restaurants across the street and McDonalds 1/4 block

Hotel is pet friendly with additional fee

“SACRAMENTO THIS FALL”
Region 14 Spring Regional
Sponsored by the
Sacramento Iris Society
Sacramento, CA – October 23rd and 24th – 2009

Name___________________________________ Society________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________________
E-mail for Conformation________________________________ Phone____________
Attending Spouse or 2nd person_________________________________________

Registration is $50.00 per person -

Postmarked:
Registration includes Saturday lunch, and Judges training.

Make checks payable to: Sacramento Iris Society
Send To: Phyllis Wilburn, Registrar
P.O. Box9 Rescue, CA 95672

(Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards). Total enclosed: __________________

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS; Hawthorn Suites Sacramento, CA

Lunch Includes:

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any special requirements - Please contact us.

Happy Hour, Friday 4:00 to 6:00pm Yes ____ No ____
Executive Board Meeting, Friday 7:00pm Yes ____ No ____
Slide Show Friday 7:00pm Yes ____ No ____
Will there be entries for the Reblooming Show: Yes  No
Will there be entries for the Photo Contest: Yes  No
Judges Training Yes  No

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Birth Announcement!

On May 23, 2009, a new Region 14 Iris Society was born in Sparks, Nevada. Participating at the birth were Evelyn Condo and John Pesek. Kathy Braaten, Barbara Pesek, Lynn and Rick Williams, and Kitty Loberg gave encouragement and support for the birthing process.

During a dinner meeting hosted by Evelyn Condo at her daughter’s home, officers were elected, a meeting date established and the name was chosen........”High Desert Iris society”

Evelyn, who has been a charter member of the other two Nevada Iris Societies (Las Vegas Iris Society and Southern Nevada Iris Society), now has a closer location to attend meetings. She is in charge of the gardens at her daughter’s home and her gardening expertise was evident throughout the blooming iris beds and surrounding yard. She even has beautiful pink peonies, which I haven’t seen, in the Bay Area!

This newest society boasts eleven members....all with an enthusiastic vision for the new group. Region 14 has given $300.00 to HDIS to use as start up funds and the new treasurer was delighted to be able to deposit the check as well as some dues.

Barbara Pesek, Region 14 Director
Spring 2009 Iris Shows Results

Clara B. Rees Iris Society - Unjudged show

Fresno Iris Society
- Best Specimen of Show: Desert Dream AB, Exhibitor Bill Tyson
- Best Seedling of Show: 02-17-3bc Median by Bill Tyson
- Silver Medal: Bill Tyson
- Bronze Medal: Don Fennel
- Best Design of Show: Betty Bridger

James M. Gibson Iris Society
- Best Specimen of Show: Treasured TB, Exhibitor George Sutton
- Best Seedling of Show: L-1-RE TB by George Sutton
- Silver Medal: George Sutton
- Bronze Medal: Robert Sutton
- Best Design of Show: Helen Franklin
- Youth Division Best Specimen: Going My Way TB, Exhibitor Ethan Franklin
- Youth Silver Medal: Ethan Franklin
- Youth Best Design: Devin Franklin

Las Vegas Iris Society
- Best Specimen of Show: Whatta Dream TB, Exhibitor Dorlene Waite
- Silver Medal: Dorlene Waite
- Bronze Medal: Paul Fortner
- Best Design of Show: Dorlene Waite

“Terry Aitken of Salmon Creek Iris Garden”
Terry will be the guest speaker and judge’s trainer at our fall regional. Terry has a long list of accomplishments, he has a large commercial garden that offers all classes of iris. Terry has served the people of the American Iris Society for many years. He has been AIS President, 1st and 2nd VP. and has been associated with the AIS bulletin for many years. From the newest judge to the Emeritus Judges, Terry has something to offer ever one. If you miss his lecture/judges training you will be missing a lot.
Sweepstakes for Artistic Design: Dorlene Waite
Youth Best Design: Brayden Dorsey

**Leo T. Clark Iris Society**
Best Specimen of Show: Sorlar Fire TB, Exhibitor Jan Knecht
Best Seedling of Show: 2K02E AB by Caroline Chacon
Silver Medal: Dolores Bates
Bronze Medal: Jan Knecht
Best Design of Show: Dolores Bates
Sweepstakes for Artistic Design: Cloudia Owen
Best Educational: Cloudia Owen
Youth Division Best Specimen: Wings Of Peace TB, Exhibitor Patsy Swei
Youth Best Design: Amrit Ghoman

**Monterey Bay Iris Society**
Best Specimen of Show: Round Of Applause TB, Exhibitor Joe Ghio
Best Seedling of Show: 06-50-BL TB by Joe Ghio
Silver Medal: Lisa Ayala
Bronze Medal: Joseph Ghio
Best Design of Show: Lisa Ayala
Sweepstakes for Artistic Design: Lisa Ayala
Youth Division Best Specimen: Candid by Brett McEwan
Youth Silver Medal: Brett McEwan
Youth Bronze Medal: Andie McEwan

**Mt. Diablo Iris Society**
Best Specimen of Show: Rhythm TB, Exhibitor Bob & Janet Canning
Best Seedling of Show: 2931-05 PCI by Ryan Grisso
Silver Medal: Ken Walker
Bronze Medal: Jeanne King
Best Design of Show: Jeanne King

**Redwood Iris Society**
Best Specimen of Show: Winning Ticket TB, Exhibitor Kitty Loberg
Silver Medal: Kitty Loberg
Bronze Medal: Marlena Chancellor
Best Design of Show: Jean Near
Sweepstakes for Artistic Design: Donna Branson
Santa Rosa Iris Society at Spring Regional, Seedling Show only
Best Seedling of Show: 2K1040B TB by Barbara BeVier

Sacramento Iris Society
Best Specimen of Show: Siren MTB, Exhibitor Riley Probst & Shirley Trio
Best Seedling of Show: Blue Splatter LA by Waylund Rudkin
Silver Medal: Ruth Ostroff
Bronze Medal: Mary Ann Horton
Best Design of Show: Kathy Braaten
Sweepstakes for Artistic Design: Kathy Braaten

Shasta Iris Society
Best Specimen of Show: Clouds And Sky TB, Exhibitor Ann Hass
Silver Medal: Sandy Olsen
Bronze Medal: Janice Scott
Best Design of Show: Louise Moore
Sweepstakes for Artistic Design: Louise Moore

Sierra Foothills Iris Society
Best Specimen of Show: Elmer’s Peachy Cream TB, Exhibitor Mary Ann Horton
Best Seedling of Show: 9FP151 LA by Pete Rudkin
Silver Medal: Mary Ann Horton
Bronze Medal: Kathy Braaten
Best Design of Show: Janet Matherly
Sweepstakes for Artistic Design: Kathy Braaten
Youth Division Best Specimen: Infernal Fire TB Exhibitor Kadee Felton
Youth Division Silver Medal: Kadee Felton
Youth Division Best Design of Show: Kadee Felton

Southern Nevada Iris Society
Best Specimen of Show: Golden Panther TB, Exhibitor Helen Rusk
Silver Medal: Sue Witt

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society
Best Specimen of Show: Solar Fire TB, Exhibitor Eileen Roark
Best Seedling of Show: 2750-14 PCI by Ryan Grisso
Silver Medal: Ryan Grisso  
Bronze Medal: Meredith Endlsey  
Best Design of Show: Janet Canning

DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER FUNDRAISER!!!

Mt. Diablo Iris Society is hosting this event in Walnut Creek on August 1st, 2009 @ 2336 Buena Vista Ave, in the First Baptist Church Gym Bldg. from 10:am to 4:30pm. The Region will be auctioning guest iris from Spring Regional. Bring your lunch, your service & your check book.  
For more information e-mail RJCIRIS@aol.com

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TOTAL EXPENSES $12,310.00 $ 3,154.58

REVENUES BY ITEM:
Bulletin Advertising 300.00 111.00
Bulletin Subscriptions 15.00
Donations from Societies * 800.00 508.00
Donations/Raffles-Louis O'Brien 75.00
Interest 775.00 176.29
Judges' Training 1500.00 1310.00
Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional 500.00
Finance, Spring Fundraiser-Raffle/Donations 1500.00
Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes 2500.00
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Subtotal 3,220.00

TOTAL REVENUES $12,310.00 $ 2,105.29

Total Expenses $ 3,154.58
Less total Revenues $(2,105.29)
By: Rick Williams, Regional Secretary

RVP Lynn Williams called the duly noticed 2009 Spring Regional Board meeting of Region 14 to order Friday April 24, 2009, at 7:11 p.m. in Santa Rosa, CA. RVP Williams expressed thanks to the Santa Rosa Iris Society for hosting the Spring Regional and welcomed everyone. A sign-in sheet was circulated, and was ordered attached hereto.

PRESENT

Executive Committee and General Committee Members present were: RVP Lynn Williams, Treasurer Helen Franklin, Mary Lee Fortner, Bulletin Editor, Secretary Rick Williams, Director Shirley Trio, Director Barbara Pesek, Finance Chair Ray Vickers-Traft, Historian Marlene Wiley, Internet/Electronic Service Kitty Loberg, Parliamentarian Riley Probst, and Trophies and Awards Chairs Anna and David Cadd,

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA. After the announcement by RVP Williams, there were no additions to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. RVP Williams announced that the minutes of the previous meeting were published in the Bulletin, and asked for a motion for their approval. Adoption of the minutes was moved and seconded, and after a brief discussion, the motion was approved without changes.

TREASURER’S REPORT. Helen Franklin circulated copies of the Treasurer’s Report. There was then a discussion of income from the various Societies, and expenses of the Region and upon motion duly made by Ray Vickers-Traft and seconded by Jean Richter, the Treasurer’s Report was
approved, and the Secretary was ordered to attach a copy to the minutes of the meeting.

**JUDGES’ TRAINING REPORT.** Judges’ Training Chair, Kathy Braaten was absent and there was no report.

**BULLETIN EDITOR REPORT.** Mary Lee Fortner then made her report that everything was going forward as usual.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance Committee. Ray Vickers-Traft reported that $921.50 was raised at the Fall Regional.

Honorary Awards. Glenn Corlew being absent, RVP Williams announced that a name had been selected to receive the Larry Gaulter Award and the award would be presented at the banquet Saturday evening.

Historian. Marlene Wiley reported on the taped interviews of various Irisarians and hybridizers from the Region that she had received and that she needed help transcribing them. Mary Lee Fortner volunteered to help.

Internet Services. Internet/Web Master Kitty Loberg announced that we now have a link to the By-Laws on the web page, and that she had received the Bulletin pages from Mary Lee Fortner and is now working on putting them behind a password secure link for members only to open. The password will be listed in the bulletin and can be changed each year. She intends to have the bulletin available by the end of July. There then followed a discussion on what password to use and a password was chosen, which is: 14 irises.

Membership/Public Relations. Membership Chair Mary Ann Horton was absent and RVP Lynn reported that as of March 31, 2009 the membership is stable.

Scholarships. Teri Hudson was absent and RVP Williams reported that the applications had been sent out to the various schools. Kitty said that she would like to put the scholarship info on the website.
Trophies and Awards. Anna Cadd discussed the voting process for the awards and read a description for which irises qualify for the James Gibson cup for best plicata.

Youth. RVP Williams announced that she is still looking for someone to take on the job of Youth Chair. It was suggested that Leo T. Clark Iris Society be contacted to see if one of their members would be interested in the job since they were very active with a local youth garden and donated irises for it. There was then a discussion on what societies were doing for their youth members and how in general societies can encourage youth membership. Mary Lee Fortner, Las Vegas Iris Society President shared what they are doing.

OLD BUSINESS.

A. Summer Fundraising. RVP Williams announced that this year we are adding a live auction in a central location as well as continuing the distribution system because several of the Bay Area Societies said that they would prefer a live auction. Mount Diablo Iris Society volunteered to host the live auction which will be in Walnut Creek on August 1st at the First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek. Upon motion duly made by Ray Vickers-Traft and seconded by Kitty Loberg, the motion to add a live auction in Walnut Creek passed. There was further discussion on the Summer Fundraising and RVP Williams repeated that the same rules used last year will be used again. Each society chooses how they will participate and that the distribution system is based on society membership. The schedule for digging the guest irises was discussed and the dig will be starting sometime in late July. Kitty Loberg announced that she would be putting the photos of the irises being donated to the Region on the website.

B. Standing Rules/Bylaws. RVP Williams initiated a discussion on the proposed changes to the By-Laws as not being complete and that several of the proposed changes needed to be corrected. Kitty commented on the votes to the Standing Rules at the Fall Regional. Riley Probst suggested that the proposed changes to the By-Laws be passed as is and then amended at the next meeting. After a lively discussion a motion was duly made by Mary Lee Fortner and seconded by Gordon Nicholson, San Joaquin Iris Society representative, to table the proposed changes to the By-Laws until the Fall Regional to allow time to complete them, and after a discussion the motion was voted on and passed. There was then further discussion to publish the proposed changes in the Summer Bulletin. Mary Lee Fortner, Bulletin Editor then explained that it would be more cost effective to send out a separate mailing with the entire text of the current By-Laws with the
changes in italics and the deletions in strike through to the entire Region membership by no later than 30 days before the Fall Regional as per the current By-Laws.

C. Start of New Society In Reno. John Pesek reported that there is a possibility of 2 different people to become president of the new society and that there are 15 perspective members. RVP Williams reported that Evelyn Condo in Sparks would be willing to host an organizing meeting and that it would be in 3 to 4 weeks time during their peak bloom. RVP Williams said that she would send out an email to everyone in the Region of the date when set, so that anyone interested in attending could come. There then was a general consensus to include the new Reno Society in the Summer Distribution, but that they would be given the irises as a gift from the Region.

NEW BUSINESS.
A. 2010 Spring Regional. Shirley Trio reported that the Spring Regional will be hosted by the Regional Board and held in Modesto on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th and that Bruce Filardi will be the guest speaker.
B. 2009 Fall Regional. Shirley Trio reported that the Fall Regional will be hosted by the Sacramento Iris Society and held on October 23rd and 24th but that she was not sure where it will be yet. TBA. She also stated that she was trying to get Dave Niswonger as the guest speaker, but that do to his health she wasn’t certain he would be able to come out.
C. 2011 Spring Regional. RVP Williams requested a hosting society for the 2011 Spring Regional. No society has volunteered yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
1 Ray Vickers-Traft announced that he will be quitting at the of this year as the Fundraising Chair.
2 Kitty Loberg announced that we need volunteers for the 2011 Spring Regional. Without a hosting society volunteering we will not have a Spring Regional.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.
By: Rick Williams, Regional Secretary

RVP Lynn Williams called the duly noticed 2009 Spring Regional General business meeting of Region 14 to order Saturday, April 25, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in Santa Rosa, CA. RVP Williams expressed thanks to the Santa Rosa Iris Society for hosting the Spring Regional and welcomed everyone. RVP Williams then asked for the Society Roll Call for the meeting, as follows:

Clara B. Rees-13  Mt. Diablo-15  Shasta-1
Fresno-2        Redwood-9      Sierra Foothills-3
James Gibson-3  Sacramento-9  Southern Nevada-1
Las Vegas-8     San Joaquin-5  Sydney B. Mitchell-14
Leo T. Clark-1  Santa Rosa-23  Westbay-6       Monterey Bay-9
Also present were Steve Schreiner, from Region 13 and David Miller from Region 20. Geoffrey and Jackie Hope from England guests of Las Vegas Iris Society.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. RVP Williams announced that the minutes of the last General Business meeting were published in the Region 14 Bulletin, upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as published.

TREASURER’S REPORT. Helen Franklin read the Treasurer’s Report through April 15, 2009 as presented at the Board of Directors meeting the previous night, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was duly approved.

JUDGES’ TRAINING REPORT. Judges’ Training Chair, Kathy Braaten made her report on the status of the Judges’ training activities. There was 12 Judges’ Training session of which 8 were in the garden training. She thanked the Judges for doing one-on-one, of where there was 8 hours for Students one-on-one and 7 hours for Apprentices one-on-one. The current Judges status for the Region is 27 Students, 5 Apprentices, 24 Garden/Exhibition, and 17 Active Master Judges. She also announced that we will have 2 Apprentices that will move to Garden/Exhibition in 2010. Also, we have had 2 new students come on board so far this year. She then asked everyone to work together and help each other to keep our judges and bring in new ones.
BULLETIN EDITOR REPORT. Mary Lee Fortner asked that members please send her articles for the Bulletin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Finance Committee. Ray Vickers-Traft reported that $921.50 was raised at the Fall Regional.
Historian. Marlene Wiley reported on the audio taped interviews of various Hybridizers from the late 1970s to the early 1980 that she received and that she needed help transcribing them. She announced that Mary Lee Fortner volunteered to help.
Internet Services. Internet/Web Master Kitty Loberg announced that she wants societies to send her their events information so that she can post them on the website. She then announced that we now have a link to a full copy of the current By-Laws and Standing Rules on the website, and that she had received the Bulletin pages from Mary Lee Fortner and is now working on putting them behind a password secure link for members only to open. The password will be listed in the bulletin and is 14irises, which can be changed each year. She intends to have the bulletin available by the end of July. She also stated that photos of all guest irises that will be donated to the Region will hopefully be published on the website for the Summer Fundraising Distribution for the Societies use in their sales. The photos of the 2007 and 2008 irises are still on the website. She also said that there is a tracker installed on the website and that we have an average of 30-60 hits a week from all over the country.

Membership/Public Relations. Membership Chair Mary Ann Horton was absent and RVP reported that as of March 31, 2009 the membership is stable.

Scholarships. Teri Hudson was absent and RVP Williams reported that the applications had been sent out to the various schools.

Science. John Stremel absent, no report.

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society chooses how they will participate and that the distribution system is based on society membership.

B. Standing Rules/Bylaws. RVP Williams announce that the Board tabled to the Fall Regional, the proposed changes to the By-Laws because they were not complete and that several of the proposed changes needed to be corrected. Kitty commented that the Standing Rules motions at the Fall Regional were adopted and that there was a motion to vote on the proposed changes to the By-Laws to the next meeting. She saw that there were some serious flaws in the proposed changes and there was an electronic vote by the board to not go forward until those problems were corrected. After the January Budget meeting the committee meet and more work was done on the proposed changes. Kitty then made a motion for the By-Laws and Standing Rules Committee to deliver the final proposed changes by no later than August 31st for final action at the 2009 Fall Regional. Riley Probst seconded the motion, motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS.
A. 2010 Spring Regional. Shirley Trio reported that the Spring Regional will be hosted by the Regional Board and held in Modesto on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th and that all three gardens, which were close to each other, looked great and that there were 245 guest irises.

B. 2009 Fall Regional. Shirley Trio reported that the Fall Regional will be hosted by the Sacramento Iris Society and held on October 23rd and 24th but that she was not sure where it will be yet. TBA She also stated that she was trying to get Dave Niswonger as the guest speaker.

C. 2011 Spring Regional. RVP Williams requested a hosting society for the 2011 Spring Regional. No society has volunteered yet. RVP Williams announced that a committee was working on putting together a “How To Plan A Spring Regional Manual”, which she hoped would be finished by the end of June or July.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There is still a call for Virginia Mesick irises for the Memorial Garden that is being done in her honor. Please check the Bulletin, page 32 for details.

2. There are free Region 14 Bulletins 1997 – 2000 in the back.

3. The Painters from Napa Country Iris Gardens have free catalogs on the table near the door.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS  RVP Williams introduced David Cadd for the purpose of announcing the winners of the Region 14 Awards. Mr. Cadd made the following award presentations:

1. The Knopf Cup for best seedling by Region 14 hybridizer: Seedling L00-27C, by Leslie Painter.

2. The Cotillion Cup for best current introduction by a Region 14 hybridizer seen blooming at the Spring Regional, Let It Be, by Larry Lauer.

3. The Clara B. Rees Cup for best introduced iris prior to 2008 by Region 14 hybridizer; must be in a clump of 3 or more stalks: Heather Marie, by Vern Woods.

4. The Melrose Cup for the best beardless iris, seedling or named as seen at the Spring Regional, Drip Drop PCI, by Joe Ghio.

5. The Jim Gibson Cup for best plicata iris seen at the Regional, Ink Patterns, by Tom Johnson.

6. The Out of Region Cup for best seedling or named variety from a non-Region 14 hybridizer, Ink Patterns, by Tom Johnson.

7. The Hager/DuBose Cup for bearded iris other than tall as seen blooming at the Spring Regional and introduced within the last five years (2005-2009): Dividing Line MTB by Chuck Bunnell.

HONORARY AWARDS  RVP Williams introduced Glenn Corlew who is the Region 14 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award Committee Chair. Glenn made the presentation of the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award to Kitty Loberg, who was present and accepted the award.
ADJOURNMENT at 8:45 PM, there being no further business and everyone being anxious to have the Steven Schreiner of Schreiner Iris Gardens program, the meeting was adjourned.

July 8, 2009 R. Richard Williams, Secretary

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