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Schreiner Dykes Medal Winners



1958 Dykes Winner
'Blue Sapphire'



1963 Dykes Winner
'Amethyst Flame'



1968 Dykes Winner
'Stepping Out'



1984 Dykes Winner
'Victoria Falls'



1988 Dykes Winner
'Dusky Challenger'



1988 Dykes Winner
'Titan's Glory'



1994 Dykes Winner
'Silverado'



1995 Dykes Winner
'Honky Tonk Blues'



1999 Dykes Winner
'Hello Darkness'



2001 Dykes Winner
'Yaquina Blue'



2003 Dykes Winner
'Celebration Song'

DYKES MEMORIAL MEDAL
The Dykes Memorial Medal is the highest award an Iris can receive. It honors William R. Dykes (1877-1925), an English botanist and author of *The Genus Iris*. In the U.S., the Dykes Medal is an annual award given by the British Iris Society through the American Iris Society.

Letter from the Editor

by Katharina Notarianni



The Fall Meeting was a lot of fun, and San Fernando Valley Iris Society deserves sincere thanks for hosting a well attended and informative meeting. The highlight of the meeting was Carole and Paul Buchheim's slide show of their trip to Australia to visit Barry and Lesley Blyth. Meeting minutes from the Region 15 Fall and Winter meetings are on pages 14-19, along with photos from the Fall meeting, in case you couldn't attend.

Debbie James invites all of us to join in the fun of becoming an iris Judge. See pages 4-5 for more information and the application that will need to be submitted to her. Andi Rivarola added an article about SFVIS member and AIS Master Judge, Ed Murray - see page 20. Also, congratulations to Harriet Uhl on receiving the SFVIS David T. Ross award - see page 30.

We have a spectacular Spring Trek planned for you - visits to three gardens that have been growing over 150 guest irises for two years, judges training on Friday evening and in the garden on Saturday by AIS judges, and Steve Schreiner will be traveling down from Oregon to speak at the banquet dinner on Saturday evening! Due to the newsletter not getting to you until now, the registration deadline has been extended to April 15th. Full registration costs \$75.00 per person. To keep costs down, this will be a low tech trek, like the one Tucson put on - so we will all be carpooling, rather than hiring buses for transportation. A special rate has been negotiated at the hotel and includes a full breakfast in the hotel restaurant, so be sure to ask for the Region 15 rate when you book your hotel room. Please mail your registration form and payment made out to SDIS to Pat Wurtele as soon as possible - her address is 17323 Tartan Terrace, Ramona CA 92065. A copy of the registration form is on page 9 and can be downloaded from the Region 15 website at www.region15ais.org.

For those of you who are new to irises, included is an interesting history of the Schreiner's legacy, which Steve Schreiner provided us in preparation for his talk at the Spring Trek dinner - see pages 10-11. I was enthralled by the famous Schreiner's Iris Gardens and during my visit I spent hours taking photos of their irises. Some of my photos of Schreiner irises are on pages 12-13. In addition, photos of Schreiner Dykes Medal Winners are on page 2, and Schreiner's 2013 introductions are featured on the back cover.

On pages 31-35, Margie Valenzuela reveals more about her hybridizing process and previews her 2013 introductions. If you aren't already doing so, you will want to grow Valenzuela irises in your Region 15 garden after seeing her irises!

There have been some changes of presidents in our local societies, so please refer to the updated list on this page for their contact information. Read what is happening in their society in the President's Reports on pages 21-30. Several clubs are celebrating milestone birthdays: Congratulations to Hi Desert (25!), San Fernando Valley (40!) and San Diego (50!). Also Ardi Kary is celebrating her commercial garden's 25th year and has a series of open garden days planned with interesting iris activities. The Region 15 calendar includes details for spring shows and sales, interesting local events and fall rhizome sales on pages 36-37. I look forward to seeing you in San Diego for the Spring Trek on April 26-27.

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Photo by Katharina Notarianni at Schreiner's Display Gardens, Salem OR

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Membership Update

by Winona Stevenson, Region 15 RVP

Our membership is holding steady at 298 at the end of January. I know Region 15 has a lot more members and hope they will join AIS. I would be interested in hearing why some of them haven't yet joined. If anyone has any ideas on how to encourage them, let me hear from you. Our eMembership is growing slowly but at a steady pace.

On another note, I have been doing the membership chair for eleven years now and would like to step down and give someone else the opportunity to work with the Region 15 Board. Is there one among you who might consider filling this position for the Region? It is a record keeping task with an occasional letter to club presidents and a brief summary for the newsletter (twice a year). Let me hear from you! My phone number is (760) 378-3841.

Winona

AIS Youth Report

by Cheryl Deaton, AIS Youth Chair

Well, our two youth members have been keeping a low profile during the winter months, but they will have to start weeding their gardens soon (once I get out there to weed mine!) Young people are the best way to keep our membership alive...getting them involved in growing irises, entering shows, making posters, talking to their friends, and getting their parents/grandparents involved means more activity for our clubs.

Youth membership is one of the best bargains in town! If there is an AIS member in the household, it only costs \$5 for a person 18 years old or younger to join. For \$9, youth members receive 4 issues of The Bulletin. How can you beat that? I'll bet many of you know a young person who likes flowers, and you always have excess irises growing in your garden. Why not gift them with an iris for their own garden?

Do you know a place that might like to start an iris garden? A library, park, school or church would be a good place for a 'theme' garden that young people, such as a scout troop, 4H, or FFA. A 'storybook' garden would fit in at a school or library. Irises that are named after characters in children's books, such as Princess Leia, or Pippi Longstocking, are planted in the garden, and then your club can donate the books and perhaps have a monthly reading program for the children. You can also plant an 'alphabet' garden with 26 irises, one for each letter of the alphabet. Scouts can earn badges for caring for irises, entering an arrangement or educational poster in a show, working to beautify the community, or planting a garden at a senior center, veteran's home or other place for community service. Ask me for ideas. I'll be glad to help.

Spring shows are coming up and a good way to encourage young people to join would be to have a children's table. Place irises for them to touch, and smell. I can send you pictures for coloring and word search puzzles for them to try. Just provide a few crayons and they can amuse themselves while their parents are enjoying the show. Sign them up for AIS and club membership at the same time!

Hope you have a wonderful spring bloom season. Get involved with young people and spread the iris virus! Happy Irising!

AIS Region 15 RVP Message

by Winona Stevenson, Region 15 RVP

SPRING IS COMING! SPRING IS COMING!

Are you ready? If not, start to plan your schedule for cleaning up the garden. Get rid of those obnoxious weeds and dead iris leaves. I can't pull weeds yet as the ground is still frozen - mid January... But soon! Don't forget to check for aphids. This little buggers get down in the base of the leaves and really make a mess!



All of our conventions and treks are coming up fast. I hope many of you are planning to go to the AIS National Convention in Dallas, and staying over for the Louisiana Convention immediately following. I plan on attending all three. If you can't make the AIS Convention, I hope to see you all in San Diego. I will miss some of the bloom in my garden but they will bloom again next year. My local customers will leave notes and phone numbers so I can contact them. I haven't been gone this long in many, many years.

Also, I pray you are all staying well. DON'T GET THE FLU!!! Stay home if you're sick, cover your cough and wash your hands often. My best to all of you.

Winona

AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Dates	Location
2013 Spring Trek	San Diego Iris Society	April 26-27, 2013	San Diego, CA
2013 Fall Trek	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society	October 19, 2013	Lancaster, CA
2014 Spring Trek	Southern California Iris Society		
2014 Fall Trek	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club		
2015 Spring Trek	No Spring Trek due to AIS National Convention in Oregon		
2015 Fall Trek	Prescott Area Iris Society		
2016 Spring Trek	San Fernando Valley Iris Society		
2016 Fall Trek	Lompoc Valley Iris Society		
2017 Spring Trek	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society		
2017 Fall Trek	TBD		



Judges Training

by Debbie James, Region 15 Asst. RVP & Judges Training Chair

Wow, winter sure went by fast and spring is almost here. Where I am today it is a beautiful 72 degrees outside and the hummingbirds are fighting over the feeders. This is the time of year I start paying more attention to the irises I grow as well as those in yards and gardens of my fellow club members. The longer I grow a particular iris the more things I notice about it. I hope many of you are doing the same thing and maybe you have noticed how some grow better than others. How some iris are taller or have more blooms than some of the others you may see growing this spring.

Well those a lot of the same characteristics AIS Judges look for in Iris when considering and voting on a particular Iris cultivar in the Official Ballot, which is one of the most important functions a judge performs.

If you have been thinking about or are considering on becoming a Judge, this is the best time of year to join in since we are at the beginning of the bloom season and the AIS National Convention along with the Regional Trek and a local trek if your club hosts one. All you have to do is please complete the Application for entrance into the Judges Program and forward it me. If you need to find out more about the "duties" of a Judge, please go to your local iris meeting and find out which members of your club are Judges and ask them what its like.

Our Region is low on Judges and I can't stress enough the importance of a Judge. Voting the Official Ballot is one of the most important functions a judge performs. So if you have been thinking about becoming a judge, now is the time.

As for upcoming JT's in the Region, Sun Country will have a 1hr judges training on Reblooming Iris on March 5th and SFVIS will have a 1hr JT on Spurias on May 2nd.

Remember to keep track of all your JT hours and to send in your activity reports by the end of June. Thanks and Happy Gardening.



The American Iris Society

Annual Membership:
Single \$25 / Dual \$30

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Single \$60 / Dual \$75

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American Iris Society Youth



www.youth-iris.com

When enrolling a youth into the American Iris Society
Please include your youth member's name, address, email and birthdate.
A youth is defined as a person under 19 years of age.

THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY - REGION 15
APPLICATION FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE No. _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE YOU JOINED THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY: _____

1. _____ Do you have the latest copy of the Judges Handbook?
2. _____ Did you visit at least 3 gardens that displayed a substantial number of recent iris introductions during the past bloom season?
3. _____ Have you ever attended an annual convention of the American Iris Society?
4. _____ Did you attend the last regional meeting or trek for Region 15?
5. _____ Have you attended more than half of the meetings of your local iris society?
6. _____ Have you been the announced speaker on the subject of iris before an organized group?
7. _____ Have you written an article for publication on iris or related subject?
8. _____ Have you ever been an officer of your local iris society?
9. _____ Have you prepared an educational exhibit for an iris show?
10. _____ Did you enter 3 or more specimens in an iris show during the past bloom season?
11. _____ Have you held a position of leadership in a local or regional activity?
12. _____ Have you held the duties of a local or regional officer?
13. _____ Have you assumed responsibility for increasing the membership of the American Iris Society?
14. _____ Have you participated actively in an iris robin?
15. _____ Have you served as a classification chair or registration worker at an iris show?
16. _____ Have you managed an iris show or iris specimen section of an iris show?
17. _____ Have you participated actively in a specialty iris group recognized by the American Iris Society?
18. _____ Have you raised seedlings from your own crosses?
19. _____ Have you registered or introduced an iris?
20. _____ Would you be willing to judge an iris show anywhere within your own region, knowing that this activity is a gratuitous service?

INDICATE THE TYPES OF IRIS PRESENTLY GROWING IN YOUR OWN GARDEN.

Arilbred _____ Median Bearded _____ Tall Bearded _____ Spuria _____
Japanese _____ Pacific Coast _____ Louisiana _____ Siberian _____
Species _____ Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Upon completion of this form, please return it to your Regional Judges Training Chair:

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Please call Debbie James if you have any questions about the process of becoming an AIS Judge. Thank you.

The Handbook for Judges and Show Officials can be purchased from the AIS Storefront for \$15.00 plus \$3.00 Shipping and Handling - Please contact John and Kay Ludi, AIS Storefront, PO Box 956, Sandy, OR 97055 telephone: 503-826-8808 | fax: 503-826-8808 E-mail: aisstore@irises.org



AIS Region 15 Spring Trek

'Flores del Arco Iris'

April 26-27, 2013

Hosted by The San Diego Iris Society

I would like to invite all irisarians to the Region 15 Spring Trek, April 26-27, 2013, in sunny San Diego. We have themed our Trek, "Flores del Arco Iris" (flowers of the rainbow). The Spring Trek will include touring three of our members' gardens with a fine selection of recently introduced bearded iris from noted hybridizers grown for two years for your enjoyment. Our guest gardens are located in unincorporated communities of San Diego County with a range of microclimates to ensure bloom regardless of whether we have spring or early summer conditions. We are following the lead of the Tucson Iris Society and holding a bus-free Trek. While our gardens are some distance apart, it is mostly freeway driving with lots of scenic San Diego to enjoy and we will help organize carpooling for those who cannot drive.

Steve Schreiner of Schreiner's Iris Gardens in Salem, Oregon will be presenting at our Awards Banquet Dinner on Saturday evening. Schreiner Iris have won an unprecedented eleven Dykes Memorial Medals, the highest award given by the American Iris Society. Judges Trainings will occur on Friday evening and on Saturday in the garden at Pat & Richard Wurtele's garden in Ramona. All are welcome to participate. We look forward to welcoming you to San Diego.

Janis Shackelford

President, SDIS & Secretary, Region 15

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 26, 2013

3:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Registration and Raffle (Board Room)
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Region 15 Board Meeting (Aztec Room)
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Dinner on your own (see list of restaurants at hotel and nearby)
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Region 15 General Meeting (Aztec Room)
7:45 pm to 9:30 pm	Judges Training with Jill Bonino 'Judging Iris Patterns' (Aztec Room)

Saturday, April 27, 2013

7:00 am to 8:30 am	Registration and Raffle
9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Self-guided Garden Tours*
	In-garden Judges Training with Cheryl Deaton 'Judging Seedlings' at The Wurtele's Garden, 17323 Tartan Terrace, Ramona
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Turn in Voting Ballots to last Garden visited, or Registration Desk
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Registration/Raffle (Board Room)
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Social Hour with no-host bar (Stadium II)
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet Dinner with Special Guest Speaker (Stadium II): Steve Schreiner of Schreiner's Iris Gardens

* Maps available at registration. No buses - carpooling planned. Lunch on your own.

Region 15 Spring Trek Hotel: Holiday Inn Mission Valley

3805 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92123

Reservations: (858) 278-9300 - Please ask for San Diego Iris Society special rate of \$109(+tax) per room, single or double. Room rate includes full breakfast. Special rate is available until March 27th and is in effect for three days before/after the Trek for those planning an extended trip. Free hotel parking. Complimentary hotel shuttle service is available on Friday only (not on the weekend). Nearest Airport: San Diego International Airport (SAN)





AIS Region 15 Spring Trek 2013 REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Guest 1) _____

Name (Guest 2) _____

(Please list additional guests as appropriate)

Iris Society Affiliation _____

Home Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

GARDEN TOURS AND BANQUET DINNER REGISTRATION

Full Registration – includes Garden Tours and Banquet # _____ @ \$75.00 ea = \$ _____

Partial Registration – Garden Tour only # _____ @ \$25.00 ea = \$ _____

Banquet only # _____ @ \$50.00 ea = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ENTREE CHOICE (one entree for each attendee):

Guest 1: Grilled Ribeye ___ Mediterranean Chicken ___ Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian) ___

Guest 2: Grilled Ribeye ___ Mediterranean Chicken ___ Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian) ___

(Please list entree choices for additional guests) _____

GARDEN TOUR CARPOOL

Please indicate if you will be driving yourself to the gardens: YES ___ NO ___

If YES, do you have room in your car for other passengers? If YES, for how many? ___ NO ___

If NO, please indicate whether you require a place in a car pool: YES ___ NO ___

JUDGES TRAINING

Please indicate if you will participate in Judges Training: Friday _____ Saturday _____

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Please make your check payable to SDIS and send with a copy of this registration form to:

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Registration form and payment are due to Pat Wurtele by April 15th.

To print a copy of this form, please visit www.region15ais.org



Schreiner's History



In 1915, Francis Xavier (F.X.) Schreiner, a buyer for a department store in St. Paul, Minnesota, decided to move his family to the country to more seriously pursue his hobbies of gardening and animal husbandry. In 1920, while on a buying trip to the east, F.X. met John Wister, the first president of the recently founded American Iris Society. This chance meeting sparked F.X.'s interest in iris and soon he was a serious collector. Few iris were available at that time from American sources. Most had to be imported from England and Europe. Since F.X.'s work involved lots of travel, his son Robert was given the responsibility for nursing the new iris acquisitions in the harsh Minnesota climate.

To encourage his son's interest, F.X. gave Robert the Dykes monograph, *The Genus Iris*. Bob keenly studied this book, reading of obscure iris species growing in exotic locations around the globe. His curiosity was piqued and Bob would write botany departments or consulates in these far off lands requesting seed of these iris, contributing many wonderful varieties to his father's growing collection. By 1925, F.X.'s interest in iris had grown to the extent that he was growing over 500 varieties on over an acre of ground. He decided to sell these iris commercially in order to finance the acquisition and care of new iris. In 1925, F.X. Schreiner published his first price list. His first catalog, black and white with no pictures, was published in 1928.

F.X. Schreiner passed away in 1931. Before his death, he offered his three children, Bob, Connie and Bernard (Gus), two pieces of advice: (1) if they were able to get along, the iris venture would be a nice business; and (2) should they decide to pursue the business, a more agreeable climate would offer a better chance of success. Robert opted to withdraw from his plant science studies at the University of Minnesota in order to tend the iris business. Connie worked in the office in her spare time while attending the University of Minnesota. Gus, still in school, worked in the fields during his summer vacations.

The serious dust storms of the 1930's had a devastating effect on the iris. Bloom seasons could be ruined with one strong windstorm. The harsh Minnesota winter wiped out whole breeding lines. Bob began studying USDA yearbooks determined to find a more suitable site. Iris were sent to several willing growers in various areas of the country to be tested. Although the Schreiners didn't move to Oregon permanently until 1946, their iris were fostered in Grants Pass, Oregon from 1936 to 1937. Finally, the Willamette Valley was selected as the new home for the Schreiner family. The decision was based on excellent soil, an ideal climate for growing iris, and the proximity to transportation facilities. We have been in the Brooks district north of Salem, Oregon ever since. This country has been a happy choice for growing iris.

By the end of World War II, both Connie and Gus had decided to join the business full time. The move to Oregon was completed in 1947, the original site being a home (now Schreiner's office) and 15 acres. There was a sense of security in the new climate. The long growing season allowed the business to expand and it grew rapidly. The success of the business had other manifestations - the first color catalog was printed in 1947 and the iris breeding program was in full swing. During this time, Connie managed the business affairs of the office. She loved traveling and meeting people, so she often represented Schreiner's Iris Gardens at AIS national conventions.

Bob wrote the annual catalog each winter and took photographs each bloom season. His natural curious spirit and fascination with plants enabled him to assist Gus with the hybridizing program each spring. Bob and Gus loved the onset of spring, anticipating the promise the seedling fields held. In addition to hybridizing, Gus' duties included running the outside crew, which dug and processed the orders in the summer and transplanted the fields each fall. He

Schreiner's History (continued)

loved working with the soil and meeting the challenges he faced in the field culture of the iris.

In the early 1970's there was an explosive interest in iris, with huge national nurseries needing enormous numbers of bearded iris. This signaled a period of rapid change and expansion for the business. From a stable size of 50 acres the planting quickly doubled to 100, then to 200 acres. This excitement was tempered, however, by the untimely deaths of the Schreiner siblings who had built this company up from the dirt of Minnesota. Sadly, Connie died in 1971, Gus passed away in 1982 and Bob died in 2000. During the 1980's the third generation of Schreiner's gradually assumed responsibilities in running the business. David, Robert's son, was largely responsible for the catalog and business matters. Tom Abrego, David's brother-in-law, served as controller and worked on the catalog and advertising. In 2011, Tom and David retired. Gus' son, Ray, is in charge of the hybridizing, field culture and production, landscaping the gardens and wholesale accounts. Liz Schreiner Schmidt, Gus' daughter, manages the office, the Gift Shop, handles business matters, the catalog, etc. Another of Gus' sons, Steve, handles the flower show, photography and retail shipping. Leonard Schmidt, Liz' husband, helps with the general maintenance and keeping track of required farm regulations. During the summer, some of the fourth generation may be found in the packing sheds.

Over the years, the Schreiner hybridizing program has become internationally recognized as one of the best. Schreiner iris have won an unprecedented eleven Dykes Memorial Medals, the highest award given by the American Iris Society. The latest was in 2003 for 'Celebration Song'. In addition, Schreiner irises have garnered numerous foreign awards over the years.

Since 1980 Schreiner's display gardens under the direction of Ray Schreiner have evolved from being primarily an iris show to a mixed planting of perennials, annuals and iris, and are still the main attraction. Visitors love the variety of blossoms on display throughout the gardens.

Once bloom season subsides in late June, our attention turns toward the business of digging the iris fields. The main task of the summer's first half is filling wholesale and retail orders. Millions of iris are processed and sent out on several trucks each week in July and August, each packed with 100,000 iris rhizomes. The second half of the summer is taken up with transplanting the 200 acres.

The iris grown here at Schreiner's Iris Gardens have reaped praise from our thousands of customers. One of the most cherished possessions is the file of letters from customers, gathered over the years. Many steadfast friendships have developed over time with people we have met through the iris. These human connections as well as the awards and achievements enjoyed by the Schreiner family are a result of the hard work of Robert, Connie and Bernard. Their hard work, sacrifice and vision expanded upon the small enterprise initiated by F.X. Schreiner. Inspired by their dedication to and love of horticulture, and iris in particular, Schreiner's Iris Gardens continues to offer the newest and finest in bearded iris.

We welcome Steve Schreiner as our guest speaker at the upcoming AIS Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by the San Diego Iris Society in San Diego, California on April 26-27, 2013.



Schreiner's Irises

by Katharina Notarianni

The Schreiners are famous for their stunning, award winning, blue irises (see inside cover photos of Schreiner Dykes Medal Winners). Along with the trademark blues, every year Schreiner's Iris Gardens introduces irises in a rainbow of color - below are a photos taken on my trip to Schreiner's in 2009 of various blue toned irises, and on the next page are irises in a greater variety of colors which were blooming in the 2012 AIS National Convention gardens. Having participated in organizing the national convention which Region 15 hosted, I noted with interest that Schreiner's submitted over eighty iris cultivars to be grown in the four convention gardens. There were many more irises that came into bloom in the weeks following the convention, but sadly I did not get to see those. We have yet another chance to see some of Schreiner's newest iris at the upcoming Spring Trek in San Diego and will get to hear firsthand from Steve Schreiner about Schreiner's latest iris activities.

With regards to the Schreiner's breeding program, hybridizer Ray Schreiner says: "Our goals in breeding irises are to develop new color patterns, improve color and flower form from what is already developed and live up to the standards that everyone looks for in growth and disease resistance. I started crossing with my dad, Bernard (more commonly known as "Gus") in 1971. Dad would lay out the crosses and I, along with several others, would make the actual crosses. I also worked with Dad during the selection process, watching to see what he looked for and the results of his crosses. This continued until my father's death in 1981. During those years,



'All About Blue' (Schreiner 2009)



'Blueberry Parfait' (Schreiner 2009)



'Evening Tidings' (Schreiner 2009)



'Captain's Choice' (Schreiner 2009)



'Winter Waltz' (Schreiner 2009)



'Whispering Falls' (Schreiner 2009)

Schreiner's Irises (continued)

Dad taught me just about everything I know. Since then, I primarily make the crosses, with input from my cousin Dave Schreiner, and other family members involved in our operation. I am always ready to listen to any ideas. When I select a seedling, I look for new color patterns: something different and pleasing. Some things are very different, but not pleasing in color. After color, I look at the shape of the flower: breadth at the haft and the form. If the flower doesn't have those two qualities, no matter how different the color, I don't consider it as introduction material. I don't necessarily look for size, but rather, good proportion. Bud count is also important. If a seedling has the best flower, but only five buds, I'll cross it with something with more buds and hope to improve on it. Working with so many colors, it is difficult to say which color pattern I favor. When I work with a color, I envision what I will be getting and at the moment I like that color best. They are all my favorites. Plicatas, blues, reds, darks or yellows – mix up the patterns and you're hooked! The possibilities are endless. Imagine a black with a pure white beard or a deep maroon with a blue beard. I see the future of irises as wide open. The sky is the limit. Different patterns, more buds, longer bloom periods and repeat bloomers. What about the possibilities with the foliage? We have variegated foliage. What about extending the purple hue at the base all the way to the tip? What a contrast! You could have color all year-round. Only time will tell." See photos of Schreiner's 2013 introductions on the back cover.

(Ray Schreiner quotes excerpted from A Tribute to Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Brighton Park Iris)



'Burst of Joy' (Schreiner 2010)



'Annabelle Rose' (Schreiner 2010)



'Dracula's Kiss' (Schreiner 2009)



'Croff's Caress' (Schreiner 2010)



'Glad' (Schreiner 2011)



'Rio Rojo' (Schreiner 2009)

AIS REGION 15 BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2012

Regional Vice President Winona Stevens called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Welcome to all attendees.

Minutes of the AIS Region 15 Winter Board Meeting of February 4, 2012 appeared in Spring 2012 Semi-Annual Report. A motion to approve the minutes was made by C. Deaton, motion seconded by B. Schleuning. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report by Cheryl Deaton.

The report does not include the Convention account that will be presented during the Convention meeting. Beginning balance on February 1, 2012 was \$15,999.58. The deposit of \$12,000 was a reimbursement from the convention of their start-up funds. Check book balance on October 13, 2012 is \$14,698.37.

The Money Market account is being transferred to a new bank branch, Cheryl will try to get a better interest rate.

OCI&DC deposit is \$200 from their auction and a \$800 donation. More money is coming in from affiliate auctions. The Convention account was \$9000 in the red at one point. D. Gerald- Some Affiliates were not aware of the email describing the \$5 and \$8 for rhizomes or the 50% division of sales. Additional discussion of the rhizome distributions being unequal. Deferred this discussion to the Convention Report. Region 15 is still doing OK.

Motion by D. James, second B. Schleuning to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. The motion was approved.

Committee reports:

Judges Training – Debbie James

Derry Gerald is now a master judge. Derry was congratulated by all present. Advancement of four apprentices to judges have been submitted to AIS. D. James was requested to send a list of judges to club presidents. This will be done by the end of November.

Membership – Winona Stevenson

Membership is still falling. There are barely 300 AIS members. We need to build our membership, and need to encourage AIS membership. Regular membership is \$25 and e-membership is \$15 and gives you access to the Iris Register. A disadvantage to the e-membership is there is no reminder your membership is ending. Additional complaints that you can't download the AIS Bulletin from the web. J. Bonino- AIS is still in transition setting up the e-memberships and additional changes will be coming.

Awards: No report

Historian: No report

Ways & Means - To be discussed during convention report.

Website -Web Master is Tim Valenzuela. He is on top of problems, for a couple of hours a porn site was linked to the Region's web site, until he removed it. Included in his fee is also building a page on the Region 15 website for each Region 15 affiliate if they don't have a website.

Youth – C. Deaton

We have two new youth members, not able to be present today.

Affiliate Reports:

Most reports appeared in the Fall Report, only updates are needed.

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society - Gail Lofdahl

Nothing new. They will have Kelly Norris coming to their meeting on November 3rd, he will do judge's training also.

Inland Region Iris Society - Carol Morgan

Nothing new, sale was mediocre.

C. Deaton- have people contacted local news stations to get coverage? D. Gerald- her local paper puts a free add in gardening section. Pennysavers also can have free ads. Consider having publicity chairman for each affiliate to publicize events. May also have sign-ups at sales and shows, but try to do it using email, not postcards.

Lompoc Valley Iris Society - Ben Schleuning

Struggled with their sales, sent more to region than their sales. They have potted their rhizomes and will try to sell on the street.

Orange County Iris & Daylily Club - Derry Gerald

Their meeting next month will have a master gardener to talk about composting.

Prescott Area Iris Society – Stan Book

Two presidents have resigned so far, gained 34 new members at three rhizome sales, Club has sponsored a Dykes medal garden at a local community garden, still short Coral Lee and Prairie Sunset. Winona has both, will send rhizomes.

San Diego Iris Society – Janis Shackelford

Held their two-day rhizome sale in September, sales were close to \$2300 and gained 11 new members. Convention rhizomes were potted and will be auctioned tomorrow.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society – Andi Rivarola

Have held three sales at new locations. Scheduled speaker Fred Kerr could not attend the Fall Meeting today, Carol & Paul Buchheim will present the program. Fred Kerr coming next month; Cheryl will do training on seedlings at Nov 1st meeting at 7 PM.

January - W. Plotner, JT on species, February - Baumunk, and JT.

Southern California Iris Society – Derry Gerald

Nothing new to report, we are having a hard time finding speakers- Master Gardener has a list of speakers, free.

Sun Country Iris Society – Gary Miller not present.

Tucson Area Iris Society – Gordon Jensen not present.

Verde Valley Area Iris Society – Betty Gaudy not present.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Trek wheel was updated as follows:

2015: Spring- No affiliate designated. Problem is affiliates are having fewer people to do the work. A suggestion was made not to have a 2015 Spring Trek because Portland will be the AIS convention site and almost everyone present today will be planning to attend.

Motion by J. Bonino that Region 15 will not hold a Spring 2015 Trek and hold the General and Board meetings at the AIS national convention in Portland. The motion was seconded by D. James. The motion was unanimously approved.

2015: Fall- Prescott Area Iris Society

2016: Spring- San Fernando Valley. Mini Spuria Convention.

2016: Lompoc Valley Iris Society

2017: TBD

Affiliate Forms have been mailed to all affiliate presidents via snail mail on September 26th. The forms MUST be returned to Winona.

No other new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Janis Shackelford, Secretary

AIS REGION 15 GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2012

Regional Vice President Winona Stevens called the General meeting to order at 1:50 PM.

Affiliate role call: High Desert (8), Inland Region (4), Lompoc Valley (2), Orange County (1), Prescott Area (3), San Diego (4), San Fernando Valley (12), Southern Calif. (4), Sun Country (2), Tucson Area (2). Region 20 (2).

Old business: None

New business: Trek wheel:

Spring 2013- San Diego Iris Society

Fall 2013-Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society

Spring 2014- Southern California Iris Society

Fall 2014- Orange County Iris & Daylily Club

Spring 2015-After discussion a decision was made not to hold a Spring Trek this year and hold the Regional Meeting at the AIS National Convention in Portland.

Fall 2015- Prescott Area Iris Society

Spring 2016- San Fernando Valley, with a Spuria Iris Society Convention also.

Fall 2016- Lompoc Valley Iris Society

Spring 2017- TBD

No other New Business.

The Region 15 Fall meeting was adjourned 1:57 PM. Fall Meeting Presentation given by Carole & Paul Buchheim about their visit to Tempo Two Nurseries (Lesley and Barry Blyth) in Australia made all of us want to catch the next plane down under!

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Janis Shackelford, Secretary

REGION 15 FALL MEETING PRESENTATION BY CAROLE & PAUL BUCHHEIM



'Avenue of Bliss'
(TB, Blyth 2013)



'Cinderella's Secret'
(TB, Blyth 2013)



'Sudden Bliss'
(TB, Blyth 2013)



'Ben The Dragon'
(Median, Blyth 2013)

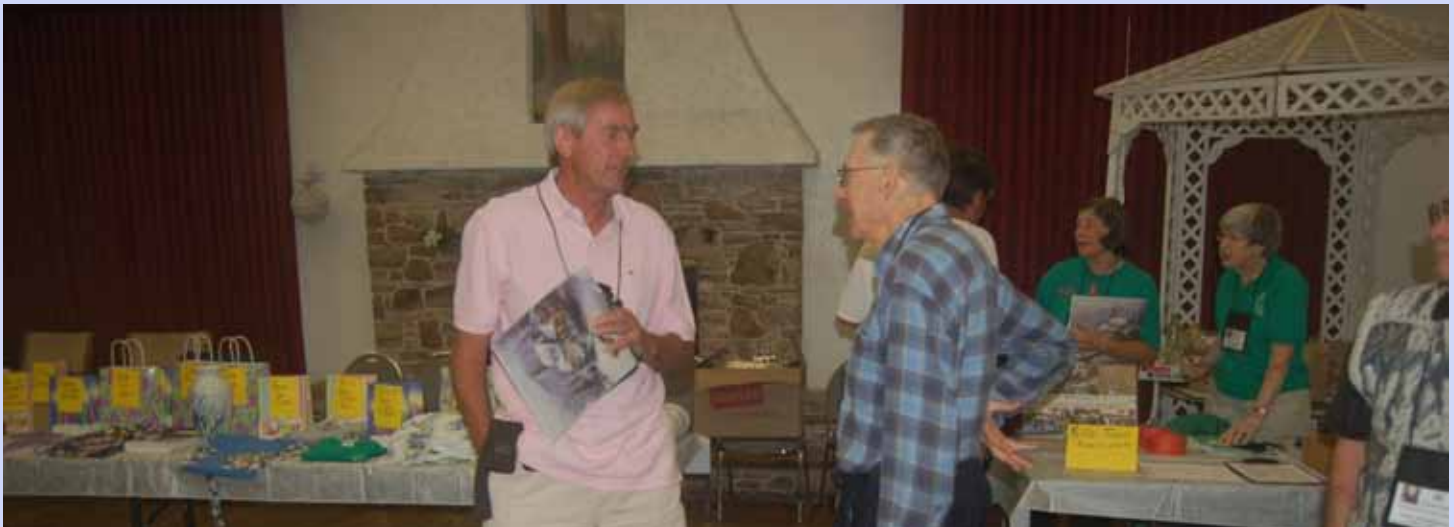


'Meet Me'
(Dwarf, Blyth 2013)



'Thumb Tacks'
(Dwarf, Blyth 2013)

REGION 15 FALL MEETING HOSTED BY SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY



AIS REGION 15 WINTER BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by RVP Winona Stevenson at 9:16am. Present were Judy and Stan Book, Flo and Ben Schleuning, Carole and John Huffman, Jill Bonino and Cheryl Deaton.

The minutes of the October 2012 Region 15 Fall Board Meeting were distributed for approval. Corrections were made to RVP's name: Stevenson; Prescott attendees: Judy and Stan Book and Vera Stewart, and SFVIS February program-Baumunk: not a JT. It was moved by Cheryl to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Jill. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Cheryl Deaton. There have been no expenses or requests for payment since the October 2012 Fall Board Meeting. Deposits from rhizome sales in the amount of \$12,040.14 have been made since then, leaving the checkbook balance at \$21,959.51, which includes the RVP account valued at \$9030.72. The Edward Jones Money Market account received \$.14 in interest for a balance of \$12,762.31. Total sales from the Convention rhizome sales so far amounted to \$17,236.64. Region 15 assets total \$34,721.82. Motion to accept the treasurer's report for audit was made by Ben and seconded by Jill. Motion carried.

Currently we have an AIS membership of only 298 of which approximately 30 are "e members". A discussion was held about ways to encourage people to join AIS. Jill suggested that clubs subsidize new membership by getting people to join at the "e membership" rate of \$15 and paying the \$10 so they would receive The Bulletin. Once they get an issue of the magazine they just might want to join on their own. Another suggestion was that clubs pay AIS membership for their officers so that more people may want to run for office. Many clubs have limited resources, but these 'subsidies' should not cause a hardship for most of the clubs, and the increase in membership would bring in new faces and ideas.

It was also suggested that each of the Region Affiliates recommend 2 programs that they have enjoyed, along with the contact information and cost. In this way we would all benefit from new and interesting programs that may not be about irises. For example, Katharina Notarianni gave a program for Hi Desert on taking photos of irises, explaining some of the settings that can be adjusted from the most simple digital cameras to the more complicated 'advanced' cameras, how to frame a shot to get the most appealing photo, do's and don'ts. Members were encouraged to bring their cameras and after her presentation they proceeded to take some pictures of flowering plants. Katharina and her husband John were there to give pointers and help the members with their photos. Speaking as a novice photographer who takes fuzzy pictures even with the anti-shake feature on, it was an enlightening program. I was able to take a lovely picture of a calla lily deep into the throat. What a thrill that it was in focus and recognizable!

Ben reported that Lompoc currently has 46 members of which 20 are active. They have iris catalogs at their shows to inform customers about the REAL cost of irises so they will buy more of what you have for sale.

Stan reported that Prescott has 55 members and 34 'free' trial members (they join for 6 months for free and then if they are interested they become paid members).

No other affiliates sent reports.

A good deer repellent is to place bloodmeal in cloth bags along your fences. It seems to keep the deer away successfully.

The proposed Region 15 budget for 2013 was presented by Treasurer Cheryl Deaton as follows:

Expenses		Income	
Newsletter	\$2000	Advertising	\$ 100
RVP Travel	\$1000	Rhizome Sales	\$6000
Officer Fund	\$1000		
Spring Trek	\$ 600	TOTAL	\$6100
Spring Shipping	\$ 500		
Fall Trek	\$ 400		
Website	\$ 495		
Miscellaneous	\$ 105		
Total	\$6100		

Motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Judy Book, Seconded by Jill Bonino. Budget approved.

Trek Wheel

Spring	Fall
2013 April 27-28 San Diego	2013 October 19th Hi Desert
2014 Southern Cal	2014 Orange County
2015 Dark (Portland)	2015 Prescott
2016 San Fernando	2016 Lompoc
2017 Hi Desert	2017 Arizona?

There are 2 open positions, Historian and Membership. Anyone interested should contact Winona.

San Diego has requested help for the judge's training at the Spring Trek. Jill Bonino will do a classroom JT on Iris Patterns. Cheryl Deaton will do an in-garden JT on seedlings.

Sun Country has developed an Anti Harrassment Policy that will be sent to other clubs for a suggested addition to their Operating Procedures. This will not require a change in by-laws.

A question was brought up at the San Fernando monthly meeting regarding raffles in California needing permits. If the organization is a 501C(3) organization, the items are donated and the money raised goes back into the club treasury, the club is exempt according to the current law. This subject was discussed a few years ago, and the law has not changed, it is just being implemented more often and California is looking for money.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Region 15 meeting at 11:30am. Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Cheryl Deaton, Acting Secretary

AIS REGION 15 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2013

The Region 15 Convention Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:45am by Jill Bonino. Most of the bills have been submitted and paid. It was determined that the current Convention Booklet leaves much to be desired and needs to be re-written.

There is a balance of \$8378.61 left in the Convention bank account. It was moved by Jill and seconded by Ben to send \$1500 to the 2013 Dallas Convention Committee as is the usual practice. Motion carried.

It was moved by Judy and seconded by Winona to send Holk Memorial Garden, Stanton Iris Garden and Mystic Lake Garden \$2000 each to help recover some of their costs for being on the Convention. Motion carried.

The original Region 15 donation of \$5000 was left as a donation. That leaves a profit of \$878.61 at this time. More money may be coming in from future iris sales of the affiliates.

Convention Treasurer, Carol Huffman, will send checks to Dallas, Holk, Stanton & Mystic Lake Gardens and close the Convention account.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Convention Committee meeting at 12:10pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Deaton, Acting Secretary

Introducing Ed Murray

AIS Master Judge

by Andi Rivarola



I mentioned to Katharina during the Region 15 Fall Meeting that I have always liked to honor one's elders, and then told her about Ed Murray. I have asked Ed to give me his bio for a judge's training we were planning on him leading last year, which in the end did not occur. It's an honor to have Ed be part of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society. He's a fountain of knowledge, and it's fun to see him when he comes to our meetings and yearly spring show. I hope you enjoy the details here.

Ed was born in Philadelphia in August of 1935. He was educated in public schools which taught music and art besides the traditional reading, writing and arithmetic. In 1958 he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in ornamental horticulture from Rutgers University (the State University of New Jersey). At that time Rutgers had a fine iris garden that later became a dwarf conifer collection. Next he took a Master of Science degree at the University of Illinois, and after military duty, received a Doctor of

Philosophy degree for "A Monograph of the Aceraceae," the maple tree family. Immediately upon being separated from the military he spent four months traveling around Western Europe.

Ed was instrumental in developing the South Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley Iris Societies, and became a judge in 1957 at only 22-years of age. He then moved to California in 1978 and became a member of both the San Fernando Valley Iris Society and the Southern California Iris Society.

Ed Murray is an American Iris Society Master Judge and encourages you to get involved in all the fun.

AIS Region 15 Commercial Iris Gardens

Burgard Iris Farm - (805) 835-3965

Catherine & Emil Burgard
840 Climbing Tree Ln
Templeton, CA 93465
email burgardfarms@yahoo.com

Golden's Iris Garden - (928) 445-0503

Barry Golden
4564 Robin Drive
Prescott, AZ 86301
email barrygolden@hotmail.com

Hummingbird Iris Garden - (928) 777-8110

Linda Rossman
5942 Old Black Canyon Hwy
Prescott AZ 86303
email lindarae@cableone.net

Iris Howse and Gardens - (619) 479-3887

Ted and Rose Howse
3915 Vista San Miguel
Bonita, CA 91902
www.irishowseandgardens.com
email irishowseandgardens@cox.net

Kary Iris Gardens - (480) 949-0253

Ardi Kary
6201 East Calle Rosa
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
www.karyiris.com
email ardikary@aol.com

Lakeside Gardens - (760) 378-3841

Winona Stevenson
8280 Entrada Blvd.
Lake Isabella, CA 93240
email lakesideiris@aol.com

Mystic Lake Gardens - (951) 928-2337

Paul & Carole Buchheim
22177 Polley Street
Nuevo, CA 92567
www.mysticlakegardens.com
email cbuchheim@verizon.net

Rainbow Vista Farms - (760) 723-2929

Al and Victoria Salsgiver
4343 Rainbow Vista Drive
Fallbrook, CA 92028
email asalsgiver@msn.com

Squires Iris Garden - (818) 892-1516

Randy Squires
15906 Chase Street
North Hills, CA 91343-6306
email randysiris@juno.com

Stanton Iris Gardens - (760) 415-3248

Alex and Kitty Stanton
Lilac Vista Drive
Valley Center CA
www.stantonirisdgards.com
email stantoniris@gmail.com

Region 15

Presidents' Reports

President's Report Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society

by Dan Dourney

High Desert Iris & Daylily Society: President- Dan Dourney, Vice President-Marilyn Kiger, Secretary-Nancy Walker
Treasure-Ellen O'Toole

Meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month from 1-3 p.m. at Antelope Valley College-Agriculture Building TE-3 at 3041 West Avenue K in Lancaster, CA.

In January our speaker was Katharina Notarianni, who spoke about how to photograph iris using a "point-and-shoot" camera. Our members found her presentation to be informative and very interesting.

In February John Lyon will give a presentation on "The Woven Garden," discussing water-wise gardening.

In March Rick Tasco from Superstition Gardens will give us a presentation historical iris, and will also conduct judges training. HDI&DS will sell irises at the annual Home Show at Antelope Valley Fairground on the March 22, 23, and 24.

In April our expert flower arrangers will work with newer members to show them how to groom and arrange their irises for our upcoming show.

May 4 and 5 will bring our annual show and sale at Antelope Valley College. Also in May we will hold our annual progressive dinner. We visit five members' gardens, and eat at three of them—soup/salad, main course, and dessert. This is a great time for us to see other members' gardens, eat good food, and talk iris.

On June 25th, our 25th anniversary picnic will be held at Winona Stevenson's Lakeside Iris Gardens in Lake Isabella.

In July our speaker will be G. Schoniger from Kellogg Garden Products on preparing soil for planting.

In August we hold our "Salad Spectacular." Members bring their favorite salad for all to enjoy.

September "Rhizome Ruble" Auction: "Rhizome Rubles" can only be earned by doing volunteer work at the club garden, at shows and sales, or at other club fundraisers.

In October we host the Region 15 Fall Trek on the 19th. Save the date!

In November we will elect our officers for 2014.

Finally in December we install our officers for the coming year, have a Christmas dinner and exchange gifts.



Katharina Notarianni checking VP Marilyn Kiger's close up photograph



John Lyon from Woven Garden discussing water wise gardening with Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society members

SAVE THE DATE!!!
TO THE REGION 15 FALL MEETING
HOSTED BY HI DESERT IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013
8:00AM - 4:00PM

At Antelope Valley College, Lancaster CA
Get info at www.region15ais.org

President's Report Inland Region Iris Society

by Carol Morgan

Hello to all members of Region 15 !!! Our club members have been busy replanting and/or adding amendments to their Iris beds so they are ready for Spring Bloom. About 6 of us members have for the last 4 months been replanting the entire Club garden at Jurupa Mt. Discovery Center. We finished about 2 weeks ago in time to scratch in some 6-20-20 granular fertilizer on February 5, 2013. With the nice rains we have had for the last few weeks things are greening up. The re-bloomers that have shown their stuff this winter are: Special Blend (M.Sutton), Highlighter (M. Sutton), Fall Line (M. Sutton, I.B.), Broken Link (M. Sutton, B.B.), Blatant, Dime Spot, Bernice's Legacy, Halloween Halo, Snow Melt and Good Morning Beautiful (Stanton). Just showing a stalk is Charismatic (G. Sutton), and of course Herb Holk's long rebloomer seedling 375-B, a bright yellow self.

Our Garden should have good bloom this year even if its first year bloom. You are invited to view our garden at Jurupa Mt. Discovery Center at 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, Ca. 92506 (just off Hwy 60), at Pyrite off-ramp. We are open Tuesday-Saturday 9am-3:30pm. Call me about bloom (Carol 951-682-9071).

Donations for the past Christmas season were:

Genesis House-- a place for displaced women and their children a Large food donation by our club members was given.

A local family-- having a hard time we gave \$200.00 and the speaker from the Oct. meeting gave his speaker fee \$100.00 for that family. We gave to the "Giving Tree" at Janet Goeske Senior Center \$500.00 (the Center is where we hold our monthly meetings.)

Our Spring Events include:

- INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY SPRING IRIS SHOW & RHIZOME SALE - April 13 & 14, 2013 at the Inland Center Mall, 500 Inland Center Dr., San Bernardino, Ca. 92408
- AIS National Convention & Trek (Dallas, Texas) - April 15, 20, 2013
- Region 15 Spring Trek (San Diego) - April 26 & 27, 2013
- Riverside Flower Show April 27 & 28, 2013 - Rhizome Sale at the ELK's Club at 6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside CA 92506
- YUCAIPA IRIS FESTIVAL - May 17, 18, 19 2013 AT YUCAIPA COMMUNITY PARK - Rhizome Sale at 34900 Oak Glen Rd., Yucaipa.
- GREEN FAIRE - MAY 17 & 18, 2013 Hosted By Gates Cactus & Succulent Society - I.R.I.S. Rhizome Sale at Jurupa Mt. Discovery Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr., Riverside CA
- INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY "BIG FALL SALE" - September 21 & 22, 2013 at Western Municipal Water District, Water Efficiency Education Garden, 450 Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, Ca. 92508

That is about all for now, hope to see you all in San Diego on April 26 & 27, and hope all of you enjoy your "Spring Bloom."

Make sure to save time to go to several places that grow Iris, you might see something you need!





Lompoc Valley
Iris Society

President's Report Lompoc Valley Iris Society

by Kiki Shappell on behalf of Ben Schleuning

It is spring and another cycle of iris activities has begun. I'm happy to say that I had a few irises blooming through December and January, which provided motivation for keeping my iris beds reasonably tidy. As a result I have a few moments to reflect on last year's highlights and to anticipate the work and fun to come.

The 2012 Annual Iris Show was an unqualified success. In the judged part of the show, John & Jean Anton's "Splashacata" took Best of Class and Best of Show, and Joann Johnson's "Absolute Treasure" won Best of Section. The non-competitive section, otherwise known as everything-that-is-blooming-right-now-catch-as-catch-can, was a little smaller than usual with only 154 stems of 142 varieties. "Orangelo" and "Telegraph Hill" (which had not been entered in the judged section) were first and second in the popularity vote. The judge's choice was vindicated when "Splashacata", "Absolute Treasure" and "Blue Staccato" tied for third place. Judge Kathy Chilton lingered for several hours after the judging and discussed the fine points of preparing stems for judging, with plenty of examples (bad and good) possible from our 154 stems. It was most illuminating and reassuring for those of us who are shy of getting our feet wet. Over one hundred potted irises raised by members from the previous year's sale leftovers were given away as door prizes, bringing an element of excitement that is always a joy to see. If we ever get a club motto, perhaps it should be "Share the Joy!"

We had two sales again this year, and we are agreed that that is one parking lot sale too many. On the other hand, President Ben Schleuning has been raising 472 irises in 2 and 3 gallon cans for the Society, rhizomes left from last year's September sale. Apparently, extra selling--one way or other--is on the books for this summer.

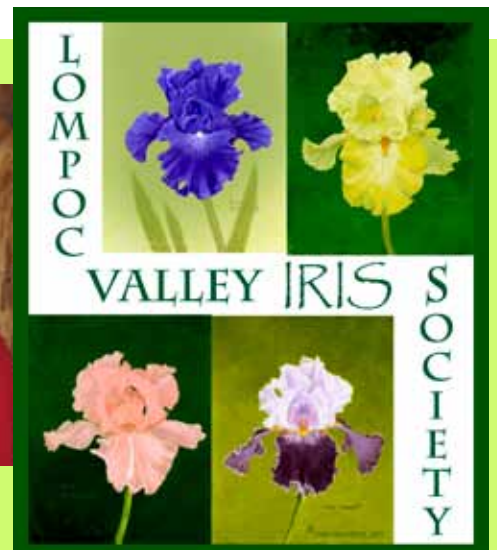
The Show this year will have another outstanding judge, Cheryl Deaton. The dates have been shifted from our traditional dates at the end of April so that members can attend the Spring Trek in San Diego. The new dates are May 4 and May 5, so we look forward to seeing some of you in Lompoc! Find us on Facebook for details.



Florence Schleuning



L to R: Treasurer Carol Huffman, Secretary Pat Dunn, President Ben Schleuning, VP Marie Jacobsen and Publicity Kiki Shappell.



President's Report Orange County Iris and Daylily Club

by Editor Jeanie Moeckel

Orange County Iris & Daylily Club has elected a new President this year. Her name is Lois Farr and we look forward to working with her this year. Lois was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. She moved to Anaheim, California, when she married. She has two daughters, a dog, cat, and chicken. Lois is a graduate of Los Angeles Baptist College with major in Biblical languages. She worked at Douglas Aircraft for 13 years and elementary school teacher for 13 years in Orange County. She is an avid garden growing her own vegetables, raising iris and daylilies.

We have had some exciting guest speakers beginning in January with Cliff Meng, member of the Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society, He brought some succulents to sell, including the beautiful specimen he had demonstrated potting.

February followed with a Powerpoint presentation by our own Bobbie Hogancamp, 2nd Vice President, called "Daylilies 101". All of the beautiful daylily photo's were taken in Bobbies garden.

March meeting was also powerpoint presentation by Entomologist and botanist Bob Allen of Orange County Vector Control. He gave a lively presentation about wild animals in our area with vector viruses and bacteria that cause dangerous human diseases.

April is our annual biggest and only sale of the year, Green Scene, held at Cal State Fullerton at the Fullerton Arboretum. This is a big event drawing people from all over Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Our meeting will be a round table discussion about iris and daylilies. A week later we will meet to cut, clean, mark, identify and bag per individual named iris and daylilies. Green Scene will be on the following Saturday and Sunday.

May will look forward to hearing about "Backyard Bees: Keeping Hives Alive" presented by Janet Andrews and Kelly Yrarrazaval, co-founders, who began rescuing and relocating local honeybee colonies in 2007. They carry Backyard Honey, Beeswax Products, and All Natural Skin Care.

June will be another exciting speaker Al Garofalow, owner of Tution Growers, the cottage garden annual and perennial flowering plants that he grows in the backyard of his Buena Park home. Several years ago Mary Lou Heard of Heard's Country Gardens in Westminster was his first retail customer. He sells his plants as "Cottage Garden Selection" and are sold all over Orange County.



July and August are our annual potluck dinner and plant table sales held in the patio at the church. In August we have in the past also held our members only iris auction.

September will be the region iris auction and daylily procurement. The public is invited and we are encouraging our members to bring a friend.

October and November guest speakers have not been confirmed at this time. (Orange County Farm Supply and Kathy Gordon, California Certified Garden Nursery Professional)

December is our annual potluck dinner and gift exchange. We will have election of officers for 2014 as well.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm social with meeting beginning at 7:30pm. Garden Grove First Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid Street, Garden Grove. All visitors are welcome.

President's Report San Diego Iris Society

by Janis Shackelford

We are looking forward to hosting the 2013 Region 15 Spring Trek, April 26th and 27th, and I hope all Region 15 iris lovers will make the trip to sunny San Diego. Not only will we have very nice gardens full of iris for you to view, but San Diego has many attractions which are just minutes from our hotel. Since we are carpooling to the guest gardens you are sure to find a ride while your significant other may take your vehicle on a tour. Come early or stay after the Trek. The hotel is extending their special room rates for three days before and after the Trek. But make your reservation soon as a delay to April may increase the room rate. Further information is available on the Region 15 website at www.region15ais.org, and in this newsletter.

Last December we held our annual Christmas party at the home of Pat and Richard Wurtele. They have one the Trek host gardens and while only a couple of the guest irises were in bloom, many of their other rebloomers were putting on an enjoyable display. We had our annual iris roundtable discussion at our January meeting, and gophers and gopher control became the main topic. Members reported good success with the newer blackhole traps.

In February we held our annual birthday party commemorating the establishment of the SDIS. This year we are 50 years old and celebrated with a luncheon and program by iris hybridizer Terry Aitken, and a gift exchange.

In March we will have a program by SDIS member Ted Howse. Ted and Rose Howse own the commercial garden, Iris Howse and Garden in Bonita, and are the second of our three host gardens for the 2013 Spring Trek. Ted is a hybridizer and has several seedlings in the guest gardens. We will be preparing for the Trek in April and will not have a regular meeting. In May we will hold our annual iris show and sale at Balboa Park. We will again not have a judged show but will be having the public vote for their favorite flowers. In June we elect officers for the upcoming year, give awards for the people's choice winners, and have an ice cream social with home-made ice cream to celebrate.



L-R: Don Maurizio, who holds the honor of longest active member of SDIS with Dorothy Driscoll, Terry Aitken of Aitken's Salmon Creek Gardens with SDIS VP Claire Schneider, and Marty & Richard Richards with President Janis Shackelford

Visit the San Diego Iris Society Website at
www.SanDiegoIrisSociety.org

President's Report Prescott Area Iris Society

by Dennis Luebkin

2013 presents itself to be an exciting and busy year for PAIS. Our club is very active in fund raising activities which not only support the society but also support our current and developing community outreach programs in the Prescott Tri City Area. Our evolving outreach programs for 2013 will consist of support for the Sharlot Hall Museum, a historical museum complex featuring the Architectural, Cultural and Horticultural aspects of the Prescott area from the mid 1860's to the early decades of the 20th Century. PAIS also supports the work of the Friends of Yavapai College Art Sculpture Garden including the Dykes Medal Iris Garden and other iris plantings throughout the Sculpture Garden. This year PAIS is evolving its community outreach to potentially include environmental/horticultural projects at Yavapai College's Riparian Area Rehabilitation, possible expansion of the Phase IV Sculpture Garden Project at Yavapai College along with outreach in the public school system interfacing with the Highlands Nature Center in Prescott.

We are looking forward to our representatives attending the AIS National Convention in Dallas TX, and the Region 15 Spring Trek in San Diego, California in April. In May we will be holding our annual Spring Iris Show, exhibit and Sale entitled "Kaleidoscope of Color" 2013 which now has name recognition throughout Arizona. Last year's attendance at this event was between 250 to 300 people. It was a magnificent display of hundreds of iris. Visitors attended from all over the state. PAIS is also privileged this year to have an article in AAA' High Roads Magazine featuring the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden, The Dykes Medal Iris Garden and PAIS in the May/June Edition.

Our major annual rhizome sale will take place July 27th and 28th at the Sharlot Hall Museum. Sales will continue on August 2nd in Chino Valley and Yarnell on August 3rd. We will also be conducting several Farmers Market Sales this year. We are looking at beginning major renovation to our plantings at the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden by renovating existing planting beds and expanding our plantings in other areas of the garden. We are looking forward to expanding participation by our society members in these projects.

We are anticipating six board meetings this year to conduct our business. We will have four general membership meetings two of which will be pot luck events, one ice cream social with the annual auction and one with a photo contest. Our general membership meetings will have speakers discussing various aspects of iris culture, speakers from the local Master Gardeners program and other horticultural topics besides the normal PAIS business and social activities. Our new board consist of a good mix of experienced board members and four members never before on the board some of which are new members this year. Our general membership now stands at 55 with another 34 free trial memberships for those who had joined late last year. We anticipate 15 to 20% of the new members from trial memberships to be returning by our first general meeting in February.



Visit the Prescott Area Iris Society Website at
<http://prescottirissociety.org>

President's Report

San Fernando Valley Iris Society

by Andi Rívarola

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San Fernando Valley
Iris Society

Today, after a long time, we're once again expecting some rain. I do hope it comes, and that the overseers from above once again endow us with much needed of this liquid gift. I have several irises blooming in my garden, such as 'Wings of Peace,' 'Reincarnation,' 'Hi,' 'Sharp Shooter,' 'Dotted Delight,' and 'Stingray.' Glad that these irises were not affected by lack of rain. We'll see how the rest of the season turns out.

2013 represents the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society. Amazing how much time has passed and if I may say so myself, the club is still going strong. Congratulations to all past and present members who make it possible for this club to continue on.

It was a pleasure to have Will Plotner from Oregon's Wildwood Iris give a presentation on Species Irises in January; followed by Lowell Baumunk in February. So wonderful to see what these iris men are working on and foresee what irisdom may look like in the future.

Spring is almost here, and with it once again the possibility to spend many hours delighting in iris heaven at our gardens and that of our friends and neighbors. May you have wonderful bloom season.

Sincerely,

Andi



Lowell Baumunk was awarded the Clarence G. White Medal in 2010 for his arilbred RIVERS OF BABYLON (2004).



Lowell Baumunk, iris hybridizer, presented at SFVIS February meeting

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www.SanFernandoValleyIrisSociety.org

President's Report Southern California Iris Society

by Mike Monninger

The best part of the year is just ahead; iris bloom beginning in March and continuing through May. Also it's almost time to start looking through the iris catalogs, hardcopy or online, to prepare your wish lists for 2013.

I am so happy to put 2012 behind me. My folly for being the 2012 AIS Convention guest iris chair almost did me in. I wondered if I would even care about growing iris again. Happily, I survived digging and returning the convention guest iris (with lots of help from fellow irisarians).

SCIS lost a valued member to Arlington, Virginia in November 2012. Yes, Kim Ung moved to Arlington so all you exhibitors in Southern California iris shows have a shot at "Best Specimen" of the show. SCIS members have a shot at "Best Plicata", a perpetual trophy. Kim had a stranglehold on this award and I think he won it for the last 10 years!

We had a nice holiday lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte. It was well attended and after a short business meeting we proceeded with a gift exchange, stealing allowed! A good time was had by all.

April brings our show at the Los Angeles Arboretum and our 4-day iris sale and exhibit at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa. We found a place in the mall with \$2 beer during happy hour, Yippee!!!

I finished planting my iris in January; twice I thought this. However, finding more iris in a bag or in pots to be planted proved I wasn't finished. I know I'm done planting now, I'm out of room, sound familiar?

Have a great iris year!!

SCIS Spring Show & Sale

at The Los Angeles Arboretum

Saturday, April 13 & Sunday, April 14, 2013

9:00am - 4:30PM

Free with admission

Tall bearded, small bearded, and aril-bred irises will be on the display provided by the Southern California Iris Society and So. Cal. Hemerocallis & Amaryllis Society. Pacific Coast natives that have colors ranging from cream to blue-violet and Siberian Iris that flower throughout the summer will also be featured.

Members will be available to answer cultural questions. Iris plants will be for sale.



President's Report Sun Country Iris Society

by Gary Miller

We in Sun Country Iris Society are all excited for our upcoming events. At our February meeting we had Rick Tasco as our guest speaker and for the month of March our guest speaker is Ken Fladager of Albuquerque. He is talking on Rebloomers and giving a one hour judges training on Rebloomers.

Our early iris show will be March 23rd where the general public gets to vote on their favorite iris and favorite artistic arrangement. Our spring show, an AIS sanctioned show, will be April 13th at Christown Spectrum Mall. Then we will have our late iris exhibit on May 4th and once again the general public will be voting on their favorite iris. We suspect the late show will have more of the Spuria and Louisiana irises shown. At each of our sales we will be selling potted irises, these are from rhizomes that didn't sell during our fall rhizome sales. We in SCIS are looking forward to a bountiful year.



Visit the Sun Country Iris Society Website at
www.SunCountryIris.org

President's Report Tucson Area Iris Society

by Greta Dunnigan

The year 2012 left TAIS in good shape. We're halfway through replanting the iris beds in the Tucson Botanical Gardens and will finish this chore in the fall of 2013.

On the agenda for 2013 thus far are: a bus tour to Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior with a stop at Kary Iris Gardens in Scottsdale on April 6th; an iris show at Foothills Mall on April 20th and a rhizome sale September 21st.

Our January meeting featured Ardi Kary of Kary Iris Gardens with a "Judge's Training" lecture on Arils and Arilbreds. We have quite a few members trying to grow Arils and if we all succeed, we will have something to show the public about this wonderful iris.

Bob Van Liere of Iris4U Garden in Colorado will be our speaker on February 16th. His subject, one dear to our hearts, will be "dirt and how we can improve it." We in Tucson wish you all the best iris year ever!

Visit the Tucson Area Iris Society Website at
www.TucsonIris.org

President's Report Verde Valley Area Iris Society

by Betty Gaudy

No report submitted.

Visit the Verde Valley Area Iris Society Website at
http://www.region15ais.org/verde_ais/



**Happy 25th Birthday
Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society**

**Happy 40th Birthday
San Fernando Valley Iris Society**

**Happy 50th Birthday
San Diego Iris Society**

San Fernando Valley Iris Society awards Harriet Uhl the DAVID T. ROSS MEMORIAL AWARD

Participation is one of the main considerations when selecting the winner of the David T. Ross memorial award. And that is why our 2012 winner - Harriet Uhl - was selected. Her stalwart involvement in our sales events and the marking and potting parties that support these vital fund raising efforts are particularly noteworthy. For several years now, her generous participation in our big Spring Show has helped to publicize our club and its beautiful product. Finally, she has helped to remind all of us at nearly every meeting that hospitality, friendliness and the education and inclusion of new members, the life's blood of any garden club wishing to survive into the future, should always be important aspects of the SFVIS.



Margie Valenzuela on Hybridizing and Introducing Her 2013 Irises



My adventure with irises began back in 1979, when my husband Dan and I moved into our first home. Growing in the yard were two of the loveliest flowers I had ever seen, and quickly I found out they were tall bearded irises. For the next 16 years I increasingly grew more colors and more types of irises. Then it happened - one day I thought "How did all these varieties come about?" So...I ordered the book "The World of Irises." It was the first iris book I ever bought, and probably the most helpful I've ever read. The chapter on 'Iris Genetics' caught my attention and has captivated my interest still to this day. Thus began my adventure to hybridize irises.

For the first few years (beginning in 1996) I crossed all kinds of irises. This was done to see for myself what results would occur. Soon I learned that 'wide crosses' brought about a greater variety of colors and patterns than crossing similar colors or patterns did. Though 'wide crosses' were more intriguing I found that of all the iris varieties growing out there I loved the luminata varieties the most. So, I decided to try to work with both ultimately bringing about healthy, vigorous intriguing luminatas .

Over the next few years, I first tried bringing about a new luminata line by crossing only plicatas. I reasoned "since the first luminata came into being by way of a cross between two plicatas that should be easy." Well, I ended up with hundreds of plicatas and no luminatas. I quickly realized that I had to know in advance the genetic makeup of each iris I crossed, but before that - knowing the genetic makeup of each iris I had to buy first (in order to make that desired cross). And BEFORE that - determining if that iris exhibited healthy vigorous growth habits, bud count, great substance and branching..... as well as the form I desired to see. That took HOURS, DAYS, and MONTHS looking up irises, looking up their genetics, looking to see where to purchase them, and lastly growing them myself making sure they exhibited the genes I wanted. Trying to do all this is mind boggling at best and... Who has that kind of time? You do. I do. How? You don't have to buy, observe, judge hundreds and thousands of irises, check the iris registration lists for the parents to find a FEW that exhibits everything a great iris needs (in the patterns or colors you want). That's right, you only need a few. But First: Don't neglect vigor, substance, and form. It seems (to me) that most modern irises today (in 2012) lack vigor, and form. If a seedling has good bud count and branching, but barely increases from year to year - - throw it out. And/or if it's form is not equally breathtaking at every angle - (but bending in every-which-direction without much conformity) - throw it out. If the sun, wind, or rain damages the open bloom too easily - - throw it out. If there are already hundreds of that color (with great form) that is readily available at a cheaper price - - throw it out (or keep it to cross with). If it tends to rot easily - - get rid of it. It'll never survive long term out in the world. As I was previously saying, "find a few great irises that have everything (in the patterns or colors you'd like to work with), and begin creating your "own line(s)" of irises.

Why? You won't have to spend time looking up their genetic background - you'll know and have that record available. Why else? You'll be able to develop irises with distinct colors and patterns that no one else has if you stay in your own lines! And if you stay on top of it - it'll be hard for anyone else to top what you produce going on in your own lines. In years to come - your irises will always have "your signature". We know this by looking at Blyth, Keppel, and Ghio's work - their iris introductions.



'Heartfelt Beauty'

How do you do this? You begin with your few chosen irises and start crossing

Margie Valenzuela on Hybridizing and Introducing Her 2013 Irises (continued)

them among themselves to create several lines, then use those lines by crossing seedlings back and forth among THEMSELVES. Occasionally use self-crosses as well to bring out hidden traits. Keep only the finest; only the ones with the most vigor; only the buds/blooms that have strong substance and a conformed beautiful form - on a plant with decent branching and bud count. One other thing - introduce a worthy new introduction by someone else into your lines now and then - to keep your lines vigorously healthy and up to date with qualities you desire.

What can you expect? Anything!!From your usual iris to - - iris seedlings small in stature with 4 or more stems per plant - - to iris seedlings five and a half feet tall. Iris seedlings with a complete 4-4-4 full petal creation to - - flatties in any color, - - to ones that look like another flower all together. Seedlings with the ugliest colors you've ever seen to - - those that take your breathe away!

If you hope to cross some late blooming iris varieties then plant them in a pot. That way when the temperature is too hot and not conducive to setting a seedpod, (84 degrees and higher) you can bring the potted irises you wish to cross into your home and make the cross there. Keep the ground moist and 'mist' it now and then. Keep it indoors until the weather cools again. If it doesn't cool, sometimes taking the pot back outdoors and placing it in a cooler shady area will still cause a seedpod to set. I've had a number of crosses succeed when doing this.

One other thing I have noticed to help a seedpod set and succeed: Water the iris plants you wish to cross the evening before. For some reason this increases the cross to take and a pod to form. Do not let your crossed irises become dry before a healthy pod is formed. If the ground becomes too dry, you can lose a young seedpod.

Now, what if you are interested in "introducing" a new seedling variety to the gardening world? What does it take? Not to discourage you but it does take years of work, some of your hard-earned money, and lots of dedication to get a new variety ready for introduction. As a matter of fact, for most people it takes up to ten years to introduce their very first iris (after making that first cross). Planning crosses is one thing and it's fun. Then keeping accurate detailed records and photos of your seedlings is yet another. This takes a lot of time. One good photo will sell your new introduction. If it's a bad photo, you'll never sell it. Your photo will either make or break your introduction. It may take many photos till you get that one which shows off your iris as lovely as it truly is. Sending your seedlings off to Conventions or to other iris growers to see how they perform in other areas of the country will also take time, but will tell you a lot about your seedlings and if they are really worth introducing (as long as you receive proper feedback). Finding the appropriate name for that seedling variety is a job in itself. Choosing a good name is the easy part, but then you'll need to double check the online "Iris Registrar" making sure that name isn't already taken. Next step: filling out the paperwork to register the name, (and it does cost \$15.00 a name today), then mailing it off. Seeing a new seedling through to introduction just doesn't happen. It takes lots of hours in the garden, many hours indoors working on records and reviewing photos, and hours doing the paperwork and mailings that travel back and forth from the AIS Iris Registration Person (who currently is John Jones). Then if you haven't the room to grow 35-50 rhizomes of that seedling to introduce it yourself, you'll need to find an iris garden that is willing to grow and sell your introductions for you. A contract will have to be discussed or drawn up between the Iris Garden owner and yourself working out all details. Is all this dedication and hard work worth it? It is when you see the new seedlings that are worth sharing and introducing to the world!

At the end of this article is a list of my newest introductions. Do I have any favorites among them? As unusual as it may sound, no - they ALL are. Each one has excellent unique qualities about them; each would prove to be great parents; and each has remarkable genes worth using in crosses.

As I'm concluding this article you may be wondering where I plan to go next with my hybridizing program. Does it really matter? No..... because the most successful plan is the plan (or plans) YOU will create. Creativity begins when you choose that very first cross. Remember the more unique your seedlings are - the more your seedlings and introductions

will be valued. Ask yourself: Would you like to germinate that new inverted pattern? Or that new color combination? That new form? Will it bloom year-round? Will it have the fragrance of Chocolate-chip Mint? Will it be crossing 2 types of irises to create another type of iris? What would this iris (that you can think up) look like? OK now which irises do you think will best get you to that point/your goal?

I hope I was able to shed some light on this “Hybridizing” subject matter; The sense of work and dedication involved, as well as a few tips to help you succeed. As a last thought.....don’t allow others to tell you what you can or cannot do when it comes to crossing irises or experimenting with them, because the surprises that can pop up in your garden can exceed your imagination.....and astonish others. It’s hard work, but work soooooo worth it.....whether you hybridize just for fun or for sharing and introducing them to the public.

The art of hybridizing is like opening gifts all year long, but especially when they bloom for the first time.

This year the 2013 introductions I’m introducing have proven to be a real variety of colors and patterns, unlike any other year. Also, unlike any other year, so many are ready for introduction at the same time. There are bitones, blends, selfs, plicatas, luminatas, laced, semi-rolling ruffles, and a rebloomer. These have gone through some mighty rigorous growing conditions these last several years and still year after year they never disappoint in how they grow and perform.

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Valenzuela Introductions are available through **Nola’s Iris Garden** in California. Some are also available through **Kari Iris Gardens** in Arizona. In addition, the last three listed will be introduced through **Rocky Top Gardens**:

ORO VALLEY SUNSHINE (Valenzuela 13) - seedling KDSG-06-11 (M-ML) 36” tall, TB. A wonderful lightly-laced sunshine yellow iris with rolling ruffles that seems to dance with each bloom! The yellow almost seems to glow highlighting the center of the falls which are a pale yellow-white blend with attractive veining. 3 blooms open at once, with superb branching and substance; great in the garden or on a show table. The proud parents are Knock -Em Dead x Social Graces.

HEALTHY LIVING (Valenzuela 13) - seedling KDSG-06-01 (M-ML) 36” Tall, TB. A nice flow of colors in this beauty. It begins with a nice light peachy-org with hints of pink and orchid in the standards. The hafts are orange-pink, then it begins to blend to pink with a richer pink near the bottom of the falls with slightly lighter “crinkle-cut” edges and center. Makes a wonderful clump! Good substance and a great grower too. Sibling to Oro Valley Sunshine.

FLAME CATCHER (Valenzuela 13) - seedling FWGP--8G (M,ML) 35-36” tall, TB This LUMINATA likes to show off it’s bright yellow standards by blending to a rose-light purple towards the center and darkest at midrib. Falls are white to pale yellow with



‘Peaceful Living’



‘Oro Valley Sunshine’



‘Healthy Living’



‘Flame Catcher’

Margie Valenzuela on Hybridizing and Introducing Her 2013 Irises (continued)

a rose-purple wash exposing white to lt. yellow veining and rim. Beards are a stunning yellow. Good growth habits and substance. Very showy in the garden, and it makes a wonderful clump. Amazing parents. Sibling to "Hope Rises".

HOPE RISES (Valenzuela 13) - seedling FWGP-8L (EM-ML) 34" Tall, TB.

A dazzling LUMINATA with pale orchid to white standards, darker at the midrib. Falls are white washed purple exposing the white veining and thin white rim around the edges. Beards are yellow topped with showy orange. Good growth habits and substance. Seems to glow from within. Magnificent parents - Fancy Woman x sdlg.# DC-06-8 (a golden pearl seedling).



'Hope Rises'

HEARTFELT BEAUTY (Valenzuela 13) - seedling AJLS-06-LA (E-M) 32-34" Tall, TB.

A "Louisa's Song" child, and what a beauty..... with great substance and rolling ruffles galore! Standards and falls are white to palest lavender, with pale peach near it's hafts. Note the laced edges, the slight fragrance, and to complete this beauty are lovely red beards tinged orange. It's great grower and increaser too. Simply lovely in the garden with a longer growing season than most irises. The proud parents are April Jewel x Louisa's Song.

MORNING PAUSE (Valenzuela 13) - seedling SQC-07-J (M-ML) 36-37" Tall TB.

This richly-colored deep purple beauty often has 3 blooms opened at once. The lighting can play tricks on the rich purple standards making them look lighter at times, over deep rich falls that draw your attention to the white spray markings at the half and on the shoulders. The beard is multi-colored mustard, white, and purple. Superb growth, lots of buds, good substance and great branching, a real eye-catcher! Its wonderful parents are Sambuca x Queens Circle.



'Pink Matters'

PINK MATTERS (Valenzuela 13) - seedling PPST-07-09 (mid-season) 34" Tall, TB.

An eye-catching PINK-pink. Its' falls look to be an even richer pink with a pronounced white area around the beard sporting pink plicata markings. Vigorous grower and increaser, decent branching, and great color! It's pink parents are Sdlg.#DC-05-8 (a pristine pink pearl TB) x Spring Fling.

GRACE FOUND ME (Valenzuela 13) - seedling GGP-04-50 (M-ML) 37" Tall, TB.

Unique! The color is hard to describe. Standards are a pale-tan-yellow with a hint of green. Falls are the same color with the veining noticeably darker and heavier on the shoulders as a golden-tan, then blending further on the falls. It's lighter in color just under the beard and around the edges on the falls. Vigorous, healthy, and makes a stunning clump! Unique parents too. Green and Gifted x Puccini.



'Grace Found Me'

JUST LIKE ME (Valenzuela 13) - seedling ERQC-06-BL (M-ML) 32-34" Tall, TB.

Cream to light-yellow Ruffled Standards call attention to it's yellow beards and it's semi-flaring light lavender-purple falls. The falls has hues of darker purple around its' edges accentuating the ruffles. Good branching, wide falls, vigorous growth habits. Much lovelier in real life than its' photo. The happy parents are Erleen Richeson x Queens' Circle.

HONEY CREAM GRAPES (Valenzuela 13) - seedling SSG-08-10 (ML) 35-36" Tall,

TB. Stunning! Great substance! Standards are a creamy white with a blend of pale-tan

darkening to a light honey-tan at it's base. The wide falls are various blends of dark-purple to dark-red purple with lavender edges. At the hafts a strong spray of white emerges from the shoulders to the tip of the strong mustard beard. The over-all effect is one mesmerizing iris with nice branching, good growth habits, and wonderful form! The happy parents are sdlg.# 99-SH-ZA x Social Graces.

SUNRISE AT DAWN (Valenzuela 13) - seedling BB4-PL (EM-M) 35-36" Tall, TB.

This wonderfully formed iris with its ruffles and a touch of lace, has an enticing blend of pale pink through out the standards with near white edges. The even more entrancing falls mix it's blend together with shades of pink-orchid, to pink, to peach pink. Gold-like veining comes close to the beard working towards a blend of gold tones on it's shoulders. The deep rich orange beard is it's beacon of light. An iris sure to please. It's great parents are Bursting Bubbles x Puccini.

SAME DREAM TWICE (Valenzuela 13) - Sdlg.# LED-05-A. 24-27" Border Bearded.

V. Early and Mid-season, Fall/Winter Reblooming Luminata. Color of standards and style arms are purple. White falls are washed with a richer purple, showing off a white dart just below the beard..... Accentuating the white area surrounding a white beard. 9-11 buds per plant. Parents are Lichen x Exclusive Design. Border bearded iris that REBLOOMS!

PEACEFUL LIVING (Valenzuela 13) - Sdlg.# PSE-A7. 35-37" TB. V. Early to Early. Color of standards and style arms are a showy light sky blue. Plicata falls are white with wide one-half inch or more of purple-red markings on shoulder and edges. There's a short purple dart below the mustard-lavender beard with dotting in the center of the falls. Good growth and branching. Showy! From Polar Seas x Epicenter.



'Same Dream Twice' BB

LOOKING SMART (Valenzuela 13) - Sdlg.# KDSG-06-07. 36" TB. Mid to Mid-late. Color of standards and style arms are yellow. Falls begin with yellow shoulders blending to a pink-lavender, darker towards edges, with lighter centers. It has a yellow beard and a nice showy yellow rim with beautifully laced edges. Superb form, growth and branching. The stalk often has 3 flowers opened at once! Cross between Knock-em-dead x Social Graces.



'Looking Smart'

Hybridizing article by Margie Valenzuela & Ardi Kary reprinted from the Sun Country Iris Society newsletter (March 2013). 2013 Valenzuela iris descriptions provided by Margie.



'Honey Cream Grapes'



'Morning Pause'



'Sunrise at Dawn'

AIS Region 15 2013 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location	Contact
2013				
April	6	Tucson Area Iris Society Bus Tour to Boyce Thompson Arboretum and Scottsdale iris garden visit	Tucson, AZ	Greta Dunnigan
	6	Sun Country Iris Society Local Garden Tour	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
	7	Kary Iris Gardens Open Garden - 5 types of Iris	Scottsdale, AZ	Ardi Kary
	9	OCIDC Prep Iris and Daylilies for Green Scene	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	13	Sun Country Iris Society Spring Show at Christown Spectrum Mall	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
	13-14	Inland Region Spring Iris Show at Inland Center Mall, San Bernardino, CA		Carol Morgan
	13-14	SFVIS Spring Show at Westfield Promenade Mall, Woodland Hills, CA		Andi Rivarola
	13-14	Southern California Iris Society Spring Show	LA Arboretum, Los Angeles, CA	Mike Monninger
	14	Kary Iris Gardens Open Garden - Hybridizing	Scottsdale, AZ	Ardi Kary
	15-20	AIS National Convention	Dallas, TX	Bonnie Nichols
	20-21	Inland Region Iris Society Flower Show	Redlands, CA	Carol Morgan
	20-21	OCIDC Green Scene at Fullerton Arboretum	Fullerton, CA	Lois Farr
	20-21	Kary Iris Gardens Open Garden with Judges Training & 25th Anniversary Celebration	Scottsdale, AZ	Ardi Kary
	20	SFVIS Spring Garden Trek	Canoga Park, CA	Andi Rivarola
	20	Tucson Area Iris Society Annual Show at Foothills Mall, Tucson, AZ		Greta Dunnigan
		Southern California Iris Society 4-day Sale		Mike Monninger
April	26-27	AIS Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by the San Diego Iris Society		Janis Shackelford
		Visit 3 beautiful iris gardens, attend 2 Judges Trainings, hear special guest speaker Steve Schreiner	San Diego, CA	www.region15ais.org
	27-28	Inland Region Iris Society Spring Show - Elks Club,	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan
	27-28	Kary Iris Gardens Open Garden - Rebloomers	Scottsdale, AZ	Ardi Kary
May	2	SFVIS: Judges Training on Spurias	Canoga Park, CA	Andi Rivarola
	4	Sun Country Iris Society Late Iris Exhibit	Baker Nursery, Phoenix AZ	Gary Miller
	4-5	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society Annual Show & Sale at Antelope Valley College	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney
	4-5	Lompoc Spring Show	Lompoc, CA	Ben Schleuning
	4-5	SDIS Spring Show & Potted Iris Sale at Balboa Park San Diego, CA		Janis Shackelford
	14	OCIDC presentation: 'Backyard Bees' by Janet Andrews and Kelly Yrarrazaval	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	17-18	Inland Region Iris Society: Green Faire - Jurupa Mtn. Discovery Center - Riverside CA		Carol Morgan
	17-19	Inland Region Iris Society: Yucaipa Iris Festival	Yucaipa, CA	Carol Morgan
	18	Prescott Area Iris Society Annual Spring Show, Exhibit & Sale "Kaleidoscope of Color"	Prescott, AZ	Dennis Luebkin
June	8 & 15	Sun Country Iris Society Forest Lakes Garden tours - Phoenix, CA		Gary Miller
	9	SDIS Show Awards, Officer Elections & Ice Cream Social - Lakeside, CA		Janis Shackelford
	11	OCIDC speaker: Allan Garofalow from Tuition Growers of Cottage Garden Perennials	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	25	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society 25th Anniversary Picnic at Lakeside Iris Gardens	Lake Isabella, CA	Dan Dourney

Month	Day	Event	Location	Contact
July	9	OCIDC Pot Luck Dinner in the Patio	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	21	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society: Guest speaker G. Schoniger from Kellogg Garden Products on preparing soil for planting	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney
	27-28	Prescott Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale at Sharlot Hall Museum - Prescott, AZ		Dennis Luebkin
August	2	Prescott Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale	Chino Valley, AZ	Dennis Luebkin
	3	Prescott Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale	Yarnell, AZ	Dennis Luebkin
	13	OCIDC Pot Luck Dinner in the Patio	Garden Grove, CA	Lois Farr
	18	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society - Salad Spectacular	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney
September	7	Sun Country Iris Society Fall Rhizome Sale at Christown Spectrum Mall	Phoenix, AZ	Gary Miller
	8 & 15	SDIS Annual Fall Rhizome Sale at Balboa Park	San Diego, CA	Janis Shackelford
	10	OCIDC: Region 15 Iris Auction & Daylily Procurement - Garden Grove, CA		Lois Farr
	15	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society Rhizome Ruble Auction - Lancaster, CA		Dan Dourney
	21	Tucson Area Iris Society Annual Rhizome Sale	Tucson, AZ	Greta Dunnigan
	21-22	Inland Region Iris Society Big Fall Sale	Riverside, CA	Carol Morgan
October	13	SDIS Members Only Region 15 Iris Auction	Lakeside, CA	Janis Shackelford
October	19	AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting hosted by Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society at Antelope Valley College	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney
November	1-2	AIS Fall Board Meeting	New Orleans, LA	Paul Gossett
	17	Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society Officer Elections	Lancaster, CA	Dan Dourney

Local Chapter Monthly Meetings:

- Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society meetings held from 1-3 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Antelope Valley College Agriculture building TE-3, 3041 West Avenue K, Lancaster, CA unless otherwise stated.
- Inland Region Iris Society meetings held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA.
- For Lompoc Valley Iris Society meetings see above calendar and visit their facebook page.
- Orange County Iris & Daylily Club meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, CA
- Prescott Area Iris Society meetings are held from 1:30-3:30 PM at Yavapai Title, 1235 E. Gurley at Sheldon intersection in Prescott, AZ.
- San Diego Iris Society meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:00pm (unless special event is planned) at 9906 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, CA.
- San Fernando Valley Iris Society meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Canoga Park Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA.
- Southern California Iris Society meetings TBD.
- Sun Country Iris Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at The Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ
- Verde Valley Area Iris Society meetings are held at the County Building, Verde Room, Second Floor, 10 South 6th Street, Cottonwood, AZ.



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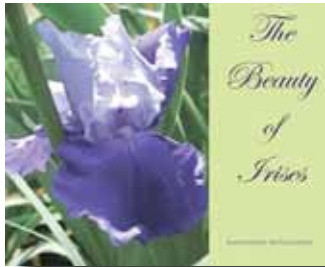
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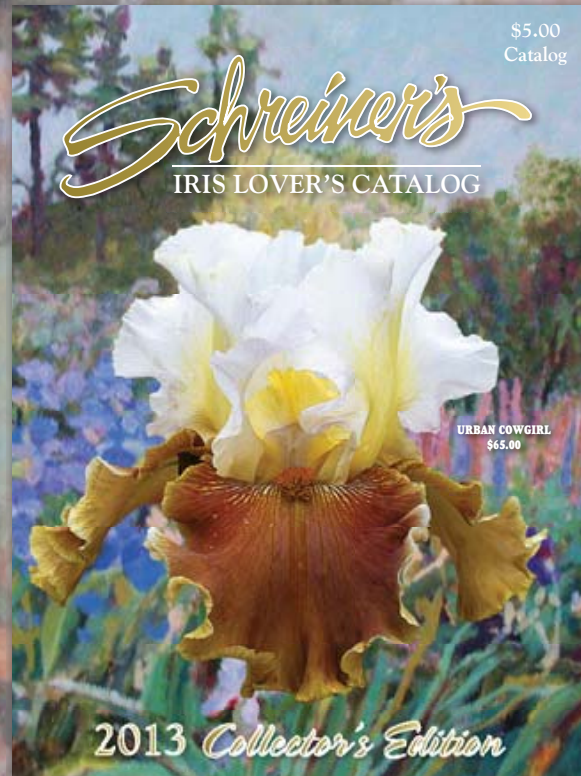
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