



Mt. Diablo Iris Society NEWS

SPECIAL SPRING SHOW ISSUE 1999

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NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

Friday, May 9, 1999

Potluck Dinner 7:15pm. Meeting and awards presentation follow. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

LOCATION:

The Gardens at Heather Farm,
1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek

PROGRAM:

Spring Show Awards Presentation and Potluck Dinner.

The winners of the best iris of 1999, as awarded at the Spring Show will be given at this dinner. Bring food to share for 8 - 10 people. MDIS will provide ham and turkey.

For more information, call President, Bob Canning, at (925) 935-3980

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY welcomes you to our 38th Annual Spring Show. We hope you enjoy the show and we also extend an invitation to you to join our society. We meet every month on the second Friday except December. During the year you will have to opportunity to buy iris at very reasonable prices at our local and regional auctions and sales. These events are noted in the calendar on Page 2.

You are welcome to take a copy of this abbreviated edition of our newsletter.

Membership in Mt. Diablo Iris Society is just \$7.50 per year or \$18.00 for three years.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon!

GARDENS DAY - MAY 1, 1999

Four local gardens will be open on Saturday for you to see iris in bloom. Gardens are all located in Walnut Creek. Ask the hospitality table for more information on the event.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Now is the time to see gardens and how irises are growing. Several of our members have good collections of different iris and there are a number of commercial gardens in and around the bay area.

Our local spring iris shows are held every year around April. The date of the event will have an influence on what iris are seen. Early April shows will tend to be the short variety of bearded iris and pacific coast natives. A late April show will have more tall bearded and even other varieties. If you are unfamiliar with the many different iris that one can grow, ask for assistance.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 24

Sacramento Spring Show

April 24 - 25

MDIS Spring Show

Clara B. Rees Spring Show

April 25

Melrose Garden Open House

Stockton

May 7

MDIS Awards Presentation and

Potluck Dinner

May 4 - 8

AIS National Convention

Oklahoma City, OK

May 8-9

Santa Rosa Iris Society Showtime

May 22

Greater Portland Iris Society Show

Vancouver, WA

May 29 - 30

Region 13 Spring Meeting

Seattle, WA

June 24 - 26

National Japanese Iris Convention

Portland, OR

July 10

Mt. Diablo Summer Lunch and Auction

July 24

Santa Rosa Iris Society Sale

at Coddington, Santa Rosa

August 7

Region 14 Summer Auction

Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland

August 14

MDIS booth at Benicia Peddler's Fair

October 8

MDIS Fall Auction and Raffle of

Bearless Iris (except PCN's)

November 12

MDIS Fall Potluck Dinner and

Auction of Pacific Coast Iris

(Californicae Hybrids)

MDIS members who hear of any interesting dates, please, LET US KNOW!

Mt. Diablo Iris Society meetings -

second Friday of each month

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society meetings -

fourth Friday on each month

(Some winter months are excluded)

MAY DOOR PRIZE IRIS

AARON'S DREAM - Sutton 98 - TB/ SA

Ruffled blue self with horn

CHEROKEE SUNRISE - B. Jones 98 - SDB

S. coral, F. orange edged pink

OCELOT - Ghio 98 - TB

S. peach, F. dark maroon

ORANGE IMPACT - D. Meek 97 - TB

Ruffled and laced orange self

VELVET UNDERGROUND - Lauer 96 - TB

Red violet bitone

OZONE ALERT - Burseen 97 - TB

Purple

AVAILABLE NOW

Plant Markers for your garden in two styles.

Prices are very reasonable.

For members,

Style C-10 are \$4 per twenty.

Style E-10 are \$6.25 per twenty-five.

For non-members,

Style C-10 are \$6.00 per twenty.

Style E-10 are \$8.75 per twenty-five.

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If you have any calendar events - let us know!

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MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, AND WOULD BE APPRE-