



# Mt. Diablo Iris Society NEWS

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## NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

Friday, May 9, 1999 - Dinner 7:15 PM.  
Meeting and program follow. Doors open  
at 7:00 PM.

## LOCATION:

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

## PROGRAM:

Spring Show Awards Presentation and  
Potluck Dinner (see adjacent column)

The winners of the best iris of 1999, as  
awarded at the Spring Show will be given at  
this dinner

## 1999 SPRING SHOW WINNERS

Best Specimen of Show  
**MOMENTUM** - TB - M. Dunn 86  
Bob and Janet Canning, R & J Iris Rockery

Best Median other than Standard Dwarf  
**BLUE EYED BLOND** - IB - Ensminger 89  
Vernon Wood

Best Standard Dwarf  
**FAVORITE ANGEL** - B. Jones 90  
Glenn Corlew

Best Seedling  
**#9934** - V. Wood  
Vernon Wood

Best Aril or Arilbred  
**RARE SPICE** - D. Foster 70  
Melissa Lee Harris

Best Beardless  
**IN THE MONEY** - PCI - Ghio 87  
Dorothy Rucher

Best Historic  
**DRADY (c 1880)**  
Bob and Janet Canning, R & J Iris Rockery

**SILVER MEDAL** - R & B Circle Garden  
(Ron Wolberg & Bruce Connell)

**BRONZE MEDAL** - Ed and Mary Ralston

## POTLUCK DINNER

Sliced ham, coffee and tea are provided  
by the club.

You are asked to bring a side dish, salad or  
dessert, enough for 8 to 10 people.

Bring your own wine or beverage and  
**don't forget your table service!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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  
Sequoia and Fresno Iris Societies  
Auction and Sale  
Sutton's Green Thumber, Porterville  
This event subject to converification

July 24  
Santa Rosa Iris Society Sale  
at Coddington, Santa Rosa

August 7  
Region 14 Summer Auction  
Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland

and more to come!

**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 meetings -  
fourth Friday on each month  
(Some winter months excluded)**

APRIL DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

EMPEROR'S DELIGHT - Schreiner 97 - TB  
Dotty Van Horne

EN POINTE - Corlew 98 - TB  
Chuck Gabrysiak

GLACIER POINT - Tasco 98 - TB  
Barbara Farley

HYENASICLE - Kasperek 98 - TB  
LaRue Boswell

L'ELEGANCE - Hager 98 - SDB  
Jo Balch

RECURRING DELIGHT - Lauer 98 - RETB  
Sylvia Kellogg

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If you have any calendar events - let us know!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER FROM  
MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, AND WOULD BE AP-  
PRECIATED.

LOOKING BACK

"ATTENTION: COMPUTER OWNERS!"

This comes long before I ever had a computer, or even considered one. But this heading comes from an ad in the April 1989 AIS Bulletin, announcing the IRIS (Iris Retrieval and Information System) which had a garden location listing, so you could have a "map" of your garden in minutes! Ten years later, I still haven't reached that point. This program ran on an IBM-PC, XT, AT, or 100% compatible pc with DOS 2.0 or greater. This implies that at that time there was no Windows. There was "no need to learn any complicated programming language" as the program was user friendly. Features included Inventory, Sales, Reports and Utilities, all for \$49.95 for the Collector's Edition or \$189.95 for the Commercial Edition. All this came to you from RICHARD A. TASCOS of Apache Junction, AZ who could only be our Rick Tasco, now of Cathy's Valley!

Just how many of us had a computer in 1989?

From page 45, AIS Bulletin, April 1989

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

What a great show we had. I want to thank everyone that helped to make this possible. Everybody worked hard and everything came together to produce a very nice show. There were 176 entries from 16 people. The room looked just great, and the variety of iris was marvelous. I do not know how we got so many nice specimens considering that we had two days of high winds just before the show.

Vern Wood's Best Seedling was outstanding. A most unbelievable PCI. I hope it grows well. Everyone is going to want to get this one. Make a note, seedling #9934. Glenn Corlew came with just two iris and took the Boswell Cup with the best SDB - FAVORITE ANGEL. It just goes to show, quality, quality, and quality. Dorothy Rucker took Best Beardless with a lovely PCI - IN THE MONEY. Melissa Harris had the Best Aril or Arilbred with RARE SPICE. Good work Melissa. (I think this might have been her first show.)

The plant sale went very well. We sold out on both days. Again, thanks to all the members who brought potted iris, and other plants, for the sale. We had some very nice plants at unbelievable prices. We had raised the top price to \$8.00 and people still grabbed up the plants. NO reduced prices at the end of the day for this sale!

The plant markers we had for sale went over very well. We sold all of the Style C-10. There are still Style E-10 available. Give Ron or Bruce a call and get yours while they are still available.

Memberships went well at the show with seven new members and one renewal. At the next meeting, let's welcome them.

See you at the potluck,  
Bob

## MAY DOOR PRIZE IRIS

AARON'S DREAM - Sutton 98 - SATB  
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 \$4.00 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.

You can get yours at our May meeting.

Style C-10 are sold out at the moment, but we will get more. If these are what you want, place an order.

## IN MEMORIAM

### JEAN BROWN

wife of the late Bob Brown, long time irisarian and former member, passed away in April.

[Bob Brown was a well known hybridizer (FAIRMONT, MOJAVE, MEGAN ELIZABETH)].

Jean hybridized and registered ORCHID BLUSH in 1980. She was very active in Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society, Lakeside Garden Center, and involved herself in her church as well as raising cactus and succulents, and attending the symphony.

Thanks to Allan Robbins and Vern Wood for assistance on this memorial.