## Mt. Diablo Iris Society NEWS

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NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:
Friday, September 10, 1999- Doors open at 7:30 PM. Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

## LOCATION:

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

## PROGRAM:

English Gardens - a slide presentation by Bob and Janet Canning. The show and talk will cover their recent visits to numerous gardens in the U.K. and also the British Iris Society Trials at Wisley

## REFRESHMENTS:

Members with surnames beginning $H$ to $M$ should bring something to share at coffee time.

Mt. Diablo Iris Society would like to take this opportunity to thank MARY AND MIKE SMITH for graciously allowing us to use their garden for our annual picnic and auction this past July.

This raised a total of $\$ 1430.25$.
Also a thank-you to those who donated iris toward this event, and to ABE FEUERSTEIN for his donation of 1999 introductions for auction.

## PEDDLER'S FAIRE REPORT!

This year's Faire was a great success with gross sales of just over $\$ 2700$, almost making our target goal of $\$ 3000$. This is the largest amount raised in the last four years. Many thanks to all the members who helped on Friday night and on Saturday. On Friday we had 23 people to help sort and bag, and on Saturday there were 12 helping with some staying all day. Again thanks to all those who helped make this event a success.

This year we purchased two $10 \times 10$ collapsible canopies creating a $10 \times 20$ foot stall. The units are capable of being set up by two people, but is still better with four. This replaces the old pole and canvas unit that has been in service since time began.

As we have in the past, the grab bags are always a great way to sell iris. We sold all we had and all that we put together on Saturday. There were a lot of iris to sell. We had all the leftovers from the August Regional Auction. This year the newest iris and spaceagers did not sell. In demand were rebloomers and bright colors, as well as blacks being requested.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8
Mt. Diablo Iris Society Beardless Auction and Sale except PCIs

October 22-23
Region 14 Fall Meeting
Leo T. Clark Iris Society, hosts
Chico
See page 15 of The Bulletin for details
November 12
Mt. Diablo Iris Society Annual End of Season Potluck Dinner and Auction and Sale of PCl

April 1-2, 2000
Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society
Spring Show
April 29-30, 2000
Mt. Diablo lris Society Spring Show

May 12-14, 2000
Region 14 Spring Regional Redwood Iris Society, hosts Ukiah

For those interested in attending:
October 2, 1999
Region 13 Fall Meeting
Wenatchee, WN
May 27, 2000
Region 13 Spring Meeting
Tacoma, WN
For info on the above two events, you may
contact the editors at 925-933-1278

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 of each month, February through October

## 1999-2000 DOOR PRIZE IRIS

This year we ordered iris from 16 hybridizers. We received a generous amount from everyone In addition we received some of the guest iris from the 1999 Spring Regional collection. With all we have, there will be more ins to grow and available for distribution.

This year we are taking a different approach to growing the club iris. There will be just a few individuals raising the rhizomes. Virginia Messick has graciously provided space to grow a large percentage of the newest iris.

Since we now have door prize iris from 1999 1998 and some 1997, rhizomes are to be given out at the September meeting. The August meeting was a work party where the ins for the Peddler's Faire were sorted and grab bags assembled, a meeting where everyone present received rhizome. The September meeting should have a least 10 door prize iris for distribution.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following have agreed to act as the committee to select nominees to fill vacated offices for the coming year.

> Chuck Gabrysiak
> Jean Smith
> Ron Wolberg

Please refer any errors or omissions to the editors at address on masthead or e-mail to rbcircle@pacbell.net

If you have any calendar events - let us know!
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER FROM MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, AND WOULD BE APPRECIATED

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last two months have been very busy for us. Everyone has worked hard to help make the July auction and the August Peddler's faire a success. We again have money in the treasury, and will now move on to fall and our beardless and PCI auctions.

There are two important events still to come. The beardless iris auctions in October and November will be our last fundraisers of the year. As we have been doing for the last two years, in October we will have all beardless iris, except PCI's (Californicae) which will be in November at the potluck dinner.

The second event will be the election of officers for the coming year. This will be a critical election year. We have several officers that have been doing the same job for three years now. Dorothy Rucker has been doing a great job as V.P., but does not want to progress to President. We need to replace her with a person who will accept the Vice-President position and then move up to become President the following year.

Good people who have been in the club for several years and know what is going on are the ones we should be looking at to keep us moving. I am asking everyone to consider what positions they might like to do to help out.

## POTIING IRIS FOR 'SPRING PLANT SALE 2000'

Now that you are digging and replanting in the garden, why not take some of your extra rhizomes and pot them!

If everyone would pot 10 iris, we would have a good selection for sale at the spring show.

Remember to mark them with the color, or better still, the varieties name and color

When time comes to dig the beardless types for our auctions, put some in pots as well. The one variety that people want and ask for, but we don't have, are

PCI's. It would be great to have some for sale.

## AIS CALENDARS FOR 2000 AVAILABLE

They are available to members at the great price of $\$ 3$ each. Contact Bob Canning or remember to bring your money to the next meeting. Again the photos are just great. This issue is international in tone and scope pictures from northern Europe and the U.S. Remember they go fast, so come to the next meeting and get your copy.

FROM THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT
"Clarence Mahan, AIS President, has notified RVP's and AIS officers that the July Symposium ballot is being declared null and void."

The reason given for this move is that twenty iris were inadvertently omitted from the symposium ballot. You will receive a new ballot with the October AIS Bulletin.

Copy of the AIS President's message will be available to read at the September meeting.

## LOOKING BACK

I have on hand a number of historic past issues of the AIS Bulletin and hopefully starting next month will pass on to you some more history and views from these issues. Bruce.

## 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 $\mathrm{E}-10$ are $\$ 8.75$ per twenty-five.

You can get yours at our September meeting.
Limited quantities available. We will order no more until next spring, so when are gone, they're gone!

