



# MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY

## E-NEWS JANUARY 2008

The Mt. Diablo Iris society exists for the purpose of stimulating and fostering interest in the propagation, culture and hybridizing of the genus Iris, in the scientific and horticultural education of all those interested in learning about any phase of the genus Iris, and in the protection of the genus Iris, and in the protection of these plants in their native habitat.

### MEETING January 11, 2008 - 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek  
2336 Buena Vista Avenue, Walnut Creek

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#### IRIS CULTIVATION - Q & A

The regular MDIS Friday evening meeting on January 11th, will be a Q & A session by Alan Robbins on Iris Cultivation. Alan will discuss what to do in the early months of the year leading to spring bloom. Please bring any questions you have for Alan or others to answer. The discussions will cover iris cultivation topics including garden grooming, fertilizing, watering, weed control, disease & insect treatments and any other appropriate topics.

Doors open at 7:00 pm, the meeting will start about 7:30 pm Door prize iris will be available following the break.

#### Refreshments:

We will expand the refreshment and interaction time at this meeting so that members can visit more with each other and share stories about their recent holiday activities and experiences. Members whose names begin with the letter **K** through **R** are invited to bring refreshments. Anyone else is welcome to bring any holiday snacks they wish to share.

#### FALL REGIONAL COMMITTEE NEEDED

This year the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society and the Mt. Diablo Iris Society are co-hosting the Region 14 Fall Regional Meeting in Oakland on October 17th and 18th, 2008.

We need to form a committee of a few good people to represent MDIS at the planning meetings with SBMIS. The committee will attend the joint planning meetings and assist SBMIS in the details of the Fall Meeting. Please consider serving. Either let Joe or I know or sign up at the next meeting. We do need to have some representation so we can be ready to assist SBMIS.

The Fall Regional is not a difficult event to host. The basic activities include; hosting a Regional board meeting on Friday night (supplying a room), hosting a General Meeting for the attendees on Saturday morning, having a reblooming iris show, having a lunch and speaker and hosting a Judges training session in the afternoon. There may be a silent auction held by Region and space will need to be provided for.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008

**January 11th:** Regular Meeting MDIS, Alan Robbins will present a Q&A session on Iris Cultivation. First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek, 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

**January 19th:** Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Saturday event. Region 14 Budget Meeting and SBMIS pot-luck luncheon, Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Oakland, Doors open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**February 8th:** Regular Meeting MDIS, program to be determined. First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek, 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

February 22nd: Regular Meeting SBMIS, program to be determined. Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Oakland, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

March 12-16th: San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, Cow Palace, San Francisco

**March 14th:** Regular Meeting MDIS, program to be determined. First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek, 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

**April 11th:** MDIS Meeting & Spring Show set-up. First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek, 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

**April 12:** MDIS Spring Iris Show, First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek. Saturday entry and show, 7:00 am -5:00 pm.

**April 14-19:** AIS Spring Convention, Austin, TX, Chair. Jim Landers, jimlanders43@hotmail.com

**April 19-20:** Spring Iris Show, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society, Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Oakland.

**May 9th:** Regular Meeting MDIS, program to be determined. First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek, 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

**June 13th:** Regular Meeting MDIS, program to be determined. First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek, 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

**July 12th:** Saturday Summer Auction. Location to be announced, private garden. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

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**October 17-18:** Region 14 Fall Meeting co-hosted by Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society and the Mt. Diablo Iris Society, Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Oakland.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope all had joyous holidays and enjoyed the time with family and friends. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again. There is always much visiting and catching up to do after the holidays, so for the first meeting of the year we will shorten the regular business meeting and program. So bring your favorite snacks and holiday treats to share as we make time to visit with each other and share holiday experiences.

There was some confusion as to the Election of MDIS Officers at the last meeting, therefore we will be holding a repeat of the November election. There is still time for you to become our next Vice President as that position is currently vacant.

One business item we need to address is planning for the 2007 AIS Region 14 Fall Regional that we agreed to co-host with the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society. The meeting will be attended by members from other clubs in Region 14 and will be held in October at the Lake Merritt Garden Center in Oakland. A Fall Regional involves many organizing tasks including announcements, registrations, hotel accommodations, a banquet and other meals, publications, awards, speakers, and other details. We need to assemble an organizing committee to begin working with the organizing committee from the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society.

January is a good time to plan for the forthcoming needs of our iris gardens leading to the spring bloom. This month, we will have a Question & Answer program on cultivation of irises led by Alan Robbins. Please give some thought to your garden needs and come to the meeting with any questions or recommendations you have.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and enjoying all the snacks - - -  
Joe and Bob



## NOVEMBER DOORPRIZE WINNERS

<b>BOLD ENCOUNTER</b>	Judy Mon
<b>CHRISTMAS PRESENT</b>	Betty Finkbohner
<b>EASY DOES IT</b>	Tim Boswell
<b>GARDEN IMP</b>	Carl Boswell
<b>KING'S POINT</b>	Meredith Endsley
<b>MERCHANT MARINE</b>	Ron Wolberg
<b>SCREAM</b>	LaRue Boswell
<b>STRIKE A POSE</b>	Chuck Gabrysiak
<b>SPARKLING</b>	Janet Canning
<b>DOUBLE RINGER</b>	Alan Robbins

## MDIS DUES ARE DUE

It is that time of year when your dues are again due. For everyone who was paid up to the end of last year or earlier, you will need to renew your dues now. Dues are \$7.50 annual or \$18.00 tri-annual for each household.

According to our records the following individuals need to renew their dues. If for some reason you believe our records are incorrect, please us know. You can e-mail me at: [RJCIRIS@AOL.com](mailto:RJCIRIS@AOL.com) or let us know at the next meeting.

### 2006 - 2007 Expired Members

Balch, Joe & Jo	Boswell, Tim & Kathy
Castner, James L.	Castner, Scott & Jennie
Clary, Mary	Dean, Walt & Alene
Eigenman, Darrell & Diane	
Endsley, Harry & Meredith	Faria, Jayne
Farley, Barbara	Garner, John & Besse
Janke, Ruth	Jaworski, Wanda
Kovar, Frederick & Margaret	Lincoln, Kent
Messick, Virginia	Mon, Judy
Roark, Eileen	Rucker, Dorothy
Sindicic, Michael & Mary	VanHorst, Dotty
Wampler, Rachel	

Please send your dues to:

**MDIS Treasurer, P.O. Box 5243  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596**

Or, Pay at the next meeting.

## JANUARY DOOR PRIZE IRIS

**BRUSSELS (T. Johnson 2004) TB** – Medium blue standards and ice white falls. Very pale blue beards.

**COCONUT FROSTY (Aitken 2007) BB** – White self with a slight orange flush on the hafts. Orange tipped bright yellow beards.

**EXPERIMENT (P. Black 2005) SDB** – Burnished greenish gold self with dark indigo blue beards.

**FLEECE AS WHITE (P. Black 2005) BB** – Stark white self with pale yellow beards.

**LIGHT AND SHADOW (P. Black 2003) TB** – Big, blocky, blue-violet on white plicata. White patch around the pale violet beards.

**MERCURY RISING (K. Keppel 2007) TB** – Bright yellow standards. Falls are oxblood with a bright yellow blaze around the yellow beards.

**PICTURE BOOK (J. Ghio 2007) TB** – Medium pink standards. The falls are the same color, but lighten toward the center. Tangerine beards.

**ROYAL SNOWCAP (Schreiner's 2007) TB** – Cool, pristine white standards. Velvety plum-purple falls with razor thin white bands.

**CHAIN REACTION (R. Tasco 2007) AB RE** – Rosy plum purple standards. Rosy burgundy falls. Brownish black signal around violet tipped brown beards.

## MDIS Slate of Officers

Presidents - Joe Balch & Bob Canning

Vice-President – Open

Secretary – Jo Balch

Treasurer – Kent Lincoln

Directors – Glenn Corlew, Alan Robbins & Barbara Whitely

Past President – Kent Lincoln

Newsletter & E-NEWS: Bob Canning, Editor

## NOTICE!

*The date for our Spring show is April 12, 2008. This will be a one day Show at the First Baptist Church Gym Building. Show date and location was approved at the September meeting.*

## MOUNT DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$7.50 annual or \$18.00 tri-annual, Please send payment to:  
Mt. Diablo Iris Society, Treasurer, P O Box 5243, Walnut Creek, CA. 94596

American Iris Society dues - single yearly \$25.00, dual yearly \$30.00; single tri-annually \$60.00, dual tri-annually \$75.00; payable to: Tom Gormley, Membership Secretary, PO Box 28, Cedar Hill, MO 63016. [aismemsec@earthlink.net](mailto:aismemsec@earthlink.net)

### YOUR CURRENT BOARD:

Presidents - Joe Balch 925-447-6712 & Bob Canning 925-935-3980

Vice-President – open

Secretary – Jo Balch 925-447-6412

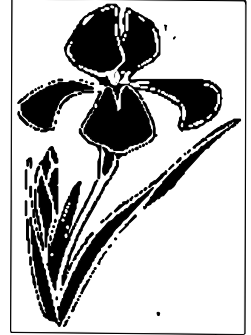
Treasurer – Kent Lincoln 925-256-6404

Directors – Glenn Corlew, Alan Robbins & Barbara Whitely

Past President – Kent Lincoln

Newsletter & E-NEWS: Bob Canning, Editor & Janet Canning, Proof reader

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AND REGION 14. VISIT THE REGION WEBSITE: [WWW.AISREGION14.ORG](http://WWW.AISREGION14.ORG)



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