



MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY

NEWS OCTOBER 12, 2017

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

MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2017
LINDSAY WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE
1901 First Avenue
Walnut Creek (5 min. off 680north)

OCTOBER Meeting at the Lindsay Wildlife Experience.

The regular meeting of the Mt. Diablo Iris Society Thursday October 12, will be our Fall Beardless Iris Auction of Spurias, Species and Siberian Iris. Californicaes (PCN's) will be auctioned at the November potluck dinner meeting. If you have some iris to donate to the auction table, be sure they are prepared properly and not very wet. Have the name, brief description and a photo.

Make your plans now to come and bid often. Grab a paddle, coordinating to your sign in number and bid often. Help make this an exciting evening and receive some great iris. Bring a water tight bag to take home your auction purchases.

Bring your check book or plenty of cash to extend your growing season. There will be refreshments and door prize iris as well. All the action starts at 7:00 pm.

.REFRESHMENTS: Members whose last names begin with M thru R are invited to bring snacks. Anyone can bring snacks too, if desired.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Autumn has arrived and with it, our annual Beardless Auction (sans PCIs). This is the time of year to add new beardless iris to your garden.

A big thank you to all of you that came on Sunday to Jeff's to help with the planting of iris for the National in 2019. If you have anytime to help Jeff, please let him know. I'm sure there will be more to do in the future.

October begins our annual winding down of activities. The Fall Regional will be on October 27th and 28th in Chico at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. Guest Speaker will be Chad Harris of Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm.

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday, 12 Oct. at the Lindsay Wildlife Experience, 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek.

Mary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

**October 12 MDIS Mtg. & Beardless Auction
@Lindsay Wildlife Experience 7PM**

**October 27-29th Region 14 Convention in
Chico.**

**November 9 MDIS Fall Potluck & PCI Sale
@Lindsay Wildlife Experience 7PM**

December- No Meeting

MDIS Door Prizes – OCT 2017

(Iris photos and descriptions are courtesy of commercial hybridizers and wiki.irises.org.)



ADDICTED TO LOVE (Lauer 2017) TB, 34", M-L. Pink self with lots of ruffles and lightly laced. Not just another pink but a addition to this class. Azalea pink standers and shell pink falls with jasper red beards; pronounced sweet fragrance; two branches and spur, 7-9 bud per stock. Good show for that mid-season delight.



MAMMOTH ORANGE (Sutton 2017) TB, 38", M-VL. Very large flowers! Warm orange buff standards have a pleasant pink flush at the midribs. Very wide white falls have a defined ¼" orange buff rim at the top edge widening to ½" at the bottom. Excellent form with nice ruffling and serrated edges. 7 to 9 buds on thick stalks.



BARBARA JEAN LAUER (Lauer 2017) TB, 32", E-M & RE. Standards white, slight yellow marking on midrib; Falls amethyst violet lightening to plum purple at the end of the pedal, brown shoulders with white lines extending over the falls; Beards tangerine orange; ruffled, pronounced sweet fragrance; two-way branching with 7 plus buds. We've had summer and fall blooms each year.



WHEN IN LOVE (Ghio 2017) TB, 32", ML. Well-formed standards are creamy white, coral peach at base. Falls are golden apricot lightening to the center. Wire thin cream edge, deeper apricot at shoulders to heart of bloom. Accordion bubble ruffling and show branching.



FUNDAY MONDAY (Schreiner 2017) TB, 35", ML. It is floriferous (3 branches, 5-7 buds). Ruffled double-banded falls set off a yellow beard amidst a white blaze. An orchid violet inner band nicely complements the neyron rose around the edge. Creamy buff standards are embellished with orchid rose veining. *Funday Monday* also offers good substance and a soothing scent.



MILES OF SMILES (Sutton 2016) IB, 18", E-M. Cheerful and bright with yellow standards, white falls edged in a 1/2" lemon yellow rim. Very nice width and form for an intermediate with vigorous growth and bloom habits. 5 buds.



LOCOMOTION (Black 2017) TB, 32, E. Standards are almost a solid raspberry red with just a slight yellow ground showing in the center. Falls are white overlaid with a light to medium lemon fall wash in the center. There is a very dark raspberry black bar across the hafts and short dart below beard. The pattern is completed with a wide raspberry band. Strong growth on nicely budded and branched stalks. Very showy.



CALYPSO DANCER (Tasco 2017) AB, 22", ML. Light lavender slate standards veined gold, slight plus blush around midrib center. Light brassy gold falls, slightly darker edge, brick red spot covering 2/3 of falls, some yellow veins around beard. Gold orange beards tipped yellow.



ROLL THE DICE (Painter 2013) TB, 33", M. Standards white, yellow at lower petal edges; style arms white, crest edged yellow; falls dark plum-purple, narrow white to pale lavender edge, white haft marks; beards burnt orange; pronounced musky fragrance; purple based foliage.

SEPTEMBER DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

GOOD IDEA	Jan Blaedel
INTO THE WILD	Jeanne King
BLACK LIPSTICK	Alan Robbins
CABBAGE PATCH	Kathy Oldham
BLINDED BY THE LIGHT	Pat Morgan
BLUE ME AWAY	Marilyn Kaplan
MARRY THE NIGHT	Anna Cadd
PRICELESS MEMORIES	Lolita Schar

2019 National Convention Preparation

Local preparation for the 2019 AIS National Convention is underway. As the Guest Iris Coordinator, Riley has taken charge of thousands of rhizomes being shipped by hybridizers. Tasks include unpacking, recording and separating the irises for distribution to display gardens. Jeff created enviable beds at Dry Creek Park in Union City, complete with irrigation and he penciled hundreds of labels. A team of seven volunteers arrived at Dry Creek on October 1st to begin planting: Jeff, Riley, Shirley, Jan, Mary, Kathy O. and Linda. Labels were organized and soon marked the rhizome placement. Rhizomes were unpacked and placed by the corresponding label and planting began.

A coyote, deer, skunk and hawks peered at our progress. A group of vultures were too attentive and Riley suggested we keep moving! The latter four “Worker Bees” left mid-afternoon, while Jeff, Shirley, and Riley continued work. Monday and Tuesday found the three stalwarts still placing and planting rhizomes. On subsequent days, Jeff planted an additional 100 rhizomes reaching a total of 696... so far. Jeff will be creating more beds as rhizomes continue to arrive. Careful tracking and cross checking resulted in only one seedling rhizome being missing. And the “Queen Bee” coordinating the 2019 convention? That would be Shirley, the Convention Chairperson. A huge THANK YOU for these amazingly energetic and dedicated volunteers!!!



Jan and Mary organizing seedling labels.



Progress: Shirley, Riley, Mary, Jan, & Jeff



**Beginning the Bed
(Photos taken by Jan Blaedel)**



Riley plants the first iris.



Dry Creek Beds with Jeff Bennett.



Linda and Kathy.



Linda Woods.



Mary Sindicic.



Linda and Jeff.



Mary and Shirley.



Jeff Bennet.



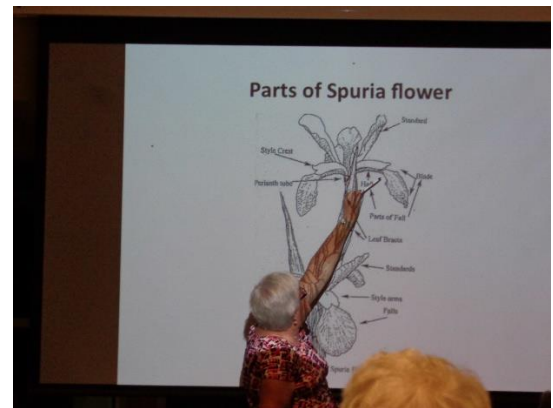
Riley and Shirley.



Hill Behind Dry Creek Iris Bed.

What a job, A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped.

Thank you, Anna for your awesome presentation last month on Spurias. Right in time for our auction this month. (Photos taken by Eileen)



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Mt. Diablo Iris Society, Treasurer, P O Box 5243, Walnut Creek, CA. 94596**

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