

APRIL 2018

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.



Showroom Set-up April 6th Spring Show Saturday & Sunday April 7 & 8th @Alden Lane Nursery Livermore, CA.

Alden Lane has been putting great advertising in their newsletter that is mailed and also sent out online to over 4000 customers.

Entries will be received from 7:00 am to 9:30am on Saturday April 7th and judging will begin at 10:00 am sharp. Please come early so you will be finished when the judges start.

The show is open to the public on Saturday April 7th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Sunday April 8th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday April 7th 2:00 pm. Separating and growing iris.
Given by Jeanne King.

I'D LIKE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR HELP. WE NEED MEMBERS TO SET UP FRIDAY NIGHT. WE CAN GET IN FOR SET UP AT 3:00 PM AND BE OUT BY 6:00 PM. ALSO, WE NEED THE SAME AMOUNT OF HELP TO BREAK DOWN ON SUNDAY AT 4:00PM.

URGENT REQUEST! Please bring any stalks that you have available, even if they are not show quality. This is a show and we need all the flowers we can get to present a great display for the public.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2018

Our Spring Show is right around the corner on Saturday, April 7th & Sunday, April 8th set-up on Friday, April 6th at 3:00 pm. No doubt, those of us who show our irises are busy picking out blooms we hope will perform well for us. We can use all of your help to make this show a success. Jan has worked hard on expanding our floral arrangements so please think about entering our artistic design completion our hope is to get more people from the public to show our theme is "Once Upon An Iris (AKA Once Upon A Time).

Keep your calendar open for our visit to members gardens on May 6th beginning with Ken Walker 10:00 – 11:00 am, Carl Meier 11:30 -1:00 pm, and ending at Jeff Bennett 2:00 – 3:00 pm Dry Creek in Union City. A flyer will be sent out soon and we will need your RSVP since we will be providing food. Well that's all for now, look forward to seeing all of you at our show with your donated pots in hand.

Mary Sindicic

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

- April 6** MDIS Spring Show setup at Alden Lane
- April 7 & 8** MDIS Spring Show at Alden Lane Livermore 2 day event
- April 8-14** AIS-SLI National Convention New Orleans, LA
www.2018irisconvention.org
- May 6th** Visits to members Gardens Location TBD
- May 11-13** Region 14 AIS Spring Convention Mariposa, CA
www.aisregion14.org/sp_regional.php
- June 14** Meeting at Lindsay Wildlife Experience, Walnut Creek
Annual Awards Dinner
- July** MDIS Mtg. Bearded Auction Date/location TBD
- August 9** Meeting and Sorting Party Location TBD
- August 11** Peddler's Fair in Benicia, CA
- September 13** Meeting at Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek
- October 11** Meeting at Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek
Beardless Auction
- November 8** Meeting at Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek
Fall Potluck & PCI Auction
- December** **No Meeting**

THANK YOU KEN AINSLIE FOR ALL THE WORK YOU PUT IN FOR THESE PICS ON STICKS.



A REMINDER ABOUT THE POTTED PLANTS. THEY WILL ALL NEED PHOTOS AND KEN AINSLIE HAS THE PICTURES; THAT IS IF YOU MAILED HIM YOUR LIST. PLEASE E-MAIL KEN IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO AT ken@ainslie.info

GROOMING POTTED PLANTS TO SELL AT THE MDIS SHOW ON April 7th and 8th

For everyone growing potted iris for our April Show Sale, please spend some time sprucing up the pots before bringing them for sale. Remove weeds and loose yellow leaves. Trim leaf tips if needed and all spent blooms. Try to remove leaf spot as much as possible but do not remove too many leaves. The pots should be clean and not overly watered and dry on the outside. Please remove dirt on the bottom of the pots.

Plants with bloom stalks and in bloom sell best. The plant should have 2 or 3 fans to insure that it will grow. If the plant is not blooming, it is best to have pics on sticks mounted in the pot.

MDIS Door Prizes – APRIL 2018

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



SWEET CHILD OF MINE (Lauer 2015) TB, 32", M. Standards and style arms apricot; falls plum-purple, apricot shoulders extending around beard blending into plum-purple petal; beards Indian orange; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance. HM 2017



QUIET BEAUTY (Sutton 2017) TB, 37", M-VL. Soft and pleasing pastel colors grace this ruffled and well formed beauty. Pale red purple standards are gently touched lilac at the midribs. Well balanced and proportioned falls start out white then blend into rose purple gradually darkening towards the edge. Yellow beards rest between pale red purple shoulders. 7 to 9 buds on excellent well balanced stalks.



GOOD IDEA (Lauer 2017) TB, 32", EM. My first "red" amoena. S. white, light yellow at the midrib; F. oxblood red, light violet cast upon opening, light brownish shoulders; B. orange; lightly ruffled, slight sweet fragrance, good bud count and branching and with rebloom in its parentage it has shown to be a good parent. It will through up a **fall bloom** now and then.



MAGNIFICENT MASTERPIECE (Valenzuela 2012) TB, 36", EM. Standards and style arms royal purple; falls velvety black-purple, few lighter striations around blue purple beard; ruffled, purple based foliage.



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.



COLOR FLING (Painter 2017) TB, 32", M. Standards yellow; style arms yellow upper, orchid-purple lower; Falls orchid-purple, red shoulders and edge lightening to yellow; beards marigold; slight musky fragrance.



FALL DÉCOR (Sutton 2016) IB, 25", EM & RE. Almond shell colored standards open up slightly to reveal yellow style crests. Interesting burnt umber falls are edged tan and have some white haft markings. September rebloom in our gardens. 5 buds.



HANDFUL OF MAGIC (Blyth 2016) TB, 38", E. Standards white, slight flush of pink at midribs; Falls uniform medium salmon; beards deep tangerine; slight sweet fragrance.



STARMAKER (Ghio 2017) TB, 34", ML. Domed standards are pure white. Falls are white lightly lined and brushed overall lavender-violet. Pink in the heart and white, coral washed styles light up the blooms. Bubble ruffle with tangerine beards. Good bud count and show branching.



DARK STORM (Tasco 2017) TB, 36", M. Cold white ground peppered dark purple, more solid at edges with black highlights. Show stalks up to 9 buds. Purple based foliage. Lightly ruffled with light sweet fragrance.

MARCH DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

KEN AINSLE	GIVE IT AWAY
JOE BALCH	BLINDED BY THE LIGHT
(POT)	
JAN BLAEDEL	GRACE FOUND ME (POT)
KENT LINCOLN	LEMON JADE
PAT MORGAN	REENIE
STAN MORGAN	KEY TO MY HEART
RILEY PROBST	BLINDED BY THE LIGHT
LOLITA SCHAR	METEORITE
ROB SCHAR	RUM IS THE REASON
MARY SINDICIC	BARBARA JEAN LAUER
KEN WALKER	RED TRIUMPH

**March Iris blooming in Eileen's garden.
Brentwood, CA.**



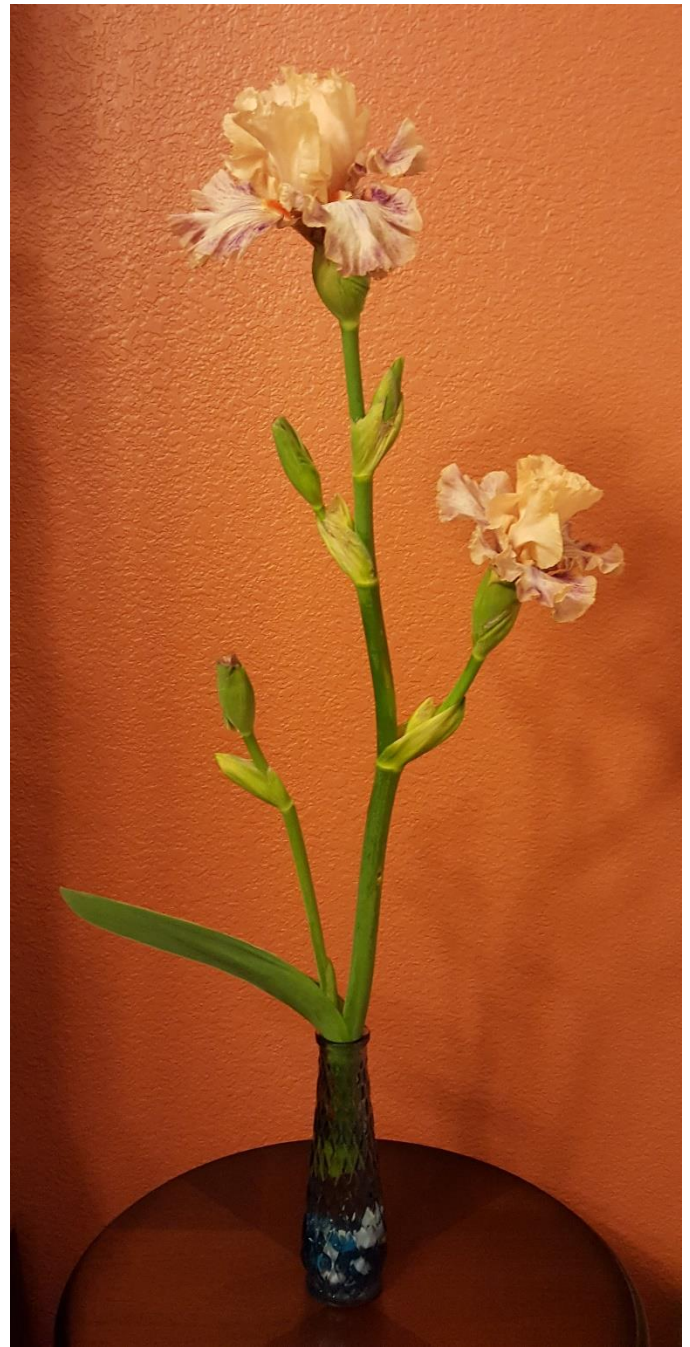
Coconut Snow TB



Thrill Ride TB



Group Photo from March Meeting.



**Fruited Plane TB RE
By Linda Woods**

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

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