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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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
IRON HORSE MIDDLE SCHOOL
12601 ALCOSTA BLVD., SAN RAMON
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30, MEETING AT 7:00**

Our speaker for this month is Stan Morgan. The subject of the meeting is "Imposters Among Us". The presentation will be about 30 minutes. So last summer you bought that really nice MTB plicata that's been on your must have list. Well now it's in bloom and it is nice but somehow it's not quite what you expected. You enter it into the show anyway and now all six judges are huddled in extended discussion. Yup – wasn't good. Tag says DQ – ID.

Unmasking doppelgangers – there's a bit more to it than photos and pretty petals.

By Stan Morgan

AIS REGION 14 BULLETIN

The Region 14 bulletin published quarterly-Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter editions are now going to be reduced down to a Spring and Fall edition only. This was voted on at the Fall 2017 Convention. Deadline dates for articles and photo submissions will be announced at a later date.

Eileen Roark.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our speaker for the February meeting is Stan Morgan, who will discuss "Imposters Among Us".

It's prep time for our show and we are well on our way. Thank you to all who have stepped forward to help. Alden Lane will continue to publicize our show with their newsletter online and with a mail out in their newsletter and also do a wonderful job of getting the word out in the nursery. Jan Blaedel has agreed to be my Co-Chair and handle the food. Thank you, Jan!

The usual tasks continue to need attention. The show chairs can always use a bit of help with the last-minute tasks. If you have not committed yet, the sign-up sheet will be at our next meeting. We will be expanding on the table for arrangements and Jan and Linda are working on the rules for that.

Ken will be handling the pictures again and looked so good last year but he wants a list of the pots you will be bringing for sale so he can have the pictures for our March meeting. It was too crazy doing all of the pictures on Friday night.

We are going to visit members' gardens Sunday, May 6th and we will also have a short meeting in one of the gardens. More information on this to follow.

Kathy Oldham will again be handling publicity this year and is already working on it.

See you Thursday, February 8th.

Mary Sindicic

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

- February 8** Meeting at Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon. 7 – 9 PM
Guest Speaker: Stan Morgan
- March 8** Meeting at Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon. 7-9 PM
Show Planning and Preparations
- 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**

MDIS Door Prizes – FEB 2018

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



SPRING CELEBRATION (Sutton 2017) TB, 43", M-VL. Very tall and bright iris with excellent ruffling and serration to the flowers. Bright yellow standards over ruby red falls. Yellow zonal burst extends down from the yellow beards. Random and pale white streaks appear on the falls occasionally adding interest. Wonderful and commanding garden presence with 9 to 11 buds on thick stalks.



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.



CONFEDERATE (Tasco 217) AB (OBG-), 19", M. Wisteria blue standards very lightly veined. Light slate falls, lightly veined, burgundy spot covering fall center, darker around beard. Golden orange beards tipped bronze, then wisteria blue at ends.



I LIKE PRETTY THINGS (Black 2017) TB, 33", M. Classically formed flowers are heavily ruffled and edges precisely laced. Standards are muted lilac blending paler to edges. Milk glass lightly tinted lilac falls have pale pink blended bands. Consistent show stalks have 3 branches and 9-11 buds.



GRAFFITI ART (J. Painter 2016) TB, 36", E. Plicata with almost solid dark magenta standards. Falls are white ground in the center with solid dark magenta purple outer edge. Shoulders are touched bronze. White beards are tipped blue purple. Slight spicy fragrance.



WHO DID IT (Ghio 2017) TB, 35", E. Tightly held standards are bronzy tan suffused and subtly lined and dotted mahogany to solid midrib. Gold based falls appear gold lined on a mahogany overlay to solid edge. Serrated edge and wavy ruffling.



GIMME SOME LOVIN' (Lauer 2017) TB, 38", E-M. S. amethyst violet; F. aster violet with 1/4" spectrum violet rim, amethyst violet marking at the half; B. maize yellow; slight sweet fragrance, ruffled with 7 plus buds on multiple branching, excellent show stocks, amazing color combination.



RESTLESS SPIRIT (Keppel 2017) TB, 36", EM. Standards veronica violet shaded dove grey toward edge. Falls blended ecru to rosy beige at the hafts, remainder oyster to amber white, with subtle minuet violet center suffusion. Beards are burnt sienna, with just a faint cast of lavender at the end. Another good garden iris, with excellent marks for increase, branching and buds, and long bloom season.

JANUARY DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

SKY RULER	Jan Blaedel
DRESSED TO IMPRESS	Rob Schar
BARBARA JEAN LAUER	Mary Sindicic
SUNSET BOULEVARD	Marilyn Kaplan
PERRY DRYER	Ken Walker
GOOD IDEA	Joe Balch
NOT BROKE THIS TIME	Stan Morgan
RUSTIC CHARM	Linda Woods
FEEL THE THUNDER	Kathy Oldham

Blooming in Eileen's yard.



Ridgecrest BB Bloomed 12/24/17



Scented Bubbles TB Bloomed 1/28/18



Australian Rose TB Bloomed 2/1/18

These 2 iris are blooming in Linda Woods yard.



Grand Slam Sutton 2014



Summertime Blues Sutton 2002

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