

JULY 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.



**SUMMER IRIS AUCTION
SUNDAY JULY 29, 2018
LINDSAY WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE
1901 FIRST AVENUE, WALNUT CREEK, CA.**

ANNUAL JULY RHIZOME SALE

AUCTION

Our annual July Auction will be at our meeting place, the Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek on Sunday July 29, with set up starting at 10:30am. Riley has offered to be our Auctioneer and we are hoping to bring in Lindsay members to participate by grabbing a paddle and bidding. The several hundred members will be alerted in an e-mail shoot a couple weeks in advance. If you have rhizomes to donate, please bring them before the auction starts at 11:30am. Bring a bag lunch and refreshments will be available throughout the live auction. Auction will end when we are out of rhizomes and we anticipate that to be around 1:30pm-2:00pm.

We hope you will come and bring your friends for this exciting event. There will be a cashier on site in case anyone wants to check out early.

Winners of door prize irises throughout the year are asked to pick up your treasured irises at this time. If you can not attend, please have someone pick them up for you.

Marilyn Kaplan V.P.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

See you all at the Auction on July 29. There will be no meeting on Thursday night. Bring your check books or plenty of cash. By the way, bring a friend or two to make this event another successful endeavor.

Thanks, Mary



Thrill Ride TB

Eileen Roark Photo

This iris will be auctioned off. Don't miss out!
Come bid for one of these exceptional beauties!!!

**AUCTION IRIS LIST WILL ARRIVE IN
YOUR EMAIL BOX SOON!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

- July 29** MDIS Mtg/ Bearded Auction
Lindsay Wildlife Experience
Walnut Creek. **11:00 am**
- 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

Photos From Annual Potluck And Awards Dinner.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Left to right: Parnima, Diane and Theresa.

June Door Prize Winners

POLAR SHIFT	Shirley Trio
TRIPLE TAKE	Chris LaSelle
MILK IN MY COFFEE	Ken Ainslie
VISUAL PLEASURE	Kathy Oldham
NATURALLY SWEET	Marilyn Kaplan
SWEET CHILD OF MINE	Patrick
ADDICTED TO LOVE	Pat Morgan
BROKEN BORDERS	Kathy Tourtillott
HIGH DESERT	Joe Balch
REENIE	Bonnie Hughes
BARNEY'S GIRL	Jeff Bennett



**GARDEN TOURS
CARL AND BARBARA MEIER'S.**



Ken Walkers Gardens



DRY CREEK BEDS



Artistic Award Trophy



Joe and Josie Balch.



**Jan Blaedel
Winner of
Best Artistic Award.**

Our newest trophy is the JOE AND JOSIE BALCH TROPHY : BEST ARTISTIC DESIGN

We have many deserving and hard-working members but after much deliberation, we decided to honor Joe and Josie for their years of club participation, their willingness to donate their time and irises, and their genuine openness and warmth to other club members and the public at iris events. I know that they have been long time members of MDIS and in talking with others, found this write-up by Kathy Oldham. I think it says it all.
Jan Blaedel

“ Joe and Josie have been active members of the Mt Diablo Iris Society since before 2000 when they won the Mt Diablo Iris Society trophy for best tall bearded specimen, Skylark Song. Since then they have held important positions in our club and Region 14. As committed irisarians, they have attended the AIS national conventions regularly.

Joe was the MDIS club president from 2002-2004, and 2007-2009. During his tenure, he produced a club guidebook of the many club jobs, board responsibilities, procedures and the annual events coordination guidelines that continues to be a useful reference for our volunteers. He has also coordinated our door prize iris purchases in past years.

At the regional level, Josie was the Region 14 Secretary for RVP, Margaret Sutton from 2001 to 2003, Betty Coyle from 2004 to 2006 and Lynn Williams in 2007. In addition, her natural charm and approachable manner cannot be underestimated as she greets club members and the general public at our events. She forms quick social rapport, especially with our youth members. Many times I have watched her in action, and I am sure she could sell a rhizome to anyone.

For years Joe and Josie have dug their irises and donated them to our club for our main fund raiser at the Benicia Peddler's Fair. There have been years we would have been without enough stock to sell without their generosity and excellent stock. Like other

clubs, every September we pot up any remaining irises. Regularly Joe and Josie would provide the soil (individually measured and double bagged) and pots for the club growers, asking nothing in return. At our show last year, Jo and Josie arrived when the show was nearly over to help with the teardown and clean up. This year, when we needed her, Josie came and did all the placing of the iris in preparation for competition. When you need a helping hand, Joe and Josie are there.”

Kathy Oldham



**Australian Rose
Eileen Roark Photo.
Maybe worth a 2nd look.**

All photos in newsletter taken by Eileen Roark. If you are interested in having any photos shown, feel free to ask and I will email them to you. This applies to any past newsletters too.
Eileen

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AND REGION 14. VISIT THE REGION WEBSITE: WWW.AISREGION14.ORG**

**Dues are \$12.50 annual or \$30.00 tri-annual, Please send payment to:
Mt. Diablo Iris Society, Treasurer, P O Box 5243, Walnut Creek, CA. 94596**

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