

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY NEWS

MARCH 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.

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

Our regular meeting of the MDIS will be Thursday March 8th at the Iron Horse Middle School. Doors open at 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. This meeting will be a little different than others. It will be a hands on training on presenting and staging your iris. Riley will judge and critique it. If anyone has iris in bloom, please bring in extras so we can all practice. I think this will be very helpful for those who show iris. Come one and all: it's fun.

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 PLEASE DO IT NOW SO KEN HAS TIME AND IS NOT RUSHED.

**THANK YOU.
Jeanne King, Editor**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's prep time for our show and we are busy pulling everything together. The Alden Lane Newsletter is carrying a really nice advert for our show.

The usual tasks continue to need attention. Our show chairs can always use a bit of help with the last-minute tasks. If you have not yet signed up for your favorite task, see them for the sign-up sheet.

We will again be taking orders for the showroom prize winners, Stan Morgan will handle this. Kent is organizing the staffing of the sale table and I'm sure there is a slot on one of shifts that still needs a name.

In the Gentle Reminder Department, Pots need to be clean, dry and have PICTURES ON STICKS! Now is the time to print 'em -- before the rush of tax season is upon us. Ken Ainslie will bring the pictures for everyone that sent him a list; please pick-up your pictures at the meeting.

Jan has been working on the information for our flower arrangement section and I think the public will love it. Please think about entering a flower arrangement for this section.

Oh! And Ken Walker asks us to polish the trophies before bringing them to our March meeting.

See you next week.

Mary

Shirley has sent out an email for weeding at Jeff's in Union City and will need more help. Also enclosed in the newsletter is the schedule.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

- 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 – MAR 2018



BLINDED BY THE LIGHT (Lauer 2017) TB, 32", E-M. It will blind you when to see it. S. nasturtium orange; F. tangerine orange; B. mandarin red; ruffled, slight sweet fragrance, 7 plus buds on multiple branching; it is really orange, you need to see it.



REENIE (Annand by Marshall 2015) TB, 35", M. Standards and style arms clear dark lavender-blue; falls lighter lavender blended lighter with pale lavender striations on ½ of petals; beard hairs based orange, tips white; slight sweet fragrance.



RUM IS THE REASON (Schreiner 2017) TB, 40", ML. Globular grayish lavender standards are randomly overlaid with purple veining and effusions of cordovan. Straw-toned splashes enliven burgundy round flaring falls. The style arms continue the earthen colored theme. Excellent substance and a pleasant scent heighten the allure. Sulfurous orange beards unify this charismatic bicolor.



RED TRIUMPH (Aitken 2017) TB, 34", ML. An amalgamation of line bred reds from Ghio and Aitken. This plant has excellent branching and carries 8 buds. Flowers have closed standards and ruffled petals; flared and ruffled falls have no haft marks. Color is a smooth deep red. Bright orange beards are a nice contrast.



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.



LEMON JADE (J Painter 2015) TB, 38", M. Standards and style arms lemon-green; Falls same, shoulders deeper; beards gold.



GIVE IT AWAY (Lauer 2016) TB, 33", EM. Standards white with a thin canary yellow rim and at the base of the pedal; Falls white base with canary yellow shoulders and rim, magenta rose lines from the beard to a solid coloring of magenta rose on the rim; Beards tangerine orange; ruffled, pronounced sweet fragrance; On occasion it has had a summer or fall bloom but not consistent.



KEY TO MY HEART (Kerr 2014) TB, 36", M. The orange taupe standards are extravagantly ruffled and arched over the tangerine orange beards. The falls are basically white the orange taupe flowing out from the hafts and with an outer band of dark red-violet with a lighter lavender inside halo. Wonderful stalks with plenty of buds.



METEORITE (M. Sutton 2016) TB, 36", E-L. Standards yellow, slight white veining; style arms yellow; falls white, slight yellow veining, 2" bright red-violet band with black highlights, 1/4" greyed orange edge, red-violet wire rim; ruffled; pronounced spicy fragrance.

FEBRUARY DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Addicted To Love
Confederate
Gimme Some Lovin'
Graffiti Art
I like Pretty Things
Restless Spirit
Spring Celebration
Who Did It

Irene Lee
 Ken Ainsle
 Jeff Bennett
 Linda Woods
 Sheran Clark
 Marilyn Kaplan
 Bonnie Hughes
 Joe Balch



Grand Bargain
 By Shirley & Riley.

DRY CREEK WEEDING SCHEDULE 2020 CONVENTION GARDENS

Weather permitting, next week Wednesday March 7 and Thursday March 8, the following week, March 13 and 14 are designated work days in the Dry Creek Iris garden. If there is rain or rain the day before it will be too wet and sticky to work in the beds so we will not go to help on those days. If you can come on days not listed just let me know. I need to know who is helping out when. Down the road there will be rewards for your hard work.

Each of the work days, I will bring drinks and things to make sandwiches for all. I usually bring ham and turkey to make sandwiches, mustard mayo and lettuce.

No one should consider trying to make every work day. Just come when you can and if you only have a couple of hours then that is great. Not everyone can stay a full day. We will be happy with any amount of time you have to give.

Shirley Trio
 Convention Chair
 Jeff Bennett
 Garden Caretaker



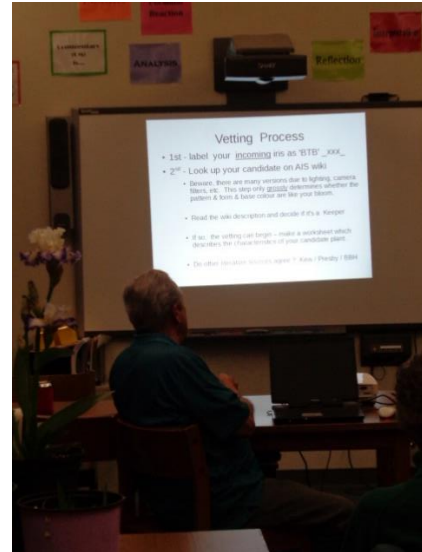
Celtic Tartan TB Bloomed February 2018.
 Eileen Roark



**Snake Head & Purple Ungularius.
By Ken Walker.**



February MDIS Meeting.



**Stan Morgan giving his presentation
on iris identification methods.**

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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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