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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.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 Meeting at Lindsey Wildlife Experience.

Doors open at 6:30pm and meeting will start at 7:00pm until 9:00pm.

September program: Kokedama.

For our September meeting Kathy Oldham will present a class on kokedama.

Kokedama is a Japanese word. Koke meaning moss and dama means ball. This is another way to display some of your plants. Each person attending will learn how to create their own kokedama and will be able to make an example to take home.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First a big thank you to Stan for handling the Peddler's Fair and all of you who helped. Stan has been doing the Peddler's Fair for many years and announced this year it will be the last year he will be doing it; he wants to pass the baton on to someone new. Please let me know if you would be interested in taking over. It is one of our big money makers so it would be hard to see it go. Our gross revenue was \$2,959 so our net was \$2,100, another all-time high. All rhizomes were displayed with individual bins bearing their pictures. In general, the weather and foot traffic were about the same as last year and thus didn't contribute to the improvement in sales. The significant change relative to last year was all about the product display. There were 25 more display bins and one more table; which resulted in less customer crowding during the morning and noon peak surges.

This year our unsold leftover inventory was about 457 rhizomes, consisting of 143 cultivars. These will be brought to the meeting to be potted for the Spring Show. These rhizomes will be at the meeting in September for your selection to pot up for sale at our show next spring. Since the timeline will be tight, Marilyn suggested we meet in the parking lot below the museum at 6:30pm to pick out their rhizomes.

Kathy Oldham will be our speaker this month. More information will be posted from her in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,

Mary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

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 – SEPT 2018
(Iris photos and descriptions are courtesy of commercial hybridizers and wiki.irises.org.)



BRONZER (Sutton 2018) TB, 35", M-L. Bright yellow standards; pale lavender falls have slight yellow veining and a 1" bronze rim.



BETTER MAN (Lauer 2018) TB, 35". M. Standards white with a light yellowing at the midrib; Falls copper brown, light tan rim and darker at the shoulders; Beards apricot; ruffled, pronounced sweet fragrance; two branches and spur, 7-9 bud per stalk. Good show stalks for shows. A different amoena look.



BOND GIRL (Keppel 2017) TB, 32". L-VL. A repeat of the cross which produced Arrivederci, this has an ultra-feminine look that 007 would find hard to resist. Flawless orchid to phlox pink standards, falls pinkish lilac paling on the upper center. White beards minimally touched flame in the throat. Dressed in heavy ruffles and lace, this vixen with flare and flair may be short but she will go a long way to please you with her 7-9 buds.



STEAL YOUR HEART (Black 2018) TB, 40", L-VL. For those people in colder climates who have problems growing plicatas, this late blooming, near black and white plic will 'STEAL YOUR HEART'. Strong growth produces show stalks with 4 branches and 8-10 buds. You'll love the neat dark brown beards flanked by brown plicata sanding.



DIGNIFIED (Johnson 2017) TB, 37", L. Great form and stems with a bold pattern make 'Dignified' a garden showoff. Peach to apricot standards. Falls are slightly lighter with rosy orchid fall band. Bright tangerine beards set off the pattern.



DESCHUTES (Schreiner 2018) TB, 38", L. *Deschutes*' superb form and ruffling capture the surging rhythm of Central Oregon's world-renowned fly fishing river. Royal blue-purple in coloration, the broad falls are darker toned than the statuesque standards. The lighter perimeter of the falls matches the standards, and surrounding everything are delightfully bouncy ripples. 2 double-socketed branches with 7 buds per sturdy stem. A faint saffron tips the blue beards.



WAIT A MINUTE (Ghio 2018) TB, 36", ML. This lovely pink will cause you to stop and take a second look. Cameo pink firm domed standards, semi-flaring blush-pink falls. The bloom edges are fimbriated and swirling in bubble ruffle. Light tangerine beards, well branched, vigorous, and multi-budded.



FOREVER ORANGE (Tasco 2018) SDB, 15", M & RE. Strong rebloomer for our zone 8 climate. Nasturtium orange, slightly lighter standards; persimmon orange. 3 buds with a light citrus fragrance.

TO: MDIS MEMBERS

We don't know what to say!

Such a flattering article, and so many flattering compliments. But basically, thru the years, we have only tried to be helpful to the club, and enjoyed ourselves and the people along the way.

In 2000, when we joined MDIS, we were made to feel welcome by so many people. Vern Wood, Virginia Messick, Glen Corlew, Dorothy Rucker and the Boswell's, who have all since passed on.

We were inspired by those members who came before us, along with Allen Robbins, Shirley and Riley, who have always been so helpful, along with Bob Canning who encouraged Joe to co-chair as club president with him, that we enjoyed being members of MDIS.

Currently, there are just as many hard working members who are deserving of this award. The fun events – shows and garden tours were always fun, and no matter what job, from officers, hospitality, to newsletter and photographer to mention a few of the jobs. Everyone has contributed to making MDIS a success. Thru the years we have had a great time, thanks to all of you.

We joined because of the iris, but we stayed because of all the people in the club.

Joe & Jo Balch



Photos taken at the July Auction
By Eileen Roark



. Auctioneer Riley with our two runners.



We were privileged to have two wonderful Runners for our Auction; they did a great job! Thank you girls!



Group photo at Auction



Main Booth at Peddlers Fair



Nice way to display the irises.



Third Booth at Peddlers Fair.

LOST AND FOUND

A black umbrella with the words *Pebble Beach* printed on it was left at the Livermore Show in April 2018. Please contact Eileen Roark at 925-240-4609 or eroarko@aol.com to retrieve it.

MDIS

2018 Peddler's Fair

21 Aug 2018

Revenue	Cash & Checks	2959	(during the Fair)
		<u>+ 0</u>	(sales afterward)
	Sub-Total		2959
Cost	Rent (3 spaces)	500	
	25 Display Bins	25	
	Grab Bag Rhizomes		250
	Bags	26	
	Header Printing	58	
	Fertilizer	<u>0</u>	
	Sub-Total		859
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	Net Profit		\$ 2100

Note 1 Members Assisting

Set-Up	6	Special thanks to the Dawn team
During	10	A very smooth day – well done
Take-Down	7	Wow, best 60 minute break-down yet

Note 2 There were several requests to pay with a Credit / Debit card. At least one sale was lost due to requiring cash because no phone on hand was compatible with the loaned Square card reader.

Note 3 There were approximately 1200 rhizomes available for sale. Because we did not count our beginning inventory, this number is an estimate.
 There were 457 rhizomes left over afterward, consisting of 143 cultivars.
 These will be brought to the September meeting to be potted for the spring show.

Note 4 There were 73 Grab Bags (Mystery Noids offered @ \$10) offered with 25 bags left over..
 There were 50 Grab Bags (Historics w/ photo label showing bag content @ \$15) which sold out.

increased gross. Last year our revenue from 62 unlabeled Grab Bags containing Noids was \$ 620, amounting to 26 % of our gross. This year we kept that variable constant, offering the essentially same number of unlabeled Noid bags at the same \$10 price. This year's change was to **add** 50 bags using known rhizomes with thumbnail photos of the bag content on each label **and** we increased gross. the price to \$15. Our Grab bag revenue this year was \$ 1030, comprising 35 % of our gross.

Note 5 There were 60 pouches of fertilizer available for sale.
 There were 30 pouches remaining in inventory afterward.
 In general, the weather and foot traffic was about the same as last year and thus did not contribute to the improvement in sales. The significant change relative to last year was all about product display. There were 25 more display bins and one more table; which resulted in less customer crowding during the morning and noon peak surges
 . Wow, Best Peddler's Fair yet! Thanks to all, Stan Morgan

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

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