

January, 2008

Next meeting Friday, 17, 2008
 Doors open 7:00 P.M.
 Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 Place Native Sons Hall
 239 High Street, Santa Cruz

From The Prez

MEETINGS OF THE MBIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS do not happen too often: the Board met just once in 2007, and will meet again just before our general meeting in January

The Board's infrequent meetings certainly don't mean the members have easy assignments. In fact, they work diligently for the Society throughout the year.

This newsletter includes the Board's agenda for its meeting of January 15, 2008 to illustrate the Board's work and preview topics that the Board will report on during our January meeting.

This glimpse of the board's activities might inspire members of the Society to become interested in serving on the board in the future. Members are quite welcome to attend the meeting.

In any event, we'll see you at Friday's general meeting. The program, which is described elsewhere in this issue of Bay News, promises to be interesting and enjoyable. I'll see you there! ❁❁ Tom



Fun and conversation at the Christmas Party

CULTURE TIPS

THE WEATHER HAS BEEN RELATIVELY PLEASANT and dry until after New Years. The dry weather was the perfect time to clean up the dead and diseased leaves from your irises. If you haven't done so yet, get it done by early February when the new growth begins and fertilization should take place. As I was cleaning the irises I notice a banner year for grey aphids deep inside the leaf creases. Usually a trail of ants can be found nearby. They "plant" the aphids and milk them., Getting rid of the ants will help but won't solve the problem. Because of the hidden location of the aphids, the only effective way to get rid of

2008 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held in Native Sons Hall unless otherwise stated.

Regular Meeting

Friday, January 17.....7:30 P.M.

Program

Seeing Your Garden's Birds

Refreshments

Marie and Diane H.

Regular Meeting

Friday, February 157:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Lisa

Regular Meeting

Friday, March 21.....7:30 P.M.

Program

TBA

Refreshments

Brenda and Larissa

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 18.....7:30 P.M.

Program

Mini Show

Refreshments

Volunteers needed

Annual Iris Show

Capitola Mall..... May 3 to May 4

Set up

Friday 9:00 P.M.

Show

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–8:00 P.M.

Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.–6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 16..... 7:30 P.M.

Pizza Potluck



them is to use a systemic insecticide. If you don't do anything about the aphids, the result will be aborted or deformed bloomstalks.

Then in early February as the new growth begins on the bearded irises, fertilize with a balanced fertilizer like 12-12-12 or triple 10. Spread the granules over the bed and scratch it in. Normally the soil is wet enough at this time of the year that nothing more is necessary. The ideal time is to do this just before a rain.

With the heavy rains which have finally come, make note of the low spots of your garden and take corrective action when you reconstruct your beds. Bearded irises simply don't tolerate standing water. ❀❀ Joe

Photos on the Web

Go to <http://montereybayiris.org/gallery/ghio08.shtml> to see Joe's 2008 iris introductions. Photos of last year's event are also on line. Check out our website!

DUES ARE DUE

Single dues are \$10 Two or more at same address \$15. Please pay at the meeting or send to our treasurer Charley Kearns; P.O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031.,



Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2008
121 Easterby Avenue, Santa Cruz
Potluck Dinner—6:00 P.M.; Meeting—7:00 P.M.

- WelcomeAll
Secretary's Report—Minutes of 1-15-07 Jim Cummins
Treasurer's Report—Financial Report Charlie Kearns
Vice-President's Report—Programs for 2008 Sheryl McEwan
Communications Chairs—Newsletter & Web..... Ann Pike, Joe Ghio
Show Chairperson—2007 & 2008 Shows..... Charley Kearns
Artistic Show Chairperson—2007 & 2008 Shows..... Diane Harrison
Membership Chairperson..... Rosa Radicchi
Hospitality Chair—Meetings, Picnic, Dinner..... Irene Cummins
Old & New Business..... Discussion & Action
AIS
Application for AIS Affiliation
2008 Convention in Dallas, 4-08
MBIS as Subordinate Organization of AIS
AIS Region 14 – Board Meeting in Oakland, 1-19-08
MBIS
Cabrillo College – MBIS Scholarship of \$500 (proposed)
- Deadline 1-15-08
Review of Bylaws (proposed changes)
Purchase of Projection Screen (Proposed)
Annual Iris Sale
Calendar for 2008

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2008 AIS Convention

The 2008 AIS Convention will be held in Austin, Texas in mid-April, 2008 and the first deadline for registration is February 15, 2008.

The October issue of the AIS Bulletin will not have information or a registration form for the convention, so Paul W. Gossett, the AIS Convention Liaison, has asked that we announce the convention in our newsletter.

The AIS has established a special website where interested members can find information about the 2008 Convention and also register with the hotel on-line. You may also download and print a copy of the registration form from the web site to mail in. The 2008 Austin Convention Committee also accepts credit cards.

The website is <http://www.irisarian.com/lonestar2008/>

REBLOOMERS

Bring your reblooming irises now through March for show and tell and to drawing for first choice of door prizes.



His Talk is for the Birds

Our January meeting program will be a presentation, "Seeing Your Garden's Birds with New Eyes," by Todd Newberry, Ph D., Emeritus Professor of Biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and President of the Santa Cruz Bird Society.

Todd Newberry is a lifelong birdwatcher. He will talk about how birds are more than just names with wings— we can see them with new eyes, even hear them with new ears.

He is also the author of the recent book about the craft of bird watching, *The Ardent Birder*. Here's the publisher's description of this book:

If you wash dishes with binoculars around your neck, own more spotting scopes than shoes, and read the Bird Chat listerv before and after your first cup of coffee, then you can only be one thing: an ardent birder. Biology professor and lifelong devotee of our fine feathered friends Todd Newberry has written 50 short essays that range from meditations on bird-watchers' daily events to philosophies of why they do what they so ardently love to do. *The Ardent Birder* is the first book in the vast field of popular birding literature to focus on the birder, not just the bird. A thoughtful gift for the bird-watcher who has everything, *The Ardent Birder* includes 75 delightful drawings

and includes suggestions for how intermediate-level birders can hone and share their skills in the field.

Here are excerpts of reviewer's comments about *The Ardent Birder*:

☒ A pleasant book for the intermediate birder, November 28, 2005

The hard core will find little new in this book, but intermediate birders looking to improve their skills will enjoy and profit from the short essays. The author's style is easy and pleasant... The final section, on leading successful bird trips, is likely to be the most practically useful (perhaps even to more advanced birders), but the sections on field craft can also be read with profit by the ambitious and the befuddled... A good book for birders on the cusp of advancement!

☒ A Future Classic, May 29, 2007

This book will be a future classic for birders. I read this book twice within a few days. I never do this! I started birding a few months ago and reached number 99 yesterday. Todd's book has been a great help for me.

*Newsletter Deadline!!!
Deadline for February is an early one, Friday
January 25th. No late material accepted.*

EVENTS FOR 2008

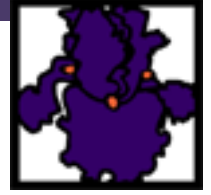
Regular meetings are on the third Friday of the month.

Date	Event	Activity	Location	Time
January 18	Meeting	Your Garden's Birds	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
February 15	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
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April 18	Meeting	Mini-show	Native Son' Hall	7:30 P.M.
May 2	Iris Show	Set-up	Capitola Mall	8:00 P.M.
May 3	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-8:00 p.m.
May 4	Iris Show	Iris Promotion	Capitola Mall	NOON-6:00 p.m.
May 16	Meeting	Pizza Potluck	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 20	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
June 24	Smart Gardening Faire	Iris Promotion & Sale	Skypark, Scotts Valley	9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
July 19	Summer Picnic	More Irises	Harvey West Park	11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
July 31	Iris Dig for Sale	Prepare for Sale	Joe's Ranch	9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
August 2	Iris Sale	Fund-raiser	Deer Park Center	9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
August 15	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
September 19	Meeting	Beardless Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
October 17	Meeting	Pacific Coast Iris	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
November 21	Meeting	to be announced	Native Sons Hall	7:30 P.M.
December 19	Holiday Party	Celebration	Green Valley Grill or ???	6:00 P.M.





DOOR PRIZES IRISES



1. ASTROLOGY, T Johnson, S. buff pink F. wine w/white lines overall
2. BOILERMAKER, L. Miller, S. butter yellow; F. Red black; white lines around bronze beards
3. COME GO WITH ME, L Lauer, Peach, yellow and orange blend
4. DONAGHCLONEY, Richardson, Dark blue self
5. FOREVER BLOWING BUBBLES, J. Ghio, Bubbly pure white self
6. GRAPE PARFAIT, M Lauer, Amethyst violet luminata plicata
7. INTO THE BLUE, Schreiner, Beautifully formed light blue self
8. KING OF LIGHT, Baumunk, Ochre gold self
9. LEMON LOLLIPOP, D Spoon, Brilliant yellow, deeper shoulders; Rebloomer
10. MAGIC QUEST, Tasco, Plicata: yellow ground, falls dotted overall brownish burgundy, BB
11. MOUNTAIN SUNRISE, M Sutton, S, cream; F. violet, white sunburst. Rebloomer
12. NOBLE SPIRIT, Aitken, Deep blue purple self
13. ONE WAY TICKET, L Lauer, S. white; F. amethyst, white sunburst
14. PETAL PUSHERS, J. Painter, S. pink; F. orchid; mauve flounces.
15. PHANTOM SHIP, Baumunk, S. blue-white; F. deep blue
16. RED SKIES, J. Ghio, Claret maroon w/blue blaze below yellow beards
17. SECRET RECIPE, J. Ghio, Mulberry luminata plicata
18. TAYBERRY, R.Ernst, Berry purple; soft yellow beards
19. TOUCHING MOMENTS, Nicodemus, Snow white; laced and fluted
20. TRINOTOSTARE, Burseen, Frosty blue white; horn



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