

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025



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 their native habit.

▶▶ **MDIS Meeting** ◀◀
▶▶ **Sunday, February 9th, 1-3 pm** ◀◀
▶▶ **San Ramon Community Center** ◀◀
12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Irisarians,

We're off to the races in the countdown to Spring bloom. You should be seeing the beginnings of new growth on your irises now. If you fertilize your irises, now is the time to apply a balanced or low nitrogen fertilizer, especially if you want GIGANTIC flowers like Mary enters into our annual Iris show in April. A fertilizer with numbers like 5-10-10 or 10-10-10 should be fine. Don't use manures as this can cause rot to bearded irises.

After four weeks of zero rainfall, the rains have finally returned this week. This is great timing as I had to water some potted things lately. Hopefully we will have some rainfall weekly as we head into bloom season. Also watch for leaf spot on your irises as a wet spring and warmer temperatures will increase its presence. Please let us know at the meeting what you spray to prevent this nuisance infection.

On January 18th your governing board met for two hours to go over an extensive agenda for the year ahead. Please see the minutes in this newsletter to know what was discussed. A couple items of interest would be that we are exploring having speakers present to our club via Zoom from afar. This is great as we can have a more diverse speakership without the cost of transportation and hotel. This will also be helpful for those that cannot attend in person for one reason or another. However, only those in physical attendance are eligible for door prize iris.

Another agenda item discussed was membership dues, when they are due, and the perks associated with them. It was voted that *any membership that is in arrears by the January meeting is ineligible for door prize iris until brought up to date*. Also, as per the bylaws, any membership not brought up to date by April 1st will be dropped from the newsletter distribution. If you're unsure of your membership status, please contact Sergey at barmalei2009@gmail.com. We found that this was the fairest way to streamline our

membership accounting as we have to pay a fee for each member to our region early in the year and we don't want to pay for those that are no longer members in good standing. This is also common among other societies but with much earlier due dates than ours.

The February meeting will feature a presentation on Biochar. If you want to learn how beneficial this is, not only to our environment but to our soils, don't miss this meeting. Last year I gave sample bags to members at one of our meetings early in the year. Now I will explain the history, use and benefits of biochar in your garden soils for decades upon decades with one application. I'm excited about this product and hope you can attend to learn more. That's all for now.

Your IB President,
Jeff Bennett

November Meeting

Topic: Biochar

Jeff will be sharing his knowledge about Biochar. Looking forward to his presentation!

Location: San Ramon

The February & March meetings will be at our San Ramon location. San Ramon Community at 12501 Alcosta Blvd. The room is 201.

If you need a ride to the November meeting, contact MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

Social Lunch Prior To Meeting

Some of us plan to have lunch before the meeting at 11:30. Feel free to join us. We will be at:

Panera Bread
3121 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon

This is 5 minutes from our meeting place at the San Ramon Community Center.

Alden Lane Show/Fundraiser is Quickly Approaching!

Virtual Show - Ongoing

Theme – IRIS, The Queen of Flowers

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 mailout in their newsletter and do a wonderful job of getting the word out in the nursery.

A current task is preparing for the potted iris fundraiser. If you took iris to pot, your Pics on Stix will be available in February as well. If any of your plants died, please let Nancy know. nnpahl@gmail.com

If you potted up iris (not ones you received at the meeting), please let Nancy know so that she can print **Pics on Stix for you.** Nancy must receive all requests ASAP but absolutely no later than March 1.

The show chairs can always use a bit of help with the last-minute tasks. If you have not committed yet, please sign-up to help with the Show and Fundraiser. The sign-up sheet will be at the February meeting.

Consider entering the Alden Lane Show. The public enjoys seeing the assortment of irises stems and table arrangements! If you might enter an English Box or an Artistic Design, please notify [MtDiabloIris@gmail](mailto:MtDiabloIris@gmail.com)

The show schedules for both the Alden Lane Show and the Virtual Show will be sent out in a separate email, so they can be easily viewed and printed.

And onto 2026 - **We will be voting for the theme of our 2026 shows** at the February meeting, or online by March 9th. Please see the list of theme choices near the end of the newsletter.

Botanical Word of the Month

Cytokinins Keep on growing!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Feb 9	MDIS Meeting. San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon
Mar 9	MDIS Meeting. San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon
Apr 11	Alden Lane Show Setup & MDIS Meeting. Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore
Apr 12-13	Alden Lane Show & Fundraiser. Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore
May 10	Shirley Trio Memorial at Dry Creek Garden, 2pm
June xx	Awards Picnic, TBD
July xx	Bearded Auction, TBD
Aug 9	Benicia Peddler's Fair
Sept 14	MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill
Oct 12	MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill
Nov 9	MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill

Upcoming 2025 AIS Events

May 2-3	Region 14 Spring Regional Santa Rosa, CA https://aisregion14.org/events/spring-regional/
June 2-7	AIS National Convention Billings, Montana https://bigskyirisclub.com/2025-ais/

January Meeting Recap

Jane Jordan presented a comprehensive program on CHRYSANTHEMUMS at our January 12, 2025 meeting.

If you missed it or want to go back and have another look, Jane was kind enough to share it with us. A copy can be requested by emailing the Mt Diablo gmail or linda.woods@comcast.net

A Glance at the Board Meeting

An amazing number of topics were covered at the productive MDIS Board meeting in January. These are only some of the topics. For details and additional topics, please read the minutes of the Board meeting near the end of the newsletter.

- Exploring idea of implementing Zoom to record our meetings for those who cannot attend, and for enabling remote presentations by speakers.
- Review of MDIS By Laws relating to memberships.
- Researching the possibility of creating a MDIS Website.
- Plan to update "job descriptions" of officers, sales events, etc.
- Donation to Region 14 in memory of Larry Lauer, Shirley Trio-Probst, and Iris Seppala. Additional donation towards purchase of a bench for Dry Creek, in Honor of Shirley.
- Decided to not participate in Niles Canyon Antique Fair. Rhizomes not sold at the Benicia Fair will be sold on-line.

EDITOR Position Open for Region 14 Bulletin

Region 14 is currently in need of an editor for its regional Bulletin. Our Bulletin is a vital source of information about club activities, upcoming events, regional officer contact

information, local hybridizers and commercial garden information. I think I speak for most of us when I say that I eagerly look forward to the arrival of the Bulletin in my inbox, and it commands my immediate attention.

To continue to enjoy the advantages of our Region 14 Bulletin, we need someone, (or several someones) to commit themselves to this vital service to our Region. Stephanie Jennings, our previous editor, has established a very nice format that the new editor(s) may follow with little alteration if they wish. If you have any editing experience, I encourage you to step forward and volunteer to take on this task which serves our entire regional membership.

Attached to this newsletter are the duties of the Bulletin editor as listed in our By-Laws and Standing Rules.

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES for

- [February Door Prize Iris](#) pg 4-6
- [Vote for 2026 Iris Show THEME](#) p 7
- [Membership Dues Form](#) pg 8
- [Jan 2025 Meeting Minutes](#) pg 9-11
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MDIS Door Prizes – FEB 2025

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



COSMIC DESIGN (Tasco 2024) AB, 23", M. Standards tan, heavy bronze veining; falls bronze, feathered burgundy signal; beards orange throat, bronze middle, bronze end; sweet fragrance.



COLOR CRUSH (Ford 2023) TB, 32", M-L. Standards white flushed golden olive, yellow olive veining, violet veins at base, pale pink-violet flush at top; falls yellow around beard with a pink-violet belly stripe, blend of golden brown and pink-violet, lighter edges and very bright, dramatic veining; beards cadmium orange, yellow at end; slight spicy fragrance.



BANANA WIND (Schreiner 2024) TB, 36", M-L. Standards yellow; style arms yellow; falls maroon with lighter edge; beards orange; slight fragrance.



OUTER BANKS (Schreiners 2022) TB, 43", M. Standards white; falls yellow, lavender wash on petal; beards yellow; slight fragrance.



GYPSY RHAPSODY (Dash 2024) TB, 33", L. Standards light peach-pink; falls peach, peach-tan veining, light peach-pink rim; beards orange.



MIDNIGHT VOYAGE (Sutton 2023) TB, 35", EML. Standards dark purple; style arms dark purple; falls darker purple, near black; beards purple, fuzzy black horns; slight sweet fragrance.



MIGHTY POWER (Sutton 2023) TB, 36", M-L. Standards yellow ground, near solid wash of burgundy plicata; falls yellow ground, 2" near solid plicata band, thin burgundy center line, white ground around beard; beards old gold; sweet fragrance.



WE ARE MAGIC (Johnson 2024) TB, 37", EM. Standards pink; falls violet, with lighter pink rays radiating out from around beard, light lavender pink band; beards coral pink; sweet fragrance.



CAST ADRIFT (Keppel 2023) TB, 35", E-M. Standards clematis lightening slightly to violine edge; falls light blue deepening to minuet toward shoulders; beards deep chrome yellow to golden yellow.



VAGUELY NOBLE (Filardi 2022) TB, 35", M. Standards palest greyed lavender-pink; falls bright magenta-purple, blue flush around beard; beards light lavender-blue; slight musky fragrance.



GOTHAM (Schreiner 2022) TB, 39", L & RE. Standards grey, purple veining; falls a dark purple-black; beards purple; slight fragrance. **HM 2024**



SIR LINES A LOT (Tyson 2022) TB, 33", M & RE. Standards red-purple with off white streaks, streaks bolder on inside; falls darker red-purple, off white and cream streaks, yellow hafts with red-purple veins; beards cream-white, yellow in throat; slight spicy fragrance.



BUTTERSCOTCH LATTE (Sutton 2022) TB, 35", M-L. Standards light yellow, slightly darker veining; falls yellow, butterscotch highlights, palest yellow ¼" band at edge; beards frosted yellow; ruffled; serrated; sweet fragrance.

2026 Iris Show Theme will be voted on at the February meeting or vote online – MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

Because we offer an ARTISTIC DESIGN section, we need a theme for our 2026 April Iris Show. Voting will take place at the February meeting or online. Votes will be tallied on March 1. Please choose your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices, marking them with a 1 (first), 2 (second), or 3 (third choice). Artistic Designs need to use the theme but the theme does not apply to any other parts of the iris show. Just a reminder, the theme for this year's 2025 show is: IRIS, THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS

Vote for 3

1,2 and 3	THEME	Description for Artistic Designs
	HEAVY DUTY IRIS	Heavy equipment, earthmovers, hard hats, construction, steel worker
	IRIS AT WORK	Job related theme, any profession
	IRIS COUNT	Use numbers and anything related to numbering
	IRIS ICON or FASHIONABLE IRIS (circle your choice)	Fashion theme (Iris Apfel) Clothes, jewelry, etc
	IRIS IN SPACE	Planets, stars, constellations, spaceships, aliens, etc
	IRIS MAKE ME SMILE	Teeth, faces, laughter, mouths, etc
	IRIS MATTER	Themes around atoms, neutrons, electrons, mass, density, etc. Includes anti-matter
	IRIS ON PARADE	Anything having to do with parades, marching bands, floats, etc
	IRIS ON THE MOVE	Transportation theme – any forms of transportation
	IRIS RULE	Measurement, rulers, other metrics
	IRIS, GAME ON!	Any board, or dice, or card games, or games of chance
	IRIS, POETRY IN BLOOM	Any poem or lines from any poem, or a poet
	IRIS, SCORE!	Sports theme – football, baseball, basketball, soccer, golf, etc
	IRIS, YOU MAKE ME SING	Any arrangement with a music theme, note, sheet music, song lyrics, instruments
	IRIS, WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD	Arrangement needs to focus on the colors yellow-gold; ideally with yellow iris.
	LIGHTS, CAMERA, IRIS	Movie theme – the making of a movie or any movie title, or actor
	LIONS, TIGERS, AND BEARS, OH MY! Or SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW (circle your choice)	Wizard of Oz theme, ruby shoes, yellow brick road, Munchkins, monkeys, wicked witch, etc
	OF SHOES-AND SHIPS-AND SEALING WAX, OF IRISES AND KINGS	Alice in Wonderland theme, or Through the Looking Glass – Cheshire Cat, Queen of Hearts, Mad Hatter, Alice, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, The Walrus and the Carpenter, etc
	SIRI, WHAT'S AN IRIS? (palindrome)	Word theme – crossword puzzles, homonyms, synonyms, palindromes, homophones, malapropisms, idioms, etc
	SWEET ON IRIS	Candy, gum, chocolate – any confection not a dessert
	THE DELICIOUS IRIS	Food is the theme – any specific or general food topic – Use a specific country's food, or a general food topic (meat, appetizers, just not dessert or candy)
	THE IRIS CORRIDOR	Use anything related to geography, maps, GPS, surveying tools, etc Also can relate to the iris corridor around the world
	THE LOFTY IRIS	Design with a “floating” iris
	THE SUCCULENT IRIS	Use a desert theme along with iris in the arrangement, could feature the drought resistant qualities of iris
	TICKLED PINK BY IRIS	Design must focus on pink, ideally with pink iris
	YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR IRIS	Dessert theme – any dessert -cakes, pies, ice cream, etc Not candy.
	ZOOM IN ON IRIS	Technology theme – computers, screens, cell phones, etc



Mt. Diablo Iris Society MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

The dues for membership in the Mt. Diablo Iris Society are twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) per year per individual or family residing at a single mailing address or thirty dollars (\$30.00) for three years. Dues are payable in December when the membership expires. If unpaid, Newsletters will continue until April 1 of the following year. Dues paid by new members after October 1 are credited as membership for the following calendar year. Dues are non-refundable.

Make checks payable to: **Mt. Diablo Iris Society.**

Date _____ Please print clearly

Name _____

Additional Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zipcode _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Please check the appropriate information:

Enclosed are my annual dues.....\$12.50

Enclosed are my triennial dues..... ..\$30.00

This is a membership renewal to MDIS

I am a member of AIS for the current year

Mail of Email this to:

Sergey Melnikov

27901 Farm Hill Dr

Hayward, CA 94542

MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

3. Incurved – tight and uniform
4. Decorative – long and flat rays
5. Intermediate incurved, globular loose form
6. Pompom – small sprays with multiple blooms on a stem
7. Single semi-double – looks like a daisy. Prominent center. Marguerita is one example.
8. Anemone – dome center with petal rays
9. Spoon – thin and tubular spoon rays
10. Quill-fireworks display-long tubular rays
11. Spider – long, tubular rays with curls or hooks at the end
12. Brush and thistle – tubular and up straight – brush
Tubular and flat – thistle
13. Unclassified, exotic – catchall category or mums which fit into two classes

It is illegal to bring in mums which have not met agricultural inspection due to white rot concerns. This is white fungus on the undersides of mum leaves.

Garden Mums are mounds of mums, reaching over two feet across. They tend to come from types 7-9.

Bonsai or Gnomes. Come from categories 7-9 and do not mound and are not really bonsai but can be trained to look that way.

Cascades are trained with chicken wire to cascade.

Mums are good for cutting for flower arrangements. They require full sun but some need to be shaded at bloom season to stop fading. Alyssum and marigolds are good companion plants to mums. The mum show is the end of October/first of November.

Announcements:

Be sure to put your volunteer hours next to your name on the sign-in sheet.

Sign up sheets for Artistic Design and English Boxes on back table

Return trophies on Friday, April 11 at Alden Lane – or Saturday, April 12 at Alden Lane

If you win a trophy, TAKE IT WITH YOU AFTER THE APRIL IRIS SHOW.

Pics on Stix will be handed out in February – and again in March if you can't make the February meeting

Constant Gardener Catalog is available online also on the back table. Please take the copy with you if you are interested in ordering iris from Elizabeth. If you want the online catalog email the MtDiabloIris gmail.

Old Business

I would like to recognize Sergey and all the work he did on the online sales. This was a lot of work and Sergey earned over \$600 for the club. Jan Blaedel

New Business

Donations for members and irisarians lost in 2024 – Who would you like included?

Shirley Trio Probst, Iris Seppala, and Larry Lauer. If members have other suggestions, email the club.

Share Table Constant Gardener catalog. Carl Meier took the paper Constant Gardener catalog. Other requests came from Purnima schrinavasen, Linda Woods, and Sergey Melnikov

At the next meeting, Sergey will have list of people who need to renew their memberships.

Nametags are up-to-date.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Blaedel, Secretary

Approved: 2025

Agenda

Shall we offer new members a brief IRIS SHOW explanation after the meeting? To be discussed at Board Meeting.

Do members have agenda items for the Board Meeting?

ARTISTIC DESIGN themes for 2026 and beyond.....To be voted on at the February meeting or online

The theme needs to be defined as part of the judging process is how the arrangement meets the theme.

IRIS, YOU MAKE ME SING

Any arrangement with a music theme, note, sheet music, song lyrics, instruments

IRIS, POETRY IN BLOOM

Any poem used or lines from any poem, or a poet

LIONS, TIGERS, AND BEARS, OH MY!

Wizard of Oz theme, ruby shoes, yellow brick road, Munchkins, monkeys, wicked witch, etc

IRIS ON THE MOVE

Transportation theme – any forms of transportation

SIRI, WHAT’S AN IRIS? (palindrome)

Technology theme – computers, screens, cell phones, etc

IRIS, GAME ON!

Any board or card games or games of chance

IRIS, SCORE!

Sports theme – football, baseball, basketball, soccer, golf etc, etc, etc

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Use anything related to geography, maps, GPS, surveying tools, etc



MDIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Mt. Diablo Iris Society was held at Capital One Café, Walnut Creek, CA on Saturday, January 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Bennett at 10 AM.

Attendees included: Kathy Oldham

Jeff Bennett

Mary Sindicic

Sergey Melnikov

Carl Meier

Linda Woods

Jan Blaedel

Quorum (4) met

The minutes of the February 4, 2024, meeting were approved by the members in March, 2024 and by the current board today, January 18, 2025.

Tabled items:

- Thank You Video to speakers, withdrawn by Jan Blaedel. Secretary will email thank you notes to each presenter.
- Sergey Melnikov, treasurer, pays speakers at the meeting at which they present. (Sergey will send a check or use PayPal to pay speakers who present remotely in the future.)
- A list of rosettes, certificates, medals, and trophies for all MDIS Iris Shows and how they are awarded was presented in writing. A copy is attached.
- ERF issues have been addressed by Ken Walker. The Electronic Registration Form will be revised by Ken for the April Show. Ken is also working on an explanation of an iris show.
- Anyone needing transportation to meetings should email MtDiabloIris. This notice will be in each Newsletter.

New items:

The board agreed that iris catalogs (PDF) will not be included in our newsletter, nor will advertisements from other clubs. Mention will be made at monthly meetings if such information is available.

Sergey Melnikov moved and Jan Blaedel seconded a motion to try an exploratory ZOOM speaker/meeting in February with a 40 minute limit so that there is no charge. Passed unanimously. Sergey and Jan will present the costs, set-up, and archiving of ZOOM meetings to the board in July to be voted on for future meetings.

Jan Blaedel moved and Kathy Oldham seconded that Sergey Melnikov and Jan Blaedel pursue the costs of designing and procuring an MDIS website. Passed unanimously.

The Board approved holding two board meetings a year: the third Saturday in January at 10 AM
and the second Sunday in July at 1 PM.

After some discussion, Kathy Oldham read the board the by-laws of MDIS and reaffirmed that members have until April 1st after their December deadline to renew their MDIS membership. The secretary will send notices to members whose membership has expired reminding them to pay their dues or they will stop receiving Newsletters, starting with the April Newsletter following their lapsed membership. People who join after August 31st will get membership for the rest of that year and a complete new year. Membership dues are non-refundable and will be

so stated on the membership form. The secretary will add this to new membership forms. (Additional motion polled online: Jan Blaedel moved, and Sergey Melnikov seconded: "Memberships are renewable in December. Members have until April 1 to receive newsletters and pay their dues. I move that they are not eligible to receive Door Prize iris until their dues are paid. Members must be physically present at meetings to choose Door Prize iris." Motion passed.) [Kathy Oldham suggested membership cards with active membership dates. These can be used at some stores, such as Ace Hardware. Also reminds members of their membership due dates.]

Jan Blaedel reported that Ruth Bancroft Garden has not responded regarding the iris tours at Ruth's Iris Garden. Kathy Hidalgo (Ruth's daughter) responded that Loreto had been sick and we agreed to put everything on hold. New members will receive a Welcome letter, an AIS planting booklet, and a rhizome. The Vice-President will oversee this. Kathy Oldham will contact AIS regarding the availability of the new iris booklets. Jan Blaedel submitted a sample Welcome letter. Revisions have been received.

Kathy Oldham will send the secretary an electronic copy of the by-laws. Mary Sindicic will scan the job descriptions of the officers and send it to the secretary. Kathy and Mary will look for a copy of the matrix of annual tasks assigned to officers (created by Joe Balch 2004) and send that to the secretary. Ultimately, these items will all be placed on the MDIS website. For now, the secretary will send electronic copies to the board members and job descriptions to those currently holding those positions.

The secretary will send job descriptions to each of the officers and ask them to update the description. New jobs will be defined by the current office holders. Carl Meier will update the Director job description. These will be sent to the secretary and presented at the July board meeting.

Jeff Bennett has accepted the new task of being responsible for sales for all MDIS events. Currently this includes the April Iris Show and the Benicia Peddler's Fair. Sergey Melnikov will head online iris sales.

Jeff Bennett will provide Sergey Melnikov with a bill for the iris dug at Region 14. It will include the amount (\$300) and to whom to send it. This is from the March 2024 dig for iris for Door Prizes and for Peddler's Fair.

Kathy Oldham has contacted Region 14 to find from what categories we may choose to send our memorial money to Region 14 for 2024. We are sending \$200 for Iris Seppala, Larry Lauer, and Shirley Trio Probst and Sergey will be instructed how to earmark that once we receive the information.

Treasurer Sergey Melnikov will be responsible for logging into Square each month and will then push the info to individual devices at events as we need them.

Thank you, Riley Probst, for the donated tablet to use with SQUARE at our sales. Sergey Melnikov has the tablet and will set it up to use at Alden Lane for the April Show. Sergey will pursue internet access for the tablet.

Jan Blaedel moved, and Mary Sindicic seconded that Keeper Medals will be provided to Best of Show recipients and Silver and Bronze medals will be engraved for both the April Iris Show and the Virtual Show. Kathy Oldham reminded members that the Trophy engraving budget was increased to \$350 at the last board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Sindicic moved, and Jan Blaedel seconded that we do not do Niles Canyon Antique Fair August 2025. Instead, we will put our energy toward increasing our online sales. Passed unanimously.

Online sale prices should be the same for rhizomes as charged at the Peddler's Fair. We will sell ONLY rhizomes online. Sergey Melnikov is currently responsible for this and will write a job description to be presented at the July board meeting. Unsold rhizomes will be collected after the Peddler's Fair and these will be offered for sale online. Unlike Peddler's Fair, online customers want iris by color, not so much name. We need to devise a system for recording iris names and colors on paper bags which can be used at the end of the Peddler's Fair sale to put the rhizomes into for Sergey to take home.

Jan and Sergey will work on this for August.

Sergey Melnikov gave the Treasurer's Report that we currently have \$11,300. However, there are some outstanding expenses. Members have been given until March 1 to submit expenses from 2024. In the future, expenses should be submitted within a month following the event.

Kathy Oldham moved that a one-time donation of \$500 be made to Riley Probst for the memorial bench at Dry Creek Garden in honor of Shirley Trio Probst. Linda Woods seconded the motion. Ayes-5, Nays-1, Abstentions-1 Motion passed.

Announcements: Jeff Bennett will do an Aril Training on April 19 at Dry Creek Garden

Jeff Bennett is training docents from Coyote Hills to work at Dry Creek Garden during bloom season.

The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of MDIS must be members of AIS. These positions are reimbursed for their membership, if they so choose. Currently, none choose.

Job Descriptions:

President - AIS member

Vice President – AIS member

Secretary – AIS member

Treasurer – AIS member

Director

Show Chair

Registration, ERF, Final Report
Placement

Head Clerk

Trophies

Food

Hospitality – programs and People's Choice tickets

Sales Room

Virtual Show Chair

Newsletter Editor

Auction Coordinator

Door Prize Coordinator

Photo Librarian

Peddler's Fair Coordinator

Online Sales Coordinator

ZOOM Coordinator – potential

Website Coordinator – potential

Mary Sindicic moved that the meeting be adjourned and Jan Blaedel seconded the motion. Pass unanimously. Jeff Bennett adjourned the meeting at 12:17 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jan Blaedel, Secretary

Date Approved

Submitted for February 2025 Newsletter

To be approved by board 7/2025

Agenda items for July Board meeting

1. ZOOM report and decision for future use by AIS
2. WEBSITE report – shall MDIS design a website?
3. What (if any) parts of our by-laws need to be addressed if we offer remote speaker and member attendance as a result of ZOOM. E.G. - \$50 speaker fee will remain. Door Prize iris will be drawn by in person attendees - (Suggestion not to film Door Prize iris drawings on zoom - a waste of time)

DUTIES of REGION 14 BULLETIN EDITOR

Our bylaws set out the duties of the Bulletin editor as follows:

(F) The duties of the Bulletin Editor shall be to: (1) edit the Regional Bulletin under the direction of the RVP and under such policy as determined by the Executive Board; (2) chair the Publications Committee; and (3) report to the Budget Committee in advance of the annual Region 14 budget meeting a proposed annual budget for the Regional Bulletin.

Region 14 bylaws further expand the duties of the Bulletin editor as follows:

C. REGION 14 BULLETIN:

1. (7). The bulletin will be numbered according to the calendar year, rather than by season.
 - a. The bulletin will be published twice yearly on February 1 and August 1.
2. (8.) Regional meeting minutes shall be printed in the Regional publication (Bulletin) issue following each Regional business meeting.
3. (10.) A summary of the annual financial statement shall be printed in the first publication (Bulletin) issue following the annual budget meeting.
4. The Region 14 Bulletin is to be posted on the public space of the Region 14 Web site.
6. The bulletin and the website will have a rate schedule for garden-related display advertising, based on 20% of the AIS rate schedule, to be effective June 1, 2015.
7. Allocate \$600 per issue to be used to reimburse the editor and staff of the bulletin for printing the Region 14 bulletin at the rate of \$8.00 per copy in color for members who lack computer access and advertise in AIS bulletin to reach AIS members who are not affiliated with Region 14.

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY AND REGION 14. VISIT THE REGION WEBSITE: WWW.AISREGION14.ORG

Dues are \$12.50 annual or \$30.00 tri-annual, Please send payment to club treasurer.

American Iris Society dues – \$30 print only, \$45 print and Emembership. Dual and multiple year pricing available. Visit: <https://www.irises.org/ais-memberships-emember/>

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