

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY NEWS

July 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 AUCTION** ◀◀
▶▶ **Sunday, July 13th, 1-4 pm** ◀◀

▶▶ **LOCATION – San Ramon Venue** ◀◀
▶▶ **San Ramon Community Center** ◀◀
12501 Alcosta Blvd, Rm 201
San Ramon, CA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Greetings MDIS Members,

I hope all is well with all of you. I attended the 2025 American Iris Society Convention in Billings, Montana from June 3rd to June 7th. This was a convention to remember. Six gardens to visit, multiple meetings teaching us about different aspects of growing irises, hybridizing, types of irises and diseases. Much information is gleaned from these conference presentations. There are also hundreds of iris related items to bid on or buy in the silent auctions or at the national society booths. Iris seeds, potted iris, iris framed pictures etc. were all for sale. The original cutoff of 400 attendees was not enough to accommodate all that wanted to attend. A waitlist was created and due to getting enough for another bus, they added another 50 reservations. For years before the convention, much attention and advertising were given by the Big Sky Convention committee. They

created a lot of interest to visit their special part of the country where they have brutally cold winters and challenging conditions to garden in. We were not disappointed! All SIX gardens had wonderful bloom, which is a feat all their own. The weather was perfect too. Nine buses visited two gardens each day and were provided a lunch at one of the gardens. All the lunches were delicious as well, especially the margaritas at Eagle Ridge Gardens. With 450 people there you get to meet people you may only know from an iris Facebook page or as members of a national society. I had many people come up and introduce themselves to me because we have chatted on Facebook. There were also many hybridizers at the convention. I would say at least 15 to 20 of them. Every time I go, I meet new ones or get to know others a little bit better. They are people just like us and are happy to talk irises. There were a few MDIS members there too. Riley Probst, Carl and Barbara Meier, Marilyn Kaplan and myself, plus many from our Region 14. Both Riley and I gave presentations at the

Convention. Riley gave a talk on Rebloomers for the Reblooming Iris Society and I gave a talk on Arilbred growing and hybridizing efforts I have embarked on. I have also written an article for the next AIS Bulletin coming out very soon about my visit to Tina And Daughters Iris Gardens at the convention.

Now here back at home, it's time to roll up our sleeves. Our annual auction and door prize distribution is right around the corner on July 13th. If you have won any door prize irises since September last year, now is the time to pick them up or arrange for someone to get them for you. They will not be held indefinitely for you to pick up. Come with cash, check or credit card and bid on those irises you didn't win during the year that may have extras available or buy from the side table irises that are donated by MDIS members.

If you have large clumps of irises you need to thin down, consider donating some to our side table on July 13th or wait a little longer and donate them for our fundraiser at the Benicia Peddler's Fair on August 9th. Make sure the iris leaves are trimmed to 6" to 8" and name written up the center leaf and dirt has been washed off the roots and roots trimmed. Donating 5 to 8 rhizomes is helpful, 20 is not. If you do have a lot of one variety, like 10 extras, they can be used for our grab bags next month. Just clean and label them the same way next month, not now. Our summer fundraisers are what keep the club going all year and pays for our room rental and door prizes and our Spring Show.

A big THANK YOU to Kathy Oldham for running the meeting last month so I could enjoy the convention.

I thank you all for your help and participation and I look forward to seeing you again on July 13th!

Sincerely,
Your MTB President,
Jeff Bennett

July Auction

LOCATION – San Ramon Venue

We will be holding our July 13th meeting from 1-4pm at San Ramon Community Center 12501 Alcosta Blvd in San Ramon. (This is the location near the Bollinger Canyon exit.)

Social Lunch Prior To Meeting

There is no planned social lunch prior to the meeting as many people are setting up for the auction!

MEETING

This meeting will be our Annual Bearded Iris Auction. Note that the auction lasts until 4pm, rather than our usual meeting end time. Auction 1-4pm. Setup 12:30. Leave by 4:30.

AUCTION

A separate email was sent with pictures of iris which MAY be auctioned at our July 13, 2025 auction promptly at 1 PM at the San Ramon Community Center. Bidding will start at \$5 per rhizome. Iris pictures will be projected on the wall during bidding. **Please print the BIDDING sheet for your own use** so that you can keep track of your purchases and the amount you owe MDIS at the end. Sergey will accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT UNTIL THE DIGGING IS COMPLETE, WE WILL NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHICH IRIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AUCTION ON JULY 13TH.

If you are unable to attend the auction in person but would like some of the iris, Jan Blaedel will bid for you. Complete the **BIDDING SHEET** for those **NOT ATTENDING** with the highest bid you are willing to enter for any iris that interest you. Email your bidding sheet to mtdiabloiris@gmail.com. After the auction, Jan will notify you of your winning iris and you will send Sergey Melnikov your payment which will include postage if you live outside the area. You can email Sergey to

make arrangements for whatever method of payment works for you both. Sergey's email: barmalei2009@gmail.com

Door Prize Iris you won throughout the season will be bagged and ready to pick up at the auction. Pick up your bag **BEFORE** the auction to see what you won. If a variety you won is unavailable, a substitution has been included.

We look forward to a large turnout on July 13th. In addition to the auction, there will be a "Side Table" with iris offerings. Keep tabs of your "Side Table" purchases on your **BIDDING SHEET**.

Bring a pen to tally your purchases during the auction, plus cash, check, or charge card to pay for your purchases. Also, if you have a working printer (I'm always pleading with mine) print out the Bidding Sheet included in this newsletter.

For those of you who are newer members – a bit about the "Side Table". Members can bring in (donating to the club) rhizomes or potted iris that others can purchase. There is a beginning price before the auction, a lower price at the break, and an even lower price at the end. Feel free to bring something for the side table. Additionally, please contact us if you have any questions about the Auction and/or the Benicia Peddler's Fair Sale.

When you sign in for the meeting, be sure to include your number of iris volunteer hours for the past month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

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| July 13 | Bearded Auction, San Ramon Community Center |
| Aug 9 | Benicia Peddler's Fair |
| Sept 14 | MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill |
| Oct 12 | MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill |

Nov 9 MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill

Dec No meeting.

2025 Virtual Iris Show Deadline August 31, 2025

The deadline for entries is August 31, 2025. This means you still have time to arrange your four pictures into one file and record them on your unique Registration Form. We are looking forward to our best year ever. If you have any questions, email Jan and Mary at MtDiabloIris@gmail.com This is the same address where you submit your entries.

BOTANICAL WORD of the MONTH

HALOPHYTE

(Please pass the _____ and pepper)

National Convention Photos Shared By Jeff



Muriels's Iris Garden



Jeff with Paul Black



Poppies at Cindy St. Charles Garden



Dan Walt Gardens



GOTHAM



Tina and Daughters Iris Garden



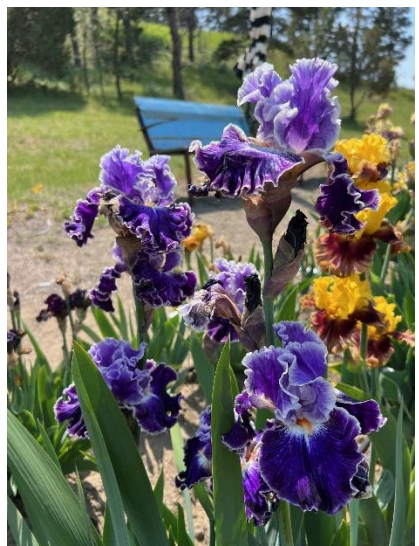
Tina and Daughters Iris Garden



Eagle Ridge Iris Garden



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GONE VIRAL



GAY ROMANCE



Iris Display at Montana Zoo

NOTE: The photo pages of the iris that will possibly be in the auction are being sent in a separate email.

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AUCTION BIDDING SHEET

| Cultivars for 2025 MDIS Auction – DIG will determine availability (and numbers) See FOUR COLUMN PICTURE SHEET | First check your Door Prize iris! Your winners | Number of Rhizomes | Successful bid \$ X Number of Rhizomes total | Tallies for total \$ |
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| TUCUMCARI (Keppel 2023) TB, 38". EM. | | | | |
| UKULELE GIRL (Cadd 2025) TB, 43", EM, (RE). may rebloom, but it is not a consistent RE. | | | | |
| UNDER PRESSURE (Johnson 2023) TB, 36", M. | | | | |
| UNIMAGINEABLE (Black 2023) TB, 35", E-M. | | | | |
| UPSCALE (Keppel 2024) TB, 40", M. | | | | |
| VAGUELY NOBLE (Filardi 2022) TB, 35", M. | | | | |
| VENETIAN GOLD (Filardi 2022) TB, 32", EM. | | | | |
| VIKES (Schreiner 2022) TB, 38", M. | | | | |
| VISION OF LOVELY (Aitken 2023) BB, 24", M. | | | | |
| VIVID SUNSET (Johnson 2023) TB, 38", E-M. | | | | |
| WATCHING YOU (Johnson 2024) TB, EM, 36". | | | | |
| WE ARE MAGIC (Johnson 2024) TB, 37", EM. | | | | |
| WILD ABOUT YOU (Black 2024) TB, 33", M. | | | | |
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| Subtotals | | | | |
| Grand Total – PAY SERGEY | | | | |

If you purchased rhizomes from our Bluebird Haven lot, be sure to pay Sergey. Those iris are available for pickup at the auction. See Jan if you can't find them.

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| TODAY'S SPECIAL RAINBOW MOCHA (Kanarowski 2023) TB, 35", M. | | | | |
| TUCUMCARI (Keppel 2023) TB, 38". EM. | | | | |
| UKULELE GIRL (Cadd 2025) TB, 43", EM, (RE). may rebloom, but it is not a consistent RE. | | | | |
| UNDER PRESSURE (Johnson 2023) TB, 36", M. | | | | |
| UNIMAGINEABLE (Black 2023) TB, 35", E-M. | | | | |
| UPSCALE (Keppel 2024) TB, 40", M. | | | | |
| VAGUELY NOBLE (Filardi 2022) TB, 35", M. | | | | |
| VENETIAN GOLD (Filardi 2022) TB, 32", EM. | | | | |
| VIKES (Schreiner 2022) TB, 38", M. | | | | |
| VISION OF LOVELY (Aitken 2023) BB, 24", M. | | | | |
| VIVID SUNSET (Johnson 2023) TB, 38", E-M. | | | | |
| WATCHING YOU (Johnson 2024) TB, EM, 36". | | | | |
| WE ARE MAGIC (Johnson 2024) TB, 37", EM. | | | | |
| WILD ABOUT YOU (Black 2024) TB, 33", M. | | | | |
| WINTERCREST (Keppel 2024) TB, 35", M. | | | | |
| YOU MAKE ME BLUSH (Sutton 2022) TB, 35"ML | | | | |
| Side Table purchases | | | | |
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Mt. Diablo Iris Society Monthly Meeting Minutes *June 8, 2025*

Attendees included: Jan Blaedel,, Sergey Melnikov, Stan and Pat Morgan, Fred Newlan, Kathy Oldham, Mary Sindicic, Corinna Wise, Linda Woods

30 members, 25 memberships, 23 attendees in past year making the quorum 12

Quorum (12) ? NO

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society monthly meeting was called to order by vice president, Kathy Oldham at 1 PM at the San Ramon Community Center.

The minutes of the March, 2025 meeting were approved by Linda Woods and seconded by Fred Newlin. Passed.

The minutes of the *April 11, 2025 meeting* were approved/revise. Motion was made by Linda Woods and seconded by Fred Newlin . Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Tabled motion on the floor to break Section P, Historics into P1 – old form and P2 – new form. Tabled because of lack of quorum. Mood of those present seem to be: No reason to change what we currently do AND if we do, we should divide by date of introduction.

No new business

Door Prize iris drawing using Number Picker - <https://pickerwheel.com/tools/random-number-generator/>

AIR KISSES (Ford 2023) TB Linda Woods

BOUNTIFUL BLOOM (Black 2024) TB Jan Blaedel

BY YOUR SIDE (Sutton 2023) TB Kathy Oldham

COLOR ME FANCY (Markham 2024) TB, Mary Sindicic

DART MISSION (Tasco 2023), AB Pat Morgan

DOT MATRIX (Dash 2024) TB Sergey Melnikov

ENCHANTED RING (Filardi 2022) IB, Fred Newlan

JIMMY'S JAM (Schreiner 2024) TB Sergey Melnikov

NEW MEXICO SKY (Dash 2022) TB, Mary Sindicic

SPICED UP (Sutton 2022) TB Corinne Wise

STYLE AND SUBSTANCE (Sutton 2022) TB, Fred Newlan

SUNSHINE STATE (Schreiner 2022) TB, Jan Blaedel

THIS IS CRAZY (Johnson 2023) TB, Stan Morgan

WINTERCREST (Keppel 2024) TB Linda Woods

YOU MAKE ME BLUSH (Sutton 2022) TB Kathy Oldham

Reports: Shirley Trio-Probst Celebration of Life Two videos thanks to Sergey – Mary Sindicic gave a brief description of the celebration, including the heat. Jeff did a very nice write-up in the newsletter and there is a link to the videos that Sergey produced. <https://youtu.be/1Z4XTIT8K18> <https://youtu.be/JQxfScSm8Yk>

Ask Riley to bring pictures and Guest Book to the next MDIS meeting in July

At the auction, older iris and potted iris will be sold from the tables – not auctioned

Treasurer's Report – April Iris Show Basically, the club broke even on the April Show after paying for the room and lunch and publicity and programs and trophies.

Online Sales Report – Sergey Melnikov

Collected so far, \$100

Send Sergey potential rhizomes for sale – name and number – Sergey will post online and mail in July

Sergey returned the historic rhizomes from Mary Hess. Mary Sindicic will plant them for the April Show. There are 50 more rhizomes coming from Mary Hess. Jan will let people know what is available and bring them for sale to the July auction for the sales table. They will be available to club members for \$5 each.

Special AIS membership opportunity – if you are new or your membership has lapsed. \$10

Ruth Bancroft Iris Garden tours – 200 participants, \$825 earned from selling potted iris and

Pictures and fertilizer. Bigger plans possible for next year. All day event – coordinate with Jeff to have Dry Creek open – Thursday and Friday?

Thank you to Mary Sindicic, Gayla Peek, Rae Albertson, Stan Morgan, Marilyn Kaplan, Kathy Oldham, Linda Woods and Jan Blaedel for volunteering as tour guides.

- Dry Creek open Thursday through Sunday End of April to Second week of May. Twelve days. Would MDIS be willing to send a couple of members for one day a week to answer iris questions and hand out information flyers and MDIS membership information? We could work up a program with educational posters about iris and growing iris.
- Fertilizer gallons for sale: \$8.50 each Pay the treasurer, Sergey Melnikov There will be fertilizer available at the July auction.
- VIRTUAL IRIS SHOW – We have already received 250 entries. Most people have been able to reconfigure their four pictures into one JPG file.

Meeting adjourned at 2 PM

Break and then Awards Assembly

Winning Photos – Winners received a potted iris.

Multiple Blooms winner – Masha Bondarenko

Single Bloom winner – Jan Blaedel



YouTube video <https://youtu.be/KJU4noYktu0>

Items for Board agenda:

MDIS make calendars for sale online, at shows, and at Peddlers Fair. Find costs and present to Board.

How do we want the treasurer to report iris sales –

\$1 per pot or breakdown by cost of rhizome, soil, etc.

Cost per rhizome and cost per potted iris and then determine costs vs profit

Sales at RBG of iris show potted iris – recorded separately or as part of Spring Show

Online sales – costs vs profit –

Shall secretary send membership reminders to 2025 membership renewals – in October so they can pay at November meeting.

Prize winners who are NOT MDIS members receive a year membership? What do you think?

AIS insurance – who applies and what happens when we receive the email with the insurance attached?

Door Prize iris votes – one at Board meeting and one at regular meeting. Resolve this issue.

Determine Quorum – currently set at 12. Do you want to lower it?

When Board votes ONLINE, secretary needs to record that vote in the Board minutes.

Parliamentarian

Recording Secretary – answers emails, writes thank you notes, responds to email inquiries

Nominating Committee

ITEMS FOR THE AUGUST 2 MDIS BOARD MEETING SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO
MTDIABLOIRIS@GMAIL.COM

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

Share Table – Kathy Oldham and Linda Woods each brought plants to share and Kathy brought books and magazines. A real treasure trove.

An important learning experience during the Awards Assembly. Jan Blaedel mistakenly listed the Californicae award winner as a PCN – Pacific Coast Native. Only Pacific Coast species are PCN iris. The hybrids are PCI – Pacific Coast Iris. Correctly, both PCI and PCN are Californicae. Thank you, Stan. What would we do without you? This was a really important learning opportunity. As a result, Jan corrected the video.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Blaedel, Secretary

Approved: 2025

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