

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 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, September 14th, 1-3 pm** ◀◀
▶▶ **Pleasant Hill Senior Center** ◀◀
233 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings MDIS members,

Welcome everyone to the end of Summer. Now that the flurry of auctions and sales and iris packages arriving in the mail are behind us, we can slow up a bit to anticipate the new irises possibly blooming next Spring. I would like to thank everyone that came and helped at the Benicia Peddlers Fair in August. We all worked so well together for a common goal. To introduce irises to anyone that was interested. We had record fund raising efforts! All thanks also to those that donated rhizomes and grab bags to the effort. Without pictures, we would not be able to sell as many. Let's thank Nancy Pahl for her up to the wire provision of photos. All in all it was an extremely successful event again.

The fundraising did not stop with the end of the Peddlers Fair. Sergey Melnikov took the left over rhizomes and offered them up

online. We hope to get an update on his efforts at our September meeting. Can't wait to hear.

Moving on, at our September meeting I will present what it was like to be at the 2025 American Iris Society Convention in Billings, Montana. Lots of beautiful irises are to be seen in the presentation.

One final event coming up on October 3-4 is the Region 14 Fall Regional. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the registration form to send in to attend. The main speaker will be Kevin Vaughn from Salem, Oregon. He will be speaking on his iris breeding program. He hybridizes lots of other plants too, so maybe you can get some tips from him on how to hybridize anything with pollen.

I am also looking for two people to assist Carl Meier on the nominating committee. October is the month we determine the next leadership. Up for nomination are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider taking on a leadership role in

the club. If you have any questions about a certain role, ask us. All these terms are for two years.

Sincerely, Your MTB President,
Jeff Bennett

September Meeting

We will be holding our Sept 14th meeting from 1-3pm at Pleasanton Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill, CA

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:

URBAN PLATES, 60 Crescent Dr
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

MEETING

Jeff attended the AIS National Convention in Montana. He will share his experiences at the event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

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| Sept 14 | MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill
What you missed in Montana! |
| Oct 12 | MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill |
| Nov 9 | MDIS Meeting, Pleasant Hill |
| Dec | No meeting. |

Upcoming AIS Events

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| Oct 3-4 | Region 14 Fall Regional
Los Altos, CA |
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<https://aisregion14.org/events/fall-regional/>



Benicia rhizome fundraiser
(Kathy working in background)



Corinna at work on rhizome display.



The Benicia Crew: Jeff, Linda, Riley, Corinna, Sergey, Marilyn, & Carl. Additional crew, including Jan, Kathy, Eileen, Joelle, and Stan & Pat are not in photo. I hope I didn't miss anyone!

AIS Photo Contest Winners Announced...



"If you've got, flaunt it"...Jan Hinrichs Blaedel
Honorable Mention – Category 5- Macro –
Parts of a flower

Congratulations, Jan! I (Linda) think it should have won 1st place, especially with the clever caption.

MDIS Membership Card

Hold on to your MDIS Membership Card!

Some nurseries, garden stores, and hardware stores offer a discount to members of a flower society. Your MDIS Membership Card is your proof of membership. Keep it in your wallet. Keep a picture of it on your SmartPhone. It is worth asking the stores you are frequenting if they offer a discount.

And while we are on the subject of membership, check your membership card to see if your membership expires in December, 2025. The secretary will email you a reminder if your membership is up for renewal. Be sure to notify Sergey if any of your membership information has changed. Membership is \$12.50 a year or \$30 for three years.

Pay Sergey Melnikov, treasurer
Pay at a meeting or ZELLE Sergey the money
or send a check to: Sergey Melnikov
27901 Farm Hill Drive
Hayward, CA 94542

AIS 2025 Awards Announced

It's time to browse the list of winners! Which iris do you have? Which ones do you want?
wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoGardenAwards2025

AND some of our club members have winning iris: **Riley Probst** and our new "remote" member, **Elizabeth Rieniets**. Congrats! Jan put together the information directly related to our club. See the article near the end of the newsletter.

MDIS Iris Shows

Judging is well underway for the MDIS 6th Annual Virtual Iris Show. We had 20 exhibitors; seven exhibitors from MDIS including four new members, and 526 total entries. There are currently five judges from four states scoring the entries.

One of the judges posed a thought-provoking question to us.
WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL IRIS SHOW?
What are your answers?
WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL VIRTUAL IRIS SHOW? Number of entries, number of exhibitors, quality of the pictures, quality of the iris, number of sections with exhibits, ???
What are your answers? Email them to us at MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

Lastly, shall we continue the Virtual Iris Show in the future? Pros and Cons

- It does not make any money.
- Other than reimbursing judges, it does not cost us anything.
- We get a lot of goodwill with AIS and irisarians around the country and positive responses from the exhibitors. Many of these folks have been exhibiting since the 1st Annual Virtual Show. Some cannot get to their own club's iris show; some do not have a local iris show; and some like taking pictures and not having to cut their iris and stress over grooming.
- It takes a lot of time and computer proficiency

- Currently, jobs are not easily divided for many hands to participate. We need to work on this for the future. I believe new, younger members will be better able to take over these tasks.

-Jan

BULK FERTILIZER by the gallon for MDIS club members

No surprise, but the cost of fertilizer has gone up again. I will continue selling gallon jugs of fertilizer for \$8.50/gallon until the end of the year. Starting in January, the price will become \$10/gallon. I continually look for sales on the 6-20-10 fertilizer but our dealer warned me to expect the prices to continue to rise. And so goes life. Respond to this email if you would like to order fertilizer now.

MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

- Jan

Iris Virus Some of the Behavioral Symptoms



Jan hauling boxes of rhizomes for on-line fundraising.



Sergey mailing boxes of rhizomes



Linda's Living Room during Auction Inventory

2025 Virtual Iris Show Welcome Back, Corinna Wise

It has been my pleasure to get to know Corinna this summer, primarily picking up the 873 rhizomes she donated to the auction, Benicia Peddler's Fair, and the online sales. And they were monstrous rhizomes. Corinna brings exuberance to our club and is looking forward to learning more about iris, particularly varieties like Space-agers and Arils, just some of the many varieties that interest her. Her favorite iris are dramatic! She loves colors, mixed colors. She entered the Virtual Iris Show and is looking forward to entering our bench show at Alden Lane in April. (With that in mind, Mary Sindicic came up with the idea to offer an in-person training in early March at her home in Livermore for our new members who have never entered a bench show. Mary will show you how to prepare your iris in the

garden and then how to groom them before the show. Watch the January and February Newsletters for the date and time of this special tutorial.)

Back to Corinna.

Corinna was a member back in 2004 when she and Linda Woods were Girl Scout leaders. Corinna grew up in Fremont, always an avid gardener, thanks to her grandmother's encouragement. Grandma was a flower lover, roses in particular, and passed on this love to Corinna. And Corinna's enthusiasm for iris has never waned. She visits Schreiner's in person, regularly, and must be one of their best customers! She even worked in landscaping and kept the roses for the main library for the City of Livermore.

Corinna is crafty and is an accomplished seamstress. She enjoys looking at her iris in the garden rather than cutting them for arrangements. Her gardens bring her peace. She is an avid photographer and we're hoping she'll enter even more pictures in our Virtual Show next year.

Corinna lives in the city of Livermore, and her plot of land is chuck full of 200 varieties of iris AND other flowers, with her gardens beautifully manicured. It is Hummingbird Haven. Corinna's garden is well guarded by her two Fluffy Corgis, Daisy and Sofie (or Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor if you prefer). Neighbors stop regularly to admire her garden and cannot believe how packed her yard is with beautiful blooms. Corinna is lucky to have a husband who adds his skills to her garden with irrigation systems and huge planter boxes. Her new planting scheme puts together iris by color – should look like a rainbow this spring! How about a May Garden Tour at Corinna's?

If you haven't already, be sure to meet Corinna at the September meeting. We are lucky to have her rejoin our group.

- Jan



Corinna in her backyard

Recording Secretary New Club Position

At our board meeting, Jan suggested there be a new position of Recording Secretary to manage the MtDiabloIris email account. This is not an officer. The job would be to respond to emails or direct emails to appropriate person. For a more detailed description of the proposed position, look near the end of the newsletter.

Please consider donating your time to helping the club by volunteering for this position!

BOTANICAL WORD of the MONTH

STOLON

Door Prize Selection at Meetings

The drawing for door prize iris will be at the **beginning** of the meeting this month. As a club, we need to readdress whether to do the door prize drawing at the beginning or end of meeting. (See Board Meeting Minutes at end of newsletter for pro/con reasoning.)

The Board voted the decision would be made by the Door Prize Coordinator who is currently me, Linda. I plan to designate the Door Prize drawing will occur at the end of the meeting. I am open to input prior to the October meeting. Let me know if you have comments.

- Linda

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MDIS Door Prizes – SEPT 2025

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



MIDNIGHT DREAMER (Tasco 2025) **BB**, 25", Standards creamy white, gilt edge; falls black, white ray pattern beneath beard; beards orange throat, orange middle, yellow end; absent fragrance.



GALA GLOW (Keppel 2023) **TB**, 35", **M**. Standards apricot buff; falls leghorn slightly deeper texture veining, small slightly paler area below beard; beards solid tile red.



ANNIE'S COCONUT CREAM PIE (Kananowski 2024) **TB**, 36", **E**. Standards pristine white, touch of cream at base of midrib; falls pale yellow-cream, lighter at beard, darker edge, quarter-inch white rim, peach-beige veining at beard; beards red-tangerine, brilliant and large; pronounced sweet fragrance.



HAPPY CAT (Dash 2025) **TB**, 36", **EM**. Standards khaki; falls brown fading to tan, medium orchid flush around beard, tan rim; beards burnt orange.



CASUAL COMFORT (Sutton 2023) **TB**, 32", **M-L**. Standards white; falls grey pink, lavender pink veining; ruffled; beards lavender base, white tips; pronounced sweet fragrance.



STEPPING IN (Schreiner 2025) **TB**, 37", **M-L**. Standards purple; falls white, with purple edge; beards purple base, yellow tips; slight spicy fragrance.



OVERWHELMED BY YOU (Sutton 2024) TB, 35", M-L. Standards palest lavender, flushed rose pink at base and midrib; falls rose purple, greyed orange edge at top half of petal, slight white markings in throat; beards jasper red; absent fragrance.



SUTTON'S JOY (Sutton 2024) TB, 33", EML. Standards brilliant yellow slight white marking near edge; falls brilliant yellow, bleeding into 1/2" moderate red rim at edge, white area around beard; beards brilliant yellow; sweet fragrance.



PISTOLS AT DAWN (Miller 2025) TB, 30", M. Standards golden yellow; falls red-black, gold veined shoulders; beards gold, red-black based horn, gold hairs appendages; slight purple based foliage; slight musky fragrance.



HEARD A RUMOR (Johnson 2025) TB, 36", EM. Standards buff, with gold veins, deep pink centers; falls deep orange; beards orange; slight sweet fragrance.



TIN CUP CHALICE (Schreiner 2024) TB, 35", L. Standards mulberry; falls mulberry; beards dusky orange throat, orange middle, purple end; slight fragrance.



STARE INTO MY EYES (Black 2025) AB, 23", L. Standards light yellow center, blended to wide white band shot with light yellow veins; falls big dark tyrian purple spot irregularly blended into wide light amethyst band, cream hafts with dark brown lines and sanding; beards mid marigold; slight sweet fragrance.

Proposed Job Description Recording Secretary Mt. Diablo Iris Society

1. Read MtDiabloIris@gmail.com every day
 - a. Forward emails to responsible person (i.e. President, online sales person, Virtual Show chair, Newsletter Editor)
 - b. Respond to emails which are membership or club related (i.e. Dates of shows, authenticity of online sales person, request for membership information,)
2. Write thank you notes and condolences as appropriate or as assigned.
3. Help with online sales as requested
4. Help secretary with creation and uploading of videos for YouTube
5. Maintain the MDIS YouTube Channel
6. Possible:
 - a. Create bidding sheets for auction
 - b. Make Handouts for RBG events
 - c. Request and record volunteers for events
 - d. Record Board online votes
 - e. Maintain the MDIS GOOGLE DRIVE

The votes are cast and the winner is.....

Some MDIS members and friends made the list of the American Iris Society 2025 Awards

22 ‘Pin Striped Suit’ - (Riley Probst) was runner-up for the Best Border Bearded Award of Merit

PIN STRIPED SUIT
(Probst 2020) BB, 27", EM



Steve Poole , speaker at Dry Creek for the Spring Regional in 2022 for **LA**, winning vote was 13

7 ‘Lakeland’ , 6 ‘Dancehall Melody’ , 4 ‘Lavender Zebra’

And in TB , winning vote 39

14 ‘Blackbird Tears’ and 6 ‘Dancehall Melody’

One of our new members, **Elizabeth Rieniets**, had quite a few of her hybridized iris on the AIS Awards List



. To view Elizabeth’s AIS Hybridizer page.

Winning vote was 11 MDB



7 ‘Velvet Promise’ 4 ‘Kiss An Angel’ - 3 ‘Rufflelicious’ - 2 ‘Babelicious’ - 2 ‘Veleta’ –



1 ‘Enviously Elite’ - 1 ‘Myth Buster’ - 1 ‘Poisette’ 1 ‘Swanky Sportster’

SDB winning vote was 23



4 'Misty Magic' 4 'Yumsome Wonder' 3 'Fanciful Dreamer' 3 'People Will Talk'



2 'Friendly Reminder' 2 'Golden Zoë' 1 'Beguile Me' 1 'Decoupage Artistry'



MTB Winning vote was 27 13 'Cherry Chocolate Bonbons' -

Winning vote was 51 Most HM votes in any category

- 7 'Velvet Promise' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 4 'Kiss An Angel' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 4 'Misty Magic' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 4 'Yumsome Wonder' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 3 'Fanciful Dreamer' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 3 'People Will Talk' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 3 'Rufflelicious' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 2 'Babelicious' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 2 'Friendly Reminder' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 2 'Golden Zoë' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 2 'Veleta' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 1 'Beguile Me' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 1 'Decoupage Artistry' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 1 'Enviously Elite' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 1 'Myth Buster' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 1 'Poisette' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 1 'Swanky Sportster' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)

Region 14 Fall Regional Registration Form

<https://aisregion14.org/events/fall-regional/>

'Meet Me at the Garden House'

**American Iris Society Region 14 - 2025 Fall Regional
Hosted by Clara B Rees Iris Society**



October 3-4, 2025

**Shoup Park, Garden House
400 University Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022**

Friday 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Guest Speaker —Kevin Vaughn

Registrant 1 First name: _____ Last name: _____

Registrant 2 First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email to receive confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration includes Friday rebloomer show, entries accepted 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm, 1-1/2 hours judges training by Kevin Vaughn, 'Judging the Medians' at 7:30 pm. Three median classes occupy the same height range: IB, BB, and MTB. However, each class has distinct characteristics. These distinctions will be described with the hope of improving judging in these classes.

Saturday includes a continental breakfast, business meeting, lunch, our guest speaker, Kevin Vaughn, silent auction, live iris auction, and access to Shoup Park and trails.

Will you be attending Judges Training? _____ Would you like a vegetarian lunch? _____

Registration fee if received before Sept 12, 2025 — \$75.00 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

If received after Sept 15 — \$85.00 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

Please make the check payable to Clara B Rees Iris Society (CBRIS). Mail the check and registration to: Jane Jordan, 2315 Gunar Dr., San Jose, CA 95124.

Registrations received after Sept 20, 2025 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.



Mark your calendar

Bay Area Chrysanthemum Society



Potted Plants Sale

Location: Yamagami's Garden Center
1361 South De Anza Blvd,
Cupertino, CA 95014



Time:
Saturday, 10/25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10/26, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



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August 2, 2025 MDIS Board Meeting

First 30 minutes **Transcribed by [TurboScribe.ai](#). [Go Unlimited](#).** (Information only)

President Jeff Bennett: It's 10.08, I would like to call this meeting to order. Roll taken. All present. Jeff Bennett, Jan Blaedel, Carl Meier, Sergey Melnikov, Kathy Oldham, Mary Sindicic, Linda Woods. Quorum is five. Quorum is met.

- Jeff Bennett moved to approve the January Board Minutes as printed in the MDIS Newsletter. Linda seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Any reports from the committees or anything? No. No Old Business.

New Business:

- Secretary shall send membership reminders to the 2025 membership renewals in October so they can play at the November meeting? Jan moved. Kathy Oldham seconded. Board discussed reminding people twice, once in September and again in October. Jan Blaedel amended her motion to reflect that change. Motion passed unanimously.

A reminder that your MDIS membership card has your renewal date. It is important to keep those cards and use them for discounts at garden centers.

Next item is AIS insurance. Who applies and what do we do with the email with the insurance attached Kathy Oldham moved that the treasurer applies for all insurance certificates and provides the event coordinator with an electronic copy of the insurance certificate. Seconded by Linda Woods. Discussion: Why the treasurer? Mary Sindicic said she would rather apply for it for her events because then she knows that she's got it. She will send it to Google Drive so it is accessible to the entire board. **Motion amended that the event coordinator applies for the insurance certificate and the VP applies for the meetings, including the Board meetings. The insurance covers injuries in the building and on the property. It does not include injury on the way to a meeting nor theft. It is injury insurance.** (Double check)

- "The events coordinator for the event will apply for the insurance. The VP will do all the monthly meetings and board meetings. Certificates will be stored online, Google Drive, and available to all board members." Amended motion passes unanimously.

Door Prize Iris: We have had two votes, one at board meeting and one at regular meeting. The vote at a board meeting stated that the Door Prize IRIS were going to be handed out at the beginning of the meeting. The justification being that if people were late, they would not be interrupting the speaker and ZOOM would not be wasted recording it.

Then there was a hurried vote at a monthly meeting to hold the Door Prize drawing at the end of the meeting. However, it takes a 2/3 vote of the membership to overturn a Board vote and that did not happen. We need to re-address this issue.

- Kathy Oldham moved to allow the Door Prize coordinator to decide when to do the drawing, as long it was not in the middle of the meeting being broadcast on ZOOM. Mary Sindicic seconded the motion. The Door Prize Iris Coordinator will seek input from the membership through the Newsletter.

This means that the Board vote still stands for the Door Prize Iris drawings to be done at the beginning of the monthly meetings.

Kathy Oldham gave a brief history of the role of the Board vs. voting on organizational topics at meetings. "Things would come up during a meeting that the membership would table or put up for a discussion and it all ended up as everybody arguing over something that was basically club business. So it was decided at a board

meeting that the board would handle club business, that the club membership were there for the speaker, the door prizes, and socializing, and not all of the nitty gritty about who does what. If you want to have a say about club meetings, you're invited to be on the board.

Standing Rules vs. By Laws – Kathy Oldham described how Stan Morgan initiated the Board deciding the procedures at monthly MDIS meetings. Standing Rules and By-Laws need to be reviewed annually.

The Essential Role of Bylaws

MDIS bylaws describe the purpose of MDIS and its mission, and members' rights, in addition to officers, committees and their respective duties.

A copy of the association's Bylaws for MDIS must be made available to any association member upon request. The secretary should provide a copy of the By-Laws to all officers and board members. Each executive board member is responsible for making a thorough study of them.

REVIEWING AND UPDATING BYLAWS

Bylaws should be reviewed annually, and updated as needed.

Note: Any change in the association's bylaws, including the number of officers, positions, or membership dues amounts may not be implemented until bylaws have been approved by a majority of the Board.

STANDING RULES VS. BYLAWS

Standing rules outline the procedures of the organization that are not included in the bylaws and must not conflict with the bylaws of AIS. They may be changed or amended with a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of the association, or a majority vote of the Board.

Some of the differences between standing rules and bylaws are:

- Bylaws state when the meetings of the association are held.
- Standing rules tell where and what time association meetings are held, and when executive board meetings are held.
- Bylaws give the primary responsibilities of officers and chairmen.
- Standing rules give the specifics.

If the bylaws state that the first vice president is responsible for programs, the standing rules would list the various special committee chairmen who work under that vice president. The bylaws describe the authority of committees. Standing rules indicate which committees are standing committees whose chairmen are voting members of the executive board and which committees are special committees, whose chairmen do not have executive board voting privileges and to which executive board member they report.

If the organization has supplies or equipment, the standing rules would state who is responsible for them and where they are kept.

Bylaws changes were last made in 2017. Standing Rules were last changed in 2022. When Bylaws and Standing Rules are changed the items are redacted (lined out). Vice President is responsible for updating and recording the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Or is it the job of the Secretary. Kathy Oldham moved that the Board reviews the Bylaws and Standing Rules at the January Board meeting. Linda Woods seconded it. Motion Passed unanimously.

- Quorum? Linda Woods moved that we set the quorum at 10. Kathy Oldham seconded.

The secretary reiterated that membership information is private. Only the Newsletter Editor has permission to access and use email addresses. Currently, the phone numbers on the membership list are the numbers that the members choose to give, cell or home phone. In our By-Laws we guarantee that this information is private. If you or any other member wants the email or cell of another member, they should ask that member for it or notify the secretary of their desire and the secretary can send a request to the person.

- Kathy Oldham moved that online Board votes be recorded in the minutes of the FUTURE Board meeting. Second by Linda Woods.

The president shall provide to the board via email topic under discussion or agenda. Board members shall copy all board members on comments for discussion and input. Motions and seconds shall be requested by the president or designee and emailed to all members of the board. President will tally and transmit results via email for secretary to enter into the permanent record.

Comments: Too many emails, can't keep up with voting online, are phone calls a possibility, what about a short ZOOM meeting for something important?

- Officially recording votes made online.

Membership is non-refundable. Linda Woods moved and Carl Meier seconded. Passed Unanimously

Jan Blaedel moved that we buy software for treasurer. Seconded by Kathy Oldham. Passed unanimously.

Jan Blaedel moved that we buy the Region 14 irises at \$2 each. Mary Sindicic seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Kathy Oldham moved to include new item line on budget for \$200 to purchase Region 14 iris after dig. Jan Blaedel seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Linda Woods overspent her budget by \$180. Linda Woods moved to authorize \$180 over expenditure for 2025 Door Prize Iris. Carl Meier seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Confirm that President is the Parliamentarian. Since we do not have an official Parliamentarian position.

- Jan Blaedel moved that the Board meetings be recorded. Carl Meier seconded. Amended to include all meetings for the purpose of correct minutes and saved in Google Drive until the minutes are approved. Passed unanimously.
- Jan Blaedel moved that there be a new position of Recording Secretary who manages the email account. This is not an officer. Job would be to direct emails to appropriate person. Linda offered to put it in Newsletter and Jeff will announce it at the meeting.
- Jan Blaedel moved that the Job Descriptions reflect specifics so that anyone could pick up the Job Description and do it. This replaces the need for cross training. All this information could be put on the cloud – GOOGLE DRIVE. Current job holders provide job descriptions. For instance, Sergey brings the money box to Benicia and Jeff brings all the “stuff” to set up at Benicia but no one knows what Jeff does to get our spot. Jeff suggested that each chair provides a calendar and a job description. This includes Sergey's Online Sales, Virtual Iris Show, ERF registrars, and all the positions.
- Jan Blaedel moved, In the future we will only advertise our Iris Shows and Sales online. Mary Sindicic seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kathy Oldham cheered.

January Agenda Item. Sergey Melnikov proposed that we create a MDIS website. Jeff put this on the agenda in January.

Jeff wants Membership Forms printed for Benicia. QR codes handouts. Rhizome price lists. Sergey asked for a price clarification. If someone buys 3 iris at \$22, is the fourth iris \$8 or \$7.50? Jeff clarified that single iris are always \$8 so 3 for \$22 plus \$8 for the additional one. For Benicia this would be: Note that buying 10 or 11 iris is a problem with this pattern.

1	\$8
2	\$16
3	\$22
4	\$30
5	\$38
6	\$40
7	\$48
8	\$56
9	\$62 (3 for 22 plus 6 for 40)
10	\$70
11	\$78???
12	\$72 This is a problem. Should be discussed at the January meeting.

These prices do not apply to online sales. Sergey should use the prices for 1, 3, 6, and 12 iris but may determine individual iris prices for others.

Jeff Bennett proposes that next year COLLECTIONS will include 8 iris for \$30

Auction will be the 2nd Sunday in July

Sergey suggested that we consider in the future opening up the auction online. He will pursue this. **January Board Meeting Agenda item.**

- Jan Blaedel moved that the auctioneer get the same amount as a show presenter. Mary Sindicic and Kathy Oldham both seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jeff Bennett moved that MDIS Club Meeting room rentals be extended to three hours. The meeting would be 1 PM – 3 PM and the extra time would be spent socializing. Linda Woods seconded. Passed unanimously. Kathy explained that this would begin in January as the San Ramon room has already been booked.

September Meeting

Jeff Bennett will provide presentation for the club in September on the Montana Convention.

October Meeting

Jan Blaedel would like 30 minutes at the October meeting for Virtual Show awards and Riley Probst will present information on Rebloomers and new information from the Montana Convention.

November Meeting

Jeff Bennett will provide the club presentation at the November meeting with his program on ARILS that he presented at the 2025 Montana Convention.

January-March meetings

Carl Meier suggested that we hire Diana Ford, hybridizer, for one of the spring meetings. Kathy Oldham will pursue this.

For all MDIS documents:

Put the entire file name at the bottom of each document along with the creator's name and date. This is so we can a document when we wish to duplicate or amend documents and handouts.

Carl Meier volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. Directors and officers need to be nominated. Jeff will appoint additional members of the Nominating Committee.

January Agenda Item. Table discussion of Lifetime Memberships in MDIS. Honorary Membership.

January 24, 2026 is the MDIS Board Meeting

June 27, 2026 is the spring Board Meeting

Thank you Kathy for procuring a free room for our Board meetings.

- Kathy Oldham moved that we buy 20 Iris Culture Booklets for \$188 for new members. The rest will be offered to new members at the Spring Show, Ruth Bancroft, or Benicia. Become a member and receive a booklet. Members can buy booklets at cost. Sergey Melnikov seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sergey Melnikov will receive bills from people for soil for planting rhizomes. Jeff Bennett gets 24 pots from a large bag of Miracle Grow potting soil. The pots are free. This now comes to just less than \$1 a pot. The treasurer will record the amount spent and the amount earned for each event.

Sergey Melnikov and Linda Woods discussed the relationship between the cost of the Door Prize Iris and the profits from the auction. Jeff Bennett clarified that we do not need to break even on the cost of Door Prize iris and the auction. Then Benicia has set costs of mileage, cost of renting the booth space, paper bags, and signage.

Sergey Melnikov clarified that Ruth Bancroft is a separate line item.

Fertilizer will be a separate line item. We purchased 300 pounds of fertilizer this year.

January Agenda Item. Jan Blaedel and Sergey Melnikov proposed Mt. Diablo Dollars which would be awarded to club members for their hours of work and their contribution of rhizomes. These MDD could be used to pay membership, pay for auction items, buy pots at Alden Lane, etc. Tabled to be discussed in January.

Sergey Melnikov has a Mt. Diablo Facebook page specifically for selling iris online. In the last two weeks Sergey has sold \$2000 of rhizomes. This has nothing to do with the MDIS Facebook page Kathy Oldham created. That is still a necessary item. It will be part of the MDIS website.

Treasurer requests that all transactions be delineated. Expenses and Income need to be traceable.

Kathy Oldham requested that all handouts, membership forms, etc be placed on GOOGLE DRIVE so anyone can access them and print them. That has been done.

- Jan Blaedel moved we adjourn. Mary Sindicic seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Blaedel, MDIS Secretary

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