



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

**POTLUCK TIME!**  
Sunday, September 23rd, 2012  
is the date of our next meeting  
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**September BBQ & Potluck!**  
5 til 8 p.m. at the Piper's  
**Bring Yourself!**

above: **Precious Halo** (Fred Kerr 2012)  
(photos [www.rainbowacres.net/](http://www.rainbowacres.net/))



SEPTEMBER BBQ and POTLUCK – Sunday September 23rd, dinner around 5 p.m.  
at the home of Gordon and Sue Piper, 33 Hiller Drive, Oakland

All members, and their families and special friends, are welcome!



Sue and Gordon have hosted this, our major social event of the year, since 1996. Please join us! (Do come even if you're shy – I always have a good time at this event and I'm shy!).

This year it's a totally potluck event – *if you can*, please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert, & especially (for you non-vegetarians) meat.

You can either cook the meat at your home or use one of the BBQs at the Piper's. Please bring enough food to share, and your own plates and silverware.

**But above all, bring Yourself!**

Direction to the Piper's -- 33 Hiller Drive,  
Oakland

**Driving from the south:**

- On 580, turn onto Highway 13 headed towards Berkeley.
- Go under Highway 24 to the first traffic signal.
- Turn right, then immediately left onto Hiller Drive -- the Piper's home is first house on the left.

**Driving from the north:**

- Pass the Claremont Hotel and go to the first signal.
- Take the left turn lane onto Hiller. Proceed as noted above.

**Driving from the east:**

- Exit Highway 24 at the Berkeley off-ramp and go on to Hiller.

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# President's Message

I hope you can join us for our annual potluck this coming Sunday. It'll be a fun time for all, and you can help congratulate Sue Piper on her retirement!

Attention AIS members: for the first time in many years, there is a contested election for Regional Vice President (RVP) for AIS Region 14. You will receive a postcard ballot in the mail directly from Region 14, and the completed ballot must be received by current Region 14 secretary Phyllis Wilburn by October 17th for your vote to count.

This newsletter includes resumes for the two RVP candidates, **Rudy Ciuca** and **John Pesek**, as well as the resume of ARVP candidate **Phyllis Wilburn**, who is running unopposed and therefore will not be on the mailed ballot.

**Please fill out and return your ballot!**

In the words of current RVP Jeanne Clay Plank: "It is important and fair to all candidates that the AIS members of the region exercise their right of membership and take an active part in the business of an organization to which they have given their time, thought and name as a member. ... Apathy does not serve to further our organization, our leaders nor our interest in irises".

Jean Richter

## Doorprize iris!

(photos [www.rainbowacres.net/](http://www.rainbowacres.net/))

### **GLACIER FIRE** (Fred Kerr 2012)

Tall bearded. 38" tall. Midseason bloom. (Dream You X (Revere x ((Gypsy Woman x Condottiere) x (Neptune's Lantern x (Gypsy Woman x Condottiere)) x Queen's Circle))) Stylish in all its parts 'Glacier Fire' has just a kiss of lavender on the edge of the white standards and style crests. Flaring white falls with a strong blue violet edge are moderately ruffled and accented with strong red pepper beards. 'Queen's Circle' with red beards! **(photo, right)**

### **MOON SPIRIT** (Fred Kerr (2012)

Tall bearded. 36" tall. Midseason bloom. (Cherished Friendship X Stop Flirting) Every now and again a seedling appears in a cross that is completely unexpected. This was the case with 'Moon Spirit'. Such a different and delightful flower. Subtle coloring of slate blue centers and straw yellow edges applied to both the standards and the falls. Good branching and stalks coupled with reasonable increase make this a candidate for the gardener who appreciates something different. **(photo page 8)**

### **PRECIOUS HALO** (Fred Kerr 2012)

Border bearded. 30" Midseason to large bloom. ((Winning Edge x (Quick Pick x (Blazing Sunrise x Guadalajara))) X Return Address) What 'Precious Halo' lacks in size, it more than makes up for in charm. The standard color is what gemologists call precious topaz when it appears in that gemstone. The fall pattern is a precision wonder of topaz on immaculate white. The pattern is repeated on the inside of the standards and set off with a tangerine beard. The one distraction for the iris breeder is that it appears oblivious to the charms of any pollen tried on it and the pollen seems sterile. **(photo page 1)**



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# Resumes of candidates for Regional Vice President (RVP) for AIS Region 14 (Randy Ciuca and John Pesek)

## **Rudy Ciuca**

- Served in the US Navy from 1952 to 1956.
- Spent one year in the Marine Armed Forces as Hospital Corpsman.
- Graduated from San Francisco State University in 1962 with a BS in Nursing. Attended San Jose University and received a Masters in Public Health. Continued my education for a Masters in Education. Post Masters programs included Social Science studies.
- Worked as a nurse and in an administrative capacity for 42 years. These experiences included:
  1. Participated in one of the first heart surgery procedures in the Bay Area.
  2. Supervisor of an operating room program.
  3. Director of Hospital Nursing Programs in two hospital-based wards in two military hospitals.
- Spent two years as a consultant after retirement working in the area of internal and external audits. All external audits during my work experience have been exceptional.

My work ethics are of high standards. I am goal directed and rely on established guidelines which everyone follows. Work with all sorts of different and diverse groups and work to fold in all diverse opinions in order to problem solve to meet the overall goal of the organization. There is no room for self-interest opinions and motion which are contraindicated in maintaining the high standard of the established goal. The goals of an organization must always be the forefront of all decisions and programs. Objectives to meet these goals are advisable.

I would find the Regional VP a challenge and would spend time in achieving goal-directed programs to enhance the organization.

I am not computer oriented and do not intend to spend time and energy to living on a computer.

I will address all emails of important and relative program objectives in a short turn around time. I will be available by phone and face to face with anyone at any time for discussion and planning. I will not waste

time by bickering and being disrespectful to anyone or group of people. These comments are made from my past experience and have nothing to do with the Iris Society since I am not aware of the inter-dynamics of this organization.

For fun and past time, I have been the Chairman of the Jack London Foundation for the past 25 years. The organization is devoted to the study and works of Jack London. Our emphases are on Jack London Research and an educational component geared toward the reading and writing of our young people in our schools. The members of the Foundation are International and our annual banquet showcases speakers from all parts of the USA and foreign countries. We present an annual "Man-of-the-Year" award at each annual banquet.

I have been active in the Santa Rosa Iris Society for more than ten years. I have served as Vice-President for two years. As Vice-President, one of my duties is Program Chair. I co-developed and "Iris for Youth" program in public schools by giving Irises to school gardening programs. I have more than 1000 Bearded Iris, complete collection Dyke Medal winners, and am working collecting all the Nies Award Winners. I actively participate in the annual Iris Show and provide potted plants for the sale. Also I have attended several AIS National Conventions.

Committee Involvement:

1. Pharmacy
2. Internal and external audits
3. Budget
4. Recruitment
5. Infection Control
6. Credit Union
7. Building and Design
8. Integration of VA and Military Hospitals
9. Staffing
10. Equal Opportunity
11. Chairman of Jack London Foundation
12. Ethics
13. Human Resources

Santa Rosa Iris Society Board

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## John Pesek

I attended Foothill College and then graduated from Arizona State University with a BS degree. When in college I was in the ROTC program and then served for three years in the United States Army getting out as a captain. I took my army experience to General Motors as an automotive engineer. While employed by General Motors I graduated from Ohlone College with an AA degree in Horticulture. When General Motors closed the assembly plant I went to work for and retired from New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. in the inspection department.

I have always had an interest in gardening because my mother had ten green fingers. My interest in iris was sparked when Barbara and I were at a mall and there was an iris show going on. We had several old irises at our house that were there when we moved in and at the show saw some beautiful colors and so we joined AIS and the Clara B. Rees Iris Society on the spot. We now grow 340 varieties of irises from short Standard Dwarf Beardeds, to tall Spurias. I have been hybridizing for a few years but have produced nothing new yet.

I am an AIS Garden and Exhibition judge and have given judges' training to students, apprentices, and judges.

I have been President, Director, Treasurer, and Auditor of the Clara B. Rees Iris society. I have also been Show Chair or Co-Chair for many Clara B. Rees Iris Society Spring Shows.

Up until now my involvement with Region 14 includes:

-- serving as director,

-- revising the bylaws and standing rules with the parliamentarian, i.e. changing the date of the budget meeting from being held in January to the Fall Regional,

-- being a member and currently Chairperson of the Region 14 Honor Awards Committee,

-- guiding the newest Region 14 affiliate, High Desert Iris Society in Reno, Nevada, with membership, bylaws and standing rules, and obtaining start up money from Region 14.

I have the ability to work with people and get along with them by being sensitive and diplomatic. I work in a systematic and efficient way with an emphasis on planning and execution. I will delegate assignments and follow up with them. I am capable of making rational and informed decisions. I am computer literate and am comfortable in using Word and Excel and email communications. As a meeting leader I keep all involved on task and I will be accountable to the membership as RVP.

Barbara, my wife, has also been active in the region as a G/E Judge and as a Director. She supports my decision to be included on the slate for Region 14 RVP.

My vision for Region 14 is for the region is to increase membership through contests. Included in my vision is encouraging local societies to donate irises to schools, in their areas, while generating and nurturing more youth involvement. The last part of my vision involves enlisting the Region's hybridizers in becoming more involved in Region 14 activities.

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Resume of candidate for **Assistant  
Regional Vice President (ARVP)**  
for AIS Region 14 (Phyllis  
Wilburn)(unopposed)

**Phyllis Wilburn**

I live in Rescue, CA and have a large garden with about 650 varieties of all types of irises.

**Iris Experience**

- Garden/Exhibition Judge—3 years
- Secretary of Region 14 —3 years
- Sacramento Iris Society
  - 1st VP/Show Chair
  - Door Prize Chair
  - Secretary
  - Editor of Newsletter
  - Sales Committee
  - Guest Iris Chair for the upcoming 2013

**Regional**

- AIS member since the early 90's
- Member of Sacramento Iris Society, and Sierra Foothills Iris Society
- Member of TBIS, HIPS, Siberian IS, Reblooming IS
- I have attended the last 4 AIS conventions and all of the regional meetings in the past 5 years and am free to travel to events.

**Education**

BS degree, Secondary Teaching Credential and Certificate in Computer Science from UC Davis

**Statement**

I have enjoyed my involvement in Region 14 as Secretary for the past 3 years, and have learned a lot about the workings of the Region. I would like to continue to be involved at the regional level, and am confident that I could do a good job as Judges Training Chair. I have the organizational skills, and I am willing to spend the time and energy to do so.

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**American Iris Society Region 14  
2012 Fall Regional -- Foothill Journey**

Schedule of Meeting Events

Saturday, October 27th and Sunday, October 28th

**(Friday, October 26th 2012)**

Region meeting room open 10 a.m..

7:00 p.m.–8 p.m. Registration

7:00 p.m.–8 p.m. Reblooming Iris Show set-up; iris accepted

Note Evening arrival on October 26th is encouraged, but optional

**Saturday, October 27th, 2012**

9:00 a.m.–10 noon Registration

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Reblooming show—setup, entries accepted, and staging

10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Show Judged

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Region 14 Budget/Board Meeting.

12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Lunch—provided by Sierra Foothills Iris Society at Hotel

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Region 14 General Meeting—**election** of RVP, JT-ARVP, & R14 Director

3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Facebook, internet, websites sharing

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own—many local restaurants nearby

7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Paul Black of Mid America Garden

8:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. Social evening  
Raffles, live Auctions, refreshments—Fun!

**Sunday, October 28th, 2012**

Full Breakfast for hotel guests

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Judges Training—Paul Black

11:00 a.m. End of meeting

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**American Iris Society Region 14**

**2012 Fall Regional October 27th – October 28th**

**“Foothill Journey”**

**Hosted by Sierra Foothills Iris Society**

**Guest Speaker – Paul Black  
-proprietor of Mid America Iris Gardens**

Conference Hotel

Orchid Suites 130 N Sunrise Ave Roseville CA 95661

Contact them directly for room reservations at 916 784-2222 or by e-mail orchidreservations@heritagehotelgroup.com.

To receive the group rate use the group name Iris Convention when making your reservation. The room rate is available until October 13th, 2012.

Hotel room rates are \$69.99 + tax for double or single with full breakfast and daily evening reception of beer, wine, soft drinks and light appetizers. Wireless Internet

Registrant 1 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee if paid by October 10th, 2012 \$55.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

if paid after October 10th, 2012 \$65.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes lunch on Saturday

Please make checks payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society.

\*\*\* Judges Training will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday October 28th, at no charge.

Please send registration to Yvette Meador

PO Box 332

Applegate CA. 95703-0332

e-mail ymeador@yahoo.com

530 878-0944

**American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed**

**to** Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary  
205 Catalonia Avenue / P.O. Box 177  
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130  
Phone and fax: 386-277-2057  
E-mail: [aismemsec@irises.org](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)  
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.  
See [www.irises.org/](http://www.irises.org/)

Check your AIS membership status: Need to know your membership expiration date? expiration date for club members or your Region's members for Affiliation? [www.aislookup.org](http://www.aislookup.org)

Please pay your 2012 **SBMIS Membership Dues** ~ please give to Bonnie Petheram, or send checks made out to Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society to Bonnie at 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501. \$10 household.

**Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS)** dues can be mailed to HIPS Membership: Judy Eckhoff, 7911 South Yoder Road, Haven, KS 67543  
E-mail: [judy@msinter.net](mailto:judy@msinter.net)  
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.  
[www.hips-roots.com](http://www.hips-roots.com)

Directions to the Garden Center:

666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

**From the north or west:** take Highway 580 or 24 to 980; take the West 27th Street/Grand Avenue exit, turn left on 27th Street, go east to Grand Avenue, watch for Lake Merritt on the right, take a left on to Grand Ave., then a right at the stoplight into the park. Proceed on Bellevue to the Garden Center. **From the south or east:** take the Lakeside (Lake Merritt) or Grand Ave. exit in Oakland; follow around the lake on the north and west side to Grand Ave. and Bellevue, turn left into the park.

Proceed to the Garden Center, park on either side of the road. We hope you can come -- everyone is welcome!

[On weekends only -- Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll booth to park.

**AC Transit Bus** -- AC Transit bus #12 runs on Grand near the entrance to the park -- check transit before planning, as routes do change.

<http://tripplanner.transit.511.org>

By phone -- Dial 511 and say, "AC Transit," to speak with a person about route info

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Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society  
upcoming meetings:

Friday October 26, 2012

**SBM Beardless iris auction & sale**

*A Sydney B Tradition!*  
*We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to come to meetings. One of the issues is transportation. This could become a nice SBM tradition -- inviting, and arranging to bring, members to our meetings. Makes everyone happy!*



Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

*below: MOON SPIRIT (Fred Kerr (2012)*

*(photo [www.rainbowacres.net/](http://www.rainbowacres.net/))*

