We invite YOU to enter an arrangement at the

 2023 Mt. Diablo Iris Society Annual Iris Show and Sale

April 22-23, 2023 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, CA

This artistic design competition is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

The theme for 2023 is LUCK O’ THE IRIS

We welcome your participation!

Rules: Division VI–Artistic You may enter one design per class.

Class 1: 12 inches and under Class 2: Over 12 inches tall Class 3: Youth (under age 19)

* Design your arrangement around this theme using Iris as the focal point-The color green or anything relating to Ireland or the Irish.
* No artificial flowers. Dried flowers and materials may be used. No flags may be used. No treated natural materials.
* Iris do not need to be identified and do not need to be grown by you. In other words, you could buy Dutch Iris and use them or talk with a neighbor to use some of theirs.
* Notify us at MtDiabloIris@gmail.com **by April 1, 2023** to reserve a spot.
* Fill out the necessary entry forms when you bring your arrangement to Alden Lane Nursery from 3 to 5 PM Friday, April 21 and 7:30 to 10:00 am April 22. Late entries will not be accepted for competition but may be displayed.
* You will use a poster prop provided by MDIS (feel free to drape it.) It is 27” high for full sized entries or 13.5” high for 12 inch and under entries. The space is 22” wide by 16” deep. The background is either white or cardboard brown. A white plastic tablecloth will be on the table. 360° designs are welcome. Please let us know in advance.
* Fill out a 3 X 5 card (available at the time of setup) with info describing the design’s relationship to the theme
* Make arrangements to retrieve your entry from 3 to 4 PM on Sunday April 23 at the end of the show.

1. Judging will take place Saturday, April 22, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Winners will be announced at 1 PM when the Show opens to the public. Pictures will be taken at that time. You need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by email.

2. All entries will be judged. The top entries will receive ribbons.

3. Best of Class Rosette will be awarded if there are more than 4 entries. Winning arrangements will have their pictures taken for publication. Winners will be listed in local, regional, and national American Iris Society (AIS) publications.

4. A People’s Choice Award will be voted on during the show and announced at the Awards Banquet in June.

Following is the complete scale of points used by the AIS for judging designs:

Conformance to Theme and class ..................... 10 points

Design

A) Balance ............ 5
B) Proportion ..........5
C) Scale ................ 5
D) Rhythm ............ 5
E) Dominance ........ 5
F) Contrast ............ 5
G) Unity ................ 5
Design subtotal .................................. 35 points

Color Use .......................................... 20 points

Creative Expression (originality) ........... 20 points

Distinction ......................................... 15 points
**Total** .............................................. 100 points

We have more information to share with you if you will contact us by email at MtDiabloIris@gmail.com by APRIL 1st

Alden Lane Nursery 981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550 <https://www.aldenlane.com/>

When you email us, we will need ***your Name, Address, Email address, Telephone, Name of entry, Class, white or brown poster, and what arrangements you have made for collecting your entry on Sunday.***