



Clara B. Rees Iris Society - Fleur de Lis

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March's Program

Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Next Meeting
Friday Mar 4, 2011

Doors open 6:30 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.

CBRIS' Spring Show will be held April 16 -17, 2011 at Westgate Mall. Have you ever entered the Show? Do you know what it entails? On March 4th we will discover what we need to do - how to decide what looks good enough to take to a show, how to transport the iris so they are not crushed or broken, how to stage the bloom, how to groom, the correct way to fill out the entry form, the importance of allowing enough time to get it all done by the deadline. Questions, questions, and more questions! Come to the meeting to get all your answers. The club would like to encourage all of you to enter some stalks into the Show, even if you have never done so before. It is fun!

Web Site

Clara B. Rees Iris Society now has a website! We are very excited about it. Special thanks to Peter Marra for designing and setting up the site. Most businesses, companies, stores, and even clubs now have a "web page" from which they expect to get much of their business and post news or events. It is a great promotional and marketing tool. Our club has now been brought into the computer age! Let Peter know what you think about the site.

Please visit us at www.cbris.org.



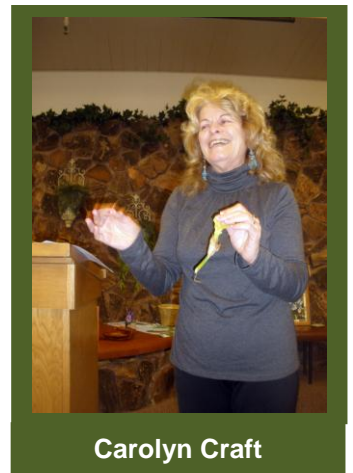
Peter Marra

February's Meeting

February's program consisted of Carolyn Craft giving the club an iris sex education class! Handouts were given and then members divided into groups and dissected a flower and identified the parts. Carolyn showed us where the anther, stamen, pistil and the stigmatic lip are located. We learned how to tell when the anther is mature and produces pollen.

Carolyn educated us about the pollen parent (father) and the seed parent (mother). She also told us how to protect the cross after it is made and how to label it properly. Then she told us how to plant the seeds.

Clara B. Rees Iris Society has had several hybridizers in the club producing some very beautiful iris plants. If you would like to read more on the subject read *The World of Irises*, edited by Bee Warburton and Melba Hamblen. You can check it out from the CBRIS library or purchase it from the AIS storefront,



Carolyn Craft



Club Membership Dues

Sep 1, 2010—
Aug 31, 2011

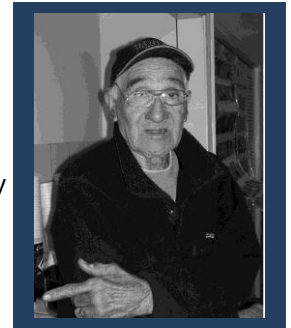
Single - \$12.00
Family - \$15.00

Domingo Rodriguez



M'Jeanne Erwin and Domingo
at CBRIS' 50th

Our long-time friend and fellow club member, Domingo Rodriguez, 92 years young, passed away on the evening of Monday, February 21. He was born in 1918. Domingo requested that he did not want to receive further medical care, other than the pacemaker, when his body began to fail rapidly.



There was a service for Domingo on Monday, February 28th, at Hillcrest Memorial Park Mortuary chapel, in Bakersfield, California at 1:00 p.m. Following this service, his casket was be carried to the adjacent gravesite, a short walk from the chapel, where a military service will be conducted. The Hillcrest Memorial Park Mortuary is located at 9101 Kern Canyon Rd., Bakersfield. His wife is also buried there.

For many years Domingo lived down the street from Georgina Clark on Dwight Avenue in San Jose. He was affectionately known as "Rod" to his neighbors and as "Grandpa" to the many children in the area. Last year his declining health required him to move in with his niece, Cindy Alexander. She cared for Domingo during the last year of his life. Cindy's address is 9650 E. Shaw Ave., Clovis, CA 93619 for those who would like to send cards of condolence.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that friends send contributions in Domingo's memory to the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, an organization that he helped to establish and was an active member until recently. Domingo was always willing to talk to you about iris. He was still helping out at the iris rhizome sales at Almaden Nursery two years ago. Every year on his birthday, he would bring a birthday cake to share with club members. He loved to cook and brought many delicious dishes to our picnics and Christmas parties over the years.

Donations in Domingo's memory may be sent to CBRIS, Mary Collins, Treasurer, P.O. Box 610906, San Jose, CA 95161.

—Philippa Alvis, Marilyn Boro and Mikey Lango



Annual picnic



Domingo and Carol Walker



Sort night



At Almaden Nursery



Minutes

Clara B. Rees Iris Society Minutes February 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

We welcomed a new member, Karen Azzi.

Congratulations to Mikey Lango! Her photo won first place in the AIS Photo Contest in the Pet Category.

Thanks to Carl & Marilyn Boro, Pat Hawkins, and Mikey Lango for this evening's refreshments.

The San Francisco Flower and Garden Show is March 23-27. There are three 3-hour shifts per day. Carolyn Craft is circulating a signup sheet for volunteers. If you work a shift, you get free admission.

The Master Gardener's Sale is April 2nd. Mary Collins reported that 15,500 plants of 80 tomato varieties have been potted for the sale. Also 12,000 pepper plants of 105 varieties were potted. Sign up to work a shift at the AIS booth.

A wide variety of items were raffled off, including books, a painting, a stain glass window hanging, framed dried flowers, warming gloves, stationery, plants, vases, and planter baskets.

Carolyn Craft gave a demonstration of how iris are hybridized. She identified the parts of an iris -- standards, falls, style arms, and pistol. There was also a hand out with the parts of a flower labeled. Small groups were formed so that all the members could dissect an iris first hand. The iris seeds should be planted in November. They will bloom after two years growth.

A Note for the Iris Show: The judges remind everyone how important staging is. The iris bloom should face front and be square with square at the base of the holding tube. The tag should face front.

Carol Dahout reported on this evening's board meeting. There was discussion on the merits of becoming a 501-3c non-profit. We have requested more details.

Peter Marra has created a web site for CBRIS. Draft copies of the site are available for review.

The Club Garden Tour will be Saturday, May 7th. Elaine Fischer and Jane Anne Walters have graciously volunteered to open their gardens to the club.

Philippa Alvis thanked everyone who brought paper towel and toilet paper tubes for the Master Gardener's children's art projects.

The June Meeting will be on the 10th because the first Friday conflicts with the AIS National Convention.

Sign up on the back table for the Master Gardener's Sale on April 2nd.

CBRIS Spring Show, Iris Fever, is April 16-17, 2011 at Westgate Shopping Mall.

The Region 14 Spring Regional is April 29-May 1, 2011.

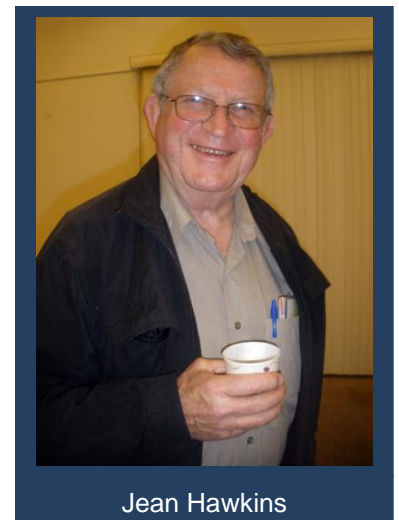
The meeting ended with the drawings for door prize iris.

Respectfully submitted,

—Jane Jordan. Secretary



Alice Clark and hostess, Elaine Fischer



Jean Hawkins



The Clara B. Rees Iris Society

proudly presents

'Iris Fever'

Show and Sale



Westgate Mall • 1600 Saratoga Ave • San Jose CA 95129

Saturday
April 16 2011
12:30pm - 7:00pm

Sunday
April 17 2011
11:00am - 5:00pm

Thank you, Steven Dahout for designing the club's poster for the Spring Show!



Garden Tour

Save the Date!

Saturday, May 7th will be the CBRIS Garden Tour.

Elaine Fischer and Jane Anne Walters have graciously volunteered to open their gardens to the club.

How is your garden growing this year? Would you like to share your iris with the rest of the Club?

Contact Jane Jordan, janej@alum.mit.edu or 408-255-3024, if you would like to be on the tour, too.

-Jane Jordan, Secretary

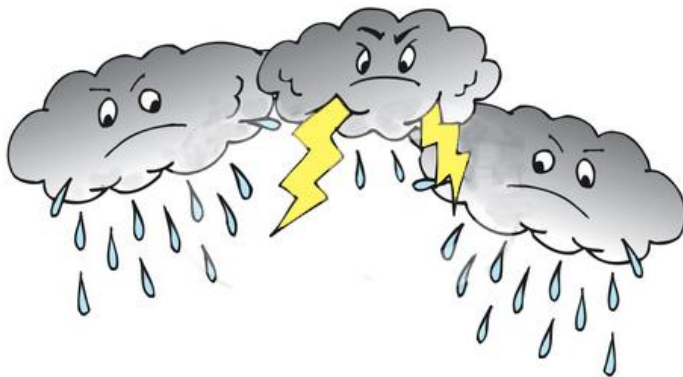
Imogene Pearl

Iris hybridizer Gary Miller has lost the last rhizome of his 1987 introduction IMOGENE PEARL. If anyone has this plant, he would be ever-so-grateful if you would share a rhizome with him.

Gary says "my favorite iris can no longer be found: "Imogene Pearl" introduced by me in 1987 through Shepard's Iris Gardens. It was a living memorial named after my mother. My dog destroyed what I had."

Please send me an email if you have this iris and are willing to share a piece with Gary.

- charlesschroter@yahoo.com



Iris Culture

Rain, rain and more rain! It is good for our iris.

They have begun to grow. If you have not all ready done so, apply a balanced fertilizer as soon as possible. It will give you a bigger bloom. Keep the area around the rhizome as clean as possible by removing garden litter such as grass, weeds and dead

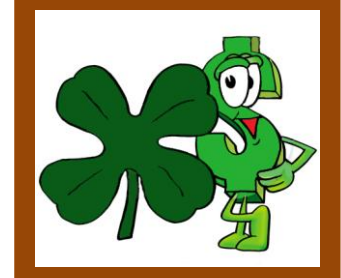
iris leaves. Pick off those pesky snails! You can get rid of them if you are persistent in removing them every day.



Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, February 1, 2011	\$14,023.35
Additions: Raffle	68.00
Dues	6.00
Expenses: Sales Tax, 2010	(257.00)
Fertilizer for 2 gal. pots	(19.65)
Spring Garden Market Booth	(25.00)
Web site	(89.64)
Ending balance, February 28, 2011	\$13,706.06

—Mary Collins, Treasurer



Dave Henley

2011 AIS Fundraiser

The winner of the 2011 AIS Fundraiser is Mary Townsend of Toms River, New Jersey. She is a Master Judge in Region 3. Congratulations, Mary! Some of us hope to see you in Victoria.

—Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

Donation

Would any members of your group be willing to donate cookies, cake, a few assorted cheeses, chocolate (anything) or wine for refreshments at the Regional's April 30, Saturday Night Social?

—Jeanne Plank; VP Region 14

Refreshments

Alice Clark
Naomi Nakata
John Pesek



Drinks

Barbara Pesek

Raffle Baskets for Spring Regional

Like most regions, Region 14 holds fund raising events at its Spring Regional. Raffle Baskets offered last spring at the 2010 Regional were very successful. We are inviting each Affiliate to become a participant in the 2011 Spring "Basket Raffle." It can be a fun, creative activity for everyone as well as a very valuable fundraising activity for the Region.

I encourage each group to donate a basket and to "personalize" their contribution, for instance: assemble a collection of things that best reflect and represent your area, your club and the mutual interests we all share in iris, plants, gardening and gardens. Your Basket should be proudly and clearly labeled with your Affiliates' name. Your Affiliate deserves the credit!

Please contact me for further information, and if your Affiliate chooses to contribute a 2011 Spring Regional Basket, please let both Lynn Williams and me know as soon as the group decision is made.

—Jeanne Plank, Region 14 Vice President



Directions to Homewood Suites in Fairfield where the 2011 Spring Regional will be held.

From I-80 West - Exit 41 to Green Valley Road continuing straight on the exit. At the stop sign, turn right onto Business Center Drive, the hotel will be on the right.

From Highway 29 West - Turn left onto Highway 12 South toward Fairfield. Merge onto I-80 East and take first Exit 41 Green Valley Road. At the stop light, turn left onto Green Valley Road. At the next stop light, turn right onto Business Center Drive. After the next stop sign, the hotel will be on the right.

Cross Streets - Business Center Drive and Green Valley Road

—Jeanne Plank, VP Region 14

Elkhorn Gardens

Do you know that our new club members, Jim and Colleen Goff own and run Elkhorn Gardens? It is a botanical garden and flower farm that is a family run business specializing in dahlia tubers. They also have hydrangea, daylily, and camellia bush collections. The Goffs grow cut flowers for local retail businesses. They have 650 different bearded irises! Colleen has put up her own web sites And has done a fantastic job. Check out their web sites, you will be in for a treat. They are www.ElkhornGarden.com and www.TheGardenSong.com. If you have not all ready done so, please add Jim and Colleen Goff to your yearbook. Their e-mail address is elkhorng@earthlink.net.



Jim Goff

Photo from web site, used with Colleen's permission

New Member

Please add Karen Azzi, 13020 Paramount Ct,
Saratoga, CA 95070; 408-867-7037
kvazzi@aol.com to the yearbook.



Karen Azzi and Jane Jordan



What's Irish and stays out all night?

Patty O'furniture!

What do you get when two
leprechauns have a conversation?

A lot of small talk!



Iris-istible AIS Convention 2011

May 29 – June 3, 2011

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Get your passport

Make hotel reservations

Send in registration form

Put together travel arrangements

It will be another busy spring for iris lovers and the convention will be here before you know it.

Plan now before it is too late!

More information and registration form at

<http://www.bc-iris.org/AIS2011Convention.htm>

SF Flower & Garden Show

There are still a few openings to help out with the AIS booth at the SF Flower & Garden Show, if you would like to work a shift, please call Carolyn asap. The show is from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 23 through Saturday and Sunday 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the San Mateo Convention Center. You will get in free for the entire day if you work a shift but there is a charge for parking.

-Carolyn Craft, VP CBRIS

17th Annual Spring Garden Market

April 2, 2011

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

History San Jose-Kelley Park

1650 Senter Road

San Jose, CA 95112

Enter from Phelan Road

This is the club's first opportunity to sell iris this season.

Please sign up to help.

See Mikey

Raffle

Reminder to bring in some items for our monthly raffle drawing. There were some great items to be won last month!

Jane Jordan and Henry Rojas were last month's big winners!



Henry Rojas



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△ **ADVENTUROUS** (M. Sutton 10) 35", M-L. S. yellow slightly veined white; F. electric blue veined light blue with a 3/4" ruby red band. Blue violet beards tipped yellow. Well branched stalks that carry 8-9 buds.

△ **AUTUMN RING** (M. Sutton 10) 32", M-L & re. S. yellow, veined and edged white ; F. white with 1/2" purple/yellow/brown rim; 9 buds on spring bloom stalks, fall bloom produces deeper coloration and up to 15 buds.

△ **BACKLIT BEAUTY** (Tasco 10) **IB**, 25", M-L. S. violet veined white; F. darker violet; top of falls and shoulders are bright yellow; white beard tipped tangerine and yellow at end. Lightly ruffled bright luminata with 4 buds.

△ **BHUTAN** (Tasco 10) **AB** (OGB) 32", M-L. S. wisteria blue; F. recurved champagne heavily veined burgundy. Gold based beard tipped golden brown with henna tips. Small elongated burgundy black signal. 3 buds, sometimes 4.

△ **BRAZILIAN ART** (Keppel 09) 32", M-L. Shorter stalks with two branches plus terminal (seven bud count), prolific growth, long bloom season, loads of color. S. apricot; F. yellow-apricot with wide marginal band of muted red purple. Big, bushy red orange B.

△ **BRIGHT SUNSHINY DAY** (T. Johnson 10) 41", M. S. bright yellow; F. yellow gold with maroon veins, dotting and stippling banded gold. 8 buds.

△ **EL GRECO** (Baumunk 10) ", . S. gold; F. burgundy with gold edge, luminata

△ **HOLLYWOOD STAR** (Ghio 10) 38", L. S. pink; F. pink. Accordion ruffling, B. light tangerine. Tall, well branched stems.

△ **MARCHING ORDERS** (Ghio 10) 37", E-M. S. rusty mahogany; F. bright violet with mahogany edges; B. bright gold; bubble ruffling.

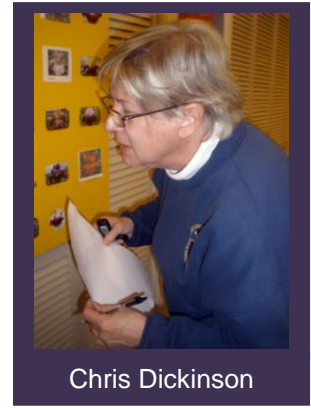
△ **OPENING NUMBER** (Black 10) 37", M-L-VL. S. pale blue rimmed gold; F. purple black falls with white veins alongside bright gold beards. Show stalks with 3 branches and 9-11 buds.

△ **PALE FIRE** (Baumunk 09) ", . S. pale pink; F. cream with gold veins. Orange beards.

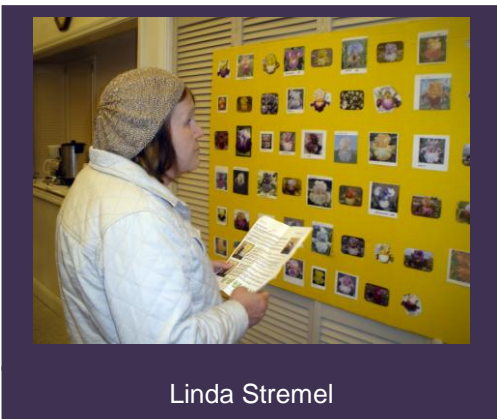
△ **PASSIONATE EMBRACE** (Black 10) 34", M-L. Small flowered. S. mauve pink; F. cream with light rose edges. Coral beards. 3 branches plus spur produce 8-9 buds.

△ **SMART MONEY** (Ghio 10) 36", E-M. S. pale yellow; F. same with a white area near the beard and wide gold band; orange beard; bubble ruffling .

△ **SMOKY SHADOWS** (Tasco 10) 34", M-L. S. brownish brick red with very slight beech brown edge; F. velvety dark cherry black. B. dark golden bronze. Heavily ruffled, 7-9 buds and medium purple base foliage.



Chris Dickinson



Linda Stremel



Spring Regional 2011

Regional Headquarter Hotel

Homewood Suites Telephone: 707-863-0300

4755 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534; \$109.00 per night

Sister Hotel (Offering slightly lower rates)

Staybridge Suites Telephone: 707-863-0900

4755 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534; \$ 99.00 per night

Yes, they have the same address -- different phone number.

If you have any questions regarding the hotels please contact Betty Ford: 707-938-5296 or irisbetty@aol.com.

Schedule of Events

Friday evening, April 29 - (Homewood Suites)

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Set up for sanctioned iris show

6:00 p.m. – Registration begins

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. – R14 Board of Directors Meeting-

All are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, April 30

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. – Show set up

8:30 a.m. – Show judging

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. – General Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Carpool departure to Napa Country Iris Garden, Phone: 707-255-7880

9087 Steele Canyon Road, Napa, CA 94558

Time To Be Announced – Blind Judging at garden

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Box lunch and beverages served

3:30 p.m. – Return to hotels for Judges' Training Session and silent auction.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Dinner on your own

7:30 p.m. – A variety of evening activities are planned at Regional Headquarters: Homewood Suites

Coffee, tea, desserts and wine with cheese and/or chocolate will be served at no extra cost to those attending.

•••Special guest for this Regional is AIS President and AIS Judges' Training Chair. -- Judy Keisling •••

Media Instructors: John Jones and Joanne Jones

Sunday, May 1

Open gardens

TBA



AIS Region 14 Spring Regional
Sponsored by AIS Region 14
April 29th – May 1, 2011

Name _____

2nd Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Affiliate(s) _____

E-mail Confirmation _____

Registration is \$55.00 per person if postmarked by March 29, 2011.
(No credit cards please).

After March 29, 2011 the price is \$65.00.

Registration includes: Garden touring of Napa Country Iris Garden, Saturday, in-garden box lunch; Judges' Training; Sat. evening activities & refreshments including guest speaker, media-instructors; and Sunday open gardens.

Board Meeting Yes _____ No _____

Judges' Training Yes _____ No _____

Box lunch sandwich choice: Turkey _____

Ham _____

Vegetarian _____

May 1st open gardens Yes _____ No _____

San Joaquin Iris Society will be the 2011 Regional Registrar.

Please make checks payable to SJIS.

Send to: Lorraine Nicholson 209-578-4184

P.O. Box 578668

Modesto, CA 95357



Pin may be ordered at additional charge of \$4.00

of pin(s) _____ x \$4.00: _____

Registration fee: _____

2nd registrant _____

Total enclosed: _____

