



Clara B. Rees Iris Society - Fleur de Lis

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Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Next Meeting

Friday, February 3, 2012

Doors open 7:00 P.M.



Club Membership Dues

Sep 1, 2011—
Aug 31, 2012

Single - \$12.00

Family - \$15.00

February Program

This month Mary Collins is going to do a program on how to grow your own vegetables from seed. Mary is an expert at doing this as she heads up the Master Gardener program which seeds 15,000 tomatoes and transplants an additional 10,000 peppers for the Spring Garden Market. Carolyn will talk about what looks good and grows well among iris without interfering with them.

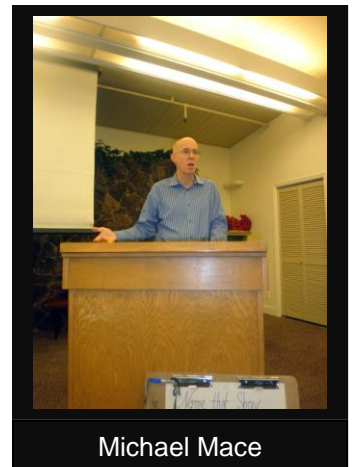
—Carolyn Craft, CBRIS Vice President

January Meeting

Our January meeting was quite informative. Michael Mace, who wrote a feature article in the recent AIS bulletin, entertained and educated us about *Moraea*, another flower in the iris family. He showed us beautiful photos and told us how he plants and grows them. He starts most of them from seed in a well draining mixture in one gallon pots. Different *moraea* can germinate in a few weeks or up to three years. Bloom can occur the first year in some and from one to two years in others. Typical *iridaceae*, they look like grass when they first sprout. After they are established and have formed bulbs, he either leaves a full pot, divides them into several pots or plants some in the ground. *Moraea* originate from South Africa and do well in our Mediterranean climate, some will naturalize in this area. Those that do not propagate easily by bulb reproduction or set many seeds are kept in pots so he can better maintain them. Vermin like the bulbs so it is necessary to keep one-half inch wire over the bulbs at the top of the pot just under the surface. Michael has been hybridizing them with success in his San Jose garden. He brought a blooming pot of *Moraea polystachya*, the only one blooming at this time of year.

Geophyte denotes any plant that has an underground storage organ such as a bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome. All of these start from a seed that grows into a plant with the storage organ for that type of plant ---be it bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome. Then the plant forms a bloom stalk. Most plants that have a storage organ also reproduce by putting out more bulbs, corms, tubers or rhizomes which we can divide to get a clone of the same plant with the same flower. Open pollinated or hybridized seed will not produce the same flowers as the parent plant. One seed pod can produce many different flowers and this makes hybridizing fun.

—Carolyn Craft, CBRIS Vice President



Michael Mace

Passing



Dorothy Goble

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long-time CBRIS member, Dorothy Y. Goble, on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. Dorothy, 97 years young as of August 2, 2011, had been in declining health for several months and had been unable to attend meetings. However, she eagerly received and read the 'Fleur de Lis', the CBRIS monthly newsletter, to keep updated on club and member activities. Incidentally, Dorothy submitted the name 'Fleur de Lis' in a club contest to name the newsletter and her entry won!

An actively involved member of CBRIS over the years, Dorothy participated in many of the club activities including planning for Spring Shows, chairing the arrangements division, creating the show schedules, and exhibiting the iris. She was a talented flower arranger, a consulting rosarian, a member of the Founders Council of Judges for the National Garden Clubs, a flower show judge through the National Garden Clubs, Inc., and an enthusiastic

gardener. She grew many varieties of bearded iris and California natives in her home garden, incorporating them into the overall landscape design, along with roses and other companion plantings.

The structure of the current CBRIS by-laws and Policies and Standing Rules remain a legacy of her parliamentary skills. She usually worked out of the spotlight, quietly and efficiently managing assignments, tasks, and responsibilities for the club. Dorothy was voted an honorary member of CBRIS in 2002 for her outstanding contributions to the Society.

In addition to her involvement in CBRIS, Dorothy wore many other hats. She was a teacher, a principal, an author of manuals for Adult Education instructors, a biographer who wrote a historical novel of the lives of her parents, and a community activist. In this 'hat' she was instrumental in getting laws passed in Santa Clara County requiring orchardists to provide school classes for the children of migrant families who worked in the vast orchard harvests at that time. She also established a Speakers Forum in San Jose, the first platform for bringing noted leaders to the town to speak on current national issues. One of her famous guest speakers was Eleanor Roosevelt.

Dorothy is survived by her two sons, Brian Goble of Sebastopol and his wife Virginia, and Geoffrey Goble of San Jose, a sister who resides in Santa Cruz, two grandsons, and nieces and nephews. A memorial will be planned with date and time announced later.

–Philippa Alvis

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance January 1, 2012	\$12,720.13
Income:	
Raffle	13.00
Expenses:	
Speaker fee for Jan. meeting	(50.00)
Projection rental	(25.00)
Web hosting	(107.40)
Sales Tax	(221.00)
MG Spring Mkt. Reg. fee	(25.00)
Ending Balance January 31, 2012	\$12,304.73

Spring Show

The Clara B. Rees Iris Society's Spring Show will be held in conjunction with Westbay Iris

Society. The club has decided that the name of the show is

'Iris Gone Wild'.

The show will be held April 14-15, 2012 at Westgate Mall in San Jose.



January 6, 2011

Minutes of the Clara B. Rees Iris Society's General Meeting

Vice President Carolyn Craft opened the meeting by asking if there were any guests present. Pat Hawkins introduced her friend, Rosemary Chivers. Carolyn then introduced the evening's speaker, Mike Mace, who has a fascination with the iris type *Moraea*. He gave a humorous and fact filled presentation aided by photos. His email is mikemace@att.net.

Refreshments were served and then President Mary Collins thanked those who provided them at the 9:00 PM start of the business meeting. Mary asked for additional people to sign up to bring refreshments.

Carol Dahout, co-chairman, for the Spring Show asked for Show name suggestions to add to those previously submitted and then conducted a vote. The name for the Show is "Iris Gone Wild."

January birthdays were announced.

Valda Evans will hold a work party at our iris planting at Guadalupe Gardens on January 10th at 1:00 P.M. Valda's phone number is 408-931-4560. Please change it in your yearbooks.

Vice President Carolyn Craft is chairperson for the San Francisco Flower Show that will be March 14th through the 16th. **(Correction: the dates are actually March 21-25. Please correct your yearbook.)**

Lynn Stuart is having her plant giveaway on January 7th.

The memorial service for Jill McGraw will be held on January 14th at 2:00 P.M. at the Guadalupe Oaks Park in San Jose.

Member Dave Henley asked for help with his garden planning or for a referral for a landscape designer as he prepares to turn his yard over to irises. Please email him if you can help.

Please remember to send Margie Dickerson a thinking of you/get well card. She has had two surgeries and is feeling better.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM and the door prize raffle was held.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Pesek, CBRIS Secretary

San Francisco Flower and Garden Show

The AIS is hosting a booth at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show March 21-25th. The event is from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and held at the San Mateo Event Center. It's fun and easy to find. You get in free for the entire day if you work a shift in the iris booth. We are allowed six free tickets per day and must have two people in the booth at all times. The first shift is from 9:50 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., second shift is from 12:50 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and the last shift is from 3:50 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. You can google the SF Flower & Garden Show on line and read the schedule to see if there are any classes or lectures you want to attend. Then call or e-mail Carolyn Craft to schedule your working shift around the events you want to attend. Give her your preferred day and time. There are many beautiful garden displays, lots of plant and garden related sales, plenty of food and garden related demonstrations, classes and lectures all week long.

Let Carolyn know asap which day and time you would like to work. The booth will have two tall chairs that fit behind our booth front and allow you to sit but still be at eye level with the visitors. We stock the booth with all the information and handouts you will need.

-Carolyn Craft, phone 408-266-0945; e-mail theladygardens@aol.com

-<http://www.sfaardenshow.com/>



Camellia Show

The 71st annual Camellia Show is February 25-26, 2012. It is held at the Santa Clara Community Recreation Center at 969 Kiely Boulevard in Santa Clara. The hours are Saturday: 2:30 – 5:00 P.M. and Sunday: 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Philippa Alvis will be asking for volunteers to clerk at the show. Not only do you get to see the beautiful camellias up close, you get to hear the judges' comments on the individual flowers. Also, included is a nice lunch! See Philippa if you are interested in helping out a fellow garden club.

AIS National Convention

April 16 – 21, 2012

The National Convention will be here before you know it. Start planning now. Convention dates are April 16-21, 2012. The location is in Ontario, California. You may register online or print a mail in form found at <http://www.region15ais.org/convention/registration/>. The full registration fee is \$299.00 if paid by March 1st.

This includes:

- Bus Transportation to all gardens
- Admission, Tour, Breakfast and lunch at The Huntington
- Judges Training and lunch at the gardens
- Dinner Banquet and Awards Banquet

There are additional tours with additional prices if you are interested. Please check out the convention web site. The convention hotel is the DoubleTree Hotel at Ontario Airport, 222 North Vineyard Avenue, Ontario CA 91764. The telephone number is 909-937-0900. The AIS rate is \$125.00 plus tax. Mention AIS 2012 Convention in order to get this rate. Do book the hotel now if you are planning on attending.

Region 14's Spring Regional

April 27 -29, 2012

The Monterey Bay Iris Society is hosting Region 14's Spring Regional this year. The dates are April 27 – 29, 2012.

Registration is \$125.00 by April 1st. You may find a registration form at

http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/sp2012_registration.pdf. It can then be mailed to Charley Kearns, Registrar; P.O. Box 2361, Los Gatos, CA 95031. If you have any questions about registering please contact Charlie by phone at 408-315-1520 or by email at kcf@verizon.net. For addition information and updates please see MBIS's website:

<http://montereybayiris.org/regional.php>. It is not too early to make the hotel reservations. The conference hotel is the Best Western Seacliff Inn at 7500 Old Dominion Court, Aptos, CA 95003. The telephone is 800-367-2003. The room rate is \$99.00 plus tax, available until March 1st. Ask for the Monterey Bay Iris Society discount rate, group #1146.





John and Chris



Carl, Jack, John & John



Elaine



Elaine



Carol and Dave



Alice



Mary, Barbara & Carol



Jean and Jack

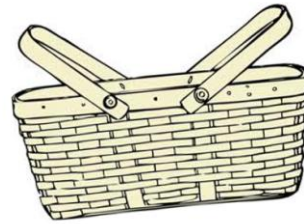
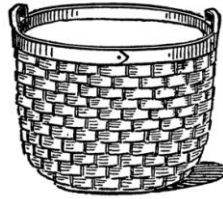


Garry



Spring Regional Donation

Each Society in Region 14 is asked to donate a themed basket for the Spring Regional. The baskets are raffled off at the Regional. Now is the time to decide what theme Clara B. Rees Iris Society wants to put together and for members to start collecting items. We would like to have a very generous basket. Any ideas for a good theme?



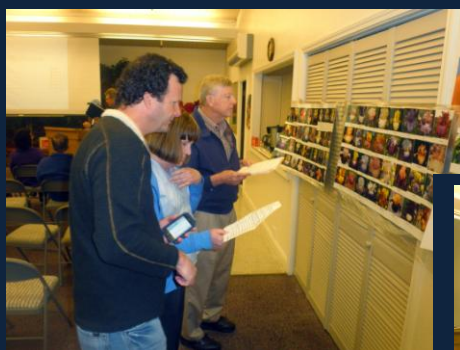
Garry and Linda



Jean



John and Peter



Chad, Linda and John



Michael, Carolyn, Elaine & Chad



Mary, Carol and Lynn



Refreshments for February



Carl & Marilyn Boro

Alice Clark

Chris Dickinson

Drinks

Dave Henley

Yearbook Updates/Corrections

Please make the following updates to your yearbook.

Mikey Lango cell 408-500-8842

Valda Evans 408-931-4560

Culture

It is the time of year for an iris gardener to get a little rest. However, you should be checking your irises to see that they are doing well. Make sure there are no snails or slugs. Hand pick now and there will be less of them later. Also, keep those weeds away from the iris rhizomes.



Name That Iris!



Find the answer at the next CBRIS meeting.

AIS

Do you belong to the AIS? Their quarterly bulletin arrived at my house last week. Who gets to read it first is always the question. The editor, Kelly D. Norris, does an excellent job on this bulletin. There are many interesting articles and updates and all are in full color.

This month there is a "Help Wanted!" request. Anyone that wants to be more involved in the American Iris Society will have plenty of opportunity to find an area that needs help. The editor is looking for two associate editors to help gather articles for the bulletin. The Public Relations and Marketing Committee is looking for qualified assistants in the following fields:

- Graphic design
- Ability to write HTML
- Programming skills, proofreading and writing
- Marketing
- Survey writing and compiling
- Photography
- Any other helpful skills.

Please contact Kelly Norris at editor@irises.org if you are interested in helping.

You can help by simply joining the AIS and becoming a member. Then you too will have the problem of who gets to read this wonderful bulletin first!



DPI February 2012

- △ **Bahama Blues** (M. Sutton 10) **IB**, re. Rose colored self; gold wire rim on S. and F.; blue beards. Late fall rebloom, pronounced sweet fragrance, 5-7 buds.
- △ **Center Line** (T. Johnson 11) 32", M. S. pink with ivory edges; F. pale pinkish cream with red violet washed centers. Red purple veins overlay center two-thirds. Orange red beards. Falls are flared and ruffled, strong stalks have about 7 buds.
- △ **Charismatic** (G. Sutton 11) 37", M-L. S. pale peach, heavily ruffled; F. pale cream with pale peach edge; white beards tipped medium orange; excellent branching with 7 buds.
- △ **Chenille** (Keppel 11) 38", M-L. Lightly greyed pinkish white to cream self. Fat long beards are glowing yellow orange to red orange. 3 branches and terminal, about 8 buds.
- △ **Duplication** (B. Sutton 11) 35", E-M-L & re. S. medium blue violet with ice blue edge; F. dark blue violet. White luminata pattern around yellow beards. 7 buds.
- △ **Easter Candy** (Keppel 11) 37", E-M-L. S. light yellow; F. pale lavender with a deeper purple vertical central wash. Beards lavender to yellow. Multi-branched stalks can carry as many as a dozen buds.
- △ **French Lavender** (J. Painter 11) 38", M-L. S. lavender purple, become mauve purple toward edge; F. lavender purple, become mauve; gold beard; spicy fragrance.
- △ **Golden Apricot** (M. Sutton 10) **SDB**, 10", re. S. peach pink; F. amaranth rose; gold wire edge.
- △ **Grandstand** (T. Johnson 11) 31", M. S. white; F. dark blue purple with white sunbursts shaded slightly lighter purple. Bright yellow beards.
- △ **Illusionist** (Ghio 11) 42", L. S. pink; F. peach with watermarked blue lilac rim; deep peach line in the center of the falls. Tangerine beard, 9 plus buds, wide branching
- △ **Palace Beauty** (Kerr 11) 40", S. white with blue plicata edge, blue line up the center of the petal; F. white with blue plicata edge that becomes wider toward the hafts; light blue beards.
- △ **Polite Applause** (Ghio 11) 33", M-L. S. light pink; F. pink base overlaid violet which deepens to a near band at edges; B. tangerine; heavy bubble ruffling. Multi stalks
- △ **Queen's Robe** (Kerr 11) 38", M. S. baby ribbon pink; F. lighter pink edged with a narrow blue band. B. orange
- △ **Ruby Sands** (M. Sutton 10) **IB**, re. S. burgundy; F. white and yellow ground washed and dotted burgundy.
- △ **Rum and Coke** (J. Painter 11) 38", M. S. pale cream with gold tinted edge; F. blackish burgundy with small spray pattern at gold beards. Good branching, 7 buds.
- △ **Snow Creek Falls** (M. Sutton 11) 32", M-L. S. white edged with gold wire rim; F. white veined blue with a 1 ½" violet blue band and plum wire rim at edges. B. yellow faintly tipped orange. 9 buds on strong stalks.
- △ **Solar Drama** (L. Painter 11) 38", M. S. bright yellow; F. yellow overlaid crimson with darker shoulders; B. golden yellow. Spicy fragrance, 7 buds.
- △ **Water of Life** (Black 11) 38", E-M-L-VL. S. light blue; F. blended mid to dark violet with white luminata type patches faintly lined blue. Smaller flowers are carried on show stalks with 4 branches plus spur and 12-14 buds.

