



# 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, March 3, 2012

Doors open 7:00 P.M.



## Club Membership Dues

Sep 1, 2011—  
Aug 31, 2012

Adults \$12.00

No charge for children age  
18 and under

## March Program

Floral Designer, Barbara Gordon, will present a program on how to make floral arrangements using iris. Barbara is well known for her artistic arrangements so bring your note pad and learn the secrets to having a winning design. This gives you a month to plan your ideas for the artistic section of our upcoming show. We're sure this will inspire more of you to enter artistic arrangements. Try it, it is fun. If you have any iris blooms to spare, please bring them to the meeting so they can be used in the program. —Carolyn Craft, CBRIS Vice President

## February Meeting

We had a good turnout for the February meeting. What was the attraction? Well, our very own CBRIS president, Mary Collins. Mary is in charge of the Master Gardener's tomato and pepper plantings for their spring sale. She can tell you anything that you would ever want to know about starting vegetables from seeds. One of her main tips is to buy organic seeds if you do not save your own. Mary starts all her seeds in pots-not in the ground. As she states, you then have more control over the soil, watering, and insects. Mary suggests putting organic soil into four inch pots and soaking thoroughly. Add the seeds and top with vermiculite. Cover with plastic wrap and hold down with a rubber band. Label all containers! Mary gave out seeds including purple pole beans and parsley. She also had some curly garlic for members to plant.

Carolyn Craft gave us some examples of iris companion planting. Read the seed package and do not plant something too tall next to the iris or a vegetable that requires a great amount of water. Carolyn suggested using chamomile tea to keep rot away. Carolyn had small plants of summer savory to share. There were many garden and seed catalogs to take home. These two ladies provided good advice for anyone starting out on planting by seed or iris companion planting. Thank you Mary and Carolyn!



Mary Collins



Carolyn Craft

February 3, 2012

Minutes of the Clara B. Rees Iris Society's general meeting

The meeting was opened by President Mary Collins asking for guests to be introduced. Pat Hawkins introduced her friend Rosemary Chivers.

Mary began the program for the evening by speaking about sources for seeds. She favors organic seeds. She talked about saving seeds and how to grow vegetables from seeds. Carolyn Craft then gave a talk about what vegetables could be grown between iris plants. She provided a list of what vegetables would and would not work for this endeavor. There were seeds, plants and catalogs for members to take.

After refreshments, Mary thanked the members who brought food and drink. The welcome table and food table were themed for Valentine's Day. Elaine Fischer enjoys decorating the welcome table with her many decorations.

President Mary opened the business meeting at 9:05 p.m. A signup sheet was passed around for the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Market to be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Kelly Park in San José. Workers are needed to transport properties, work in the booth selling iris plants, and tear down the booth. Jane Jordan volunteered to gather and print pictures to show buyers what the irises look like.

The Filoli Garden Show will be May 10<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Carol Dahout is the chairperson for this event. A signup sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Camellia Show will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 5 p.m. and on the 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Santa Clara at the Santa Clara Community Center. The Camellia Society needs clerks for the competition. Phone Philippa Alvis for details.

Carolyn Craft told the members that she has two open spots to man the booth at the San Francisco Flower Show. In an effort to save money for the Society, she wants to make a display for the booth that includes pictures of all types of irises rather than use the AIS display, which is costly to mail back and forth. Send her pictures.

Carl Boro was congratulated for his February birthday.

Philippa Alvis moved that the Society make a \$25.00 memorial donation to the AIS Foundation on behalf of Jill McGraw. It was seconded and passed. She also made a motion, after fondly reminiscing about Dorothy Goble, to donate \$25.00 to the AIS Foundation as a memorial for Dorothy. It was seconded and passed.

Carolyn Craft notified the members that a basket from the Society would be sent to the Regional meeting for fundraising. Donated items are needed at the next meeting.

John Pesek spoke about our Spring Iris Show and thanked Carol Dahout his co-chair and all others involved. West Bay Iris Society will be joining us to put on the show.

Valda Evans reported that the edges of our plot at Guadalupe Gardens need work because the grass is overgrown. She will be holding a work party March 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and needs strong volunteers to deal with the grass.

Mary notified the members that Jill McGraw's aunt and uncle made a \$50.00 donation to the Society in her memory.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. and the fund raising raffle and door prize drawing were held.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Pesek, Secretary



### Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning Balance February 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$12,304.73</b>
Income:	0
Expenses: CBRIS Bookmarks	-59.49
AIS Foundation - Dorothy Goble	-25.00
AIS Foundation - Jill McGraw	-25.00
First Baptist Church - meeting room rent	-150.00
<b>Ending Balance February 29, 2012</b>	<b>\$12,045.24</b>

### Spring Show

#### 'Iris Gone Wild'

April 14 - 15, 2012

Westgate Mall

1600 Saratoga Ave.

San Jose, California.

Presented by Clara B. Rees

and Westbay

Iris Societies

### San Francisco Flower and Garden Show

A reminder to those members that have volunteered to help host the AIS booth at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show on March 21-25<sup>th</sup>, you are able to attend the Show before and/or after your commitment to the booth. Please check with Carolyn Craft if you do not remember what time you offered to help. The event is from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and will be held at the San Mateo Event Center.

-Carolyn Craft, phone 408-266-0945

-e-mail theladygardens@aol.com

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

### Spring Garden Market

Don't forget to sign up to help at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Market being held Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00m P.M. It will be at the History San Jose/Kelley Park on Senter Road in San Jose. A signup sheet will be passed around at the March meeting. We do need more club members to help sell potted irises at this event. It is our first fund raiser of 2012. Let's all do a little bit.

-Mikey Lango

**If you have not done so yet, make sure that you send in your registration forms for the National in Ontario, California and for the Spring Regional in Santa Cruz. The due dates are fast approaching!**

**Information is in the last newsletter.**



## Camellia Show

Philippa Alvis would like to thank the CBRIS members that came to help at the 71<sup>st</sup> Camellia Show on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Carolyn Craft, Carol Dahout, Dave Henley, Lynn Stuart, Mary Lou Wyman, Mikey Lango and granddaughter, Cameron Russie and of course to hubby, Jack Alvis. Philippa has been quite ill again with bronchitis, etc and appreciates the club members coming to her aid.

## Spring Regional Donation

Please bring all donations for the AIS Spring Regional basket donation to the next CBRIS meeting in March. We are looking for iris or garden related items. Also foods such as dried fruit, jams and wine. Any other items are also appreciated. Please give the item to Carolyn Craft. Jane Anne Walters will be putting our donation basket together for the Regional.

## Filoli Gardens

The Filoli Garden Show will be May 10<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. We will need bloomstalks to place on display. Please let Carol Dahout know if you can help with this event.

## Refreshments for March



**Jane Jordan**  
**Mary Collins**  
**Georgina Clark**

**Drinks**  
**Barbara and John Pesek**

## Garden Tours

Would you like to share your garden with our club members? We would love to see the fruits of your green thumb. Please contact Jane Jordan at [janej@alum.mit.edu](mailto:janej@alum.mit.edu) or 408-255-3024, if you are willing to invite us into your garden.





## Name That Iris!



Find the answer at the next CBRIS meeting.

## Last month's feature...



That's All Folks

"That's All Folks" is one of the great yellows in the iris world. It was Bill Marriott's last tall bearded introduction in 2004. This tall bearded iris has big, stunning flowers! It has standards that are bright yellow over white falls bordered with bright yellow. It blooms mid-season and is 40" tall. Bill is now in the daylily business.

## Culture Tips

It is general cleanup time for the irises. If the weather is dry, pull off dead leaves and water the irises as necessary. Check for snails and slugs. If needed, put out bait or hand pick the little critters with a flashlight and get rid of them. Give the irises a side dressing of a quick acting balanced fertilizer. If there is not any rain, water the irises so the fertilizer will get to the roots. Some are beginning to bloom!



That's All Folks  
2012 bloom  
Photo by:  
Debbie Vidal

-Carl Boro

## Guadalupe Gardens

Workers are needed at the Guadalupe Gardens to repair the border around the iris bed. On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, please bring your hat and tools and meet us there at 10:00 A.M. Many people make a short day! We should be able to finish the work in a couple of hours or less.

Thank you



-Valda Evans



## DPI March 2012

△ **Action Packed** (Black 11) 36", M-L. S. buff webbed with wine veins; F. purple black veined white around orange gold beards. Three branches with 8-9 buds.

△ **Angel Within** (Kerr 11) 39", M-L. S. medium pink; F. medium pink with a ½" light blue lavender band. Bright red-orange beards. Good branching and bud count.

△ **Bibbidi Bobbidi Blue** (G. Sutton 11) **SDB**, 11", M-L & re. Ice blue self with standards flushed pink; lavender beards.

△ **Blushing** (Black 11) 32", M-L. S. light yellow infused mid pink; F. white with wide blended pale yellow margins. Tangerine over white beards. Smaller compact flowers on show stalks with 4 branches plus spur and 10-12 buds.

△ **Cold Creek** (M. Sutton 11) 33", M-L & **RE**. S. white; F. white ground with heavy mottling and veining of blue. Yellow beards, 7 buds, wonderful size and ruffling.

△ **Cosmic Elegance** (Kerr 11) 42", M. S. pinkish taupe with lavender infusion up the center of the petals; F. ruffled and semi-flaring, light red lavender overall with very thin taupe wire edge. Red orange beards, tall with extra large flowers.

△ **Engagement Ring** (Ghio 11) 34", E-M-L. S. champagne gold; F. white with wide rosy orchid band. B. yellow. Well branched and long bloom season.

△ **Living Your Dream** (Black 11) 36", M-L-VL. S. medium red purple; F. light blue violet, darker under beards; tangerine white to lilac blue beards, narrow lilac rims on S. and F.; 3 branches with 7-9 buds.

△ **Moody Blue Eyes** (Lauer 11) 33", M-L. S. wisteria with a whitish center and light green lines throughout; F. blue with darker lines from beard to darker edge. B. blue with yellow in throat. Pronounced sweet fragrance, ruffled.

△ **Orange Toffee** (M. Sutton 11) 33", M-L & **RE**. Greyed orange self with a large pale violet blaze on the falls. Carrot beards. Heavily ruffled with 7 buds in spring and on fall rebloom.

△ **Point of No Return** (M. Sutton 11) **SA**, 37", M-L. S. white heavily infused yellow; F. white sunburst, yellow shoulders bleed into blue violet band which bleeds into a ¾" ruby red rim; B. yellow, ending in fuzzy white horns; 7 to 9 buds. Large flowers.

△ **Repertoire** (T. Johnson 11) 35", L. S. greenish hued mid yellow; F. pastel violet with old gold bands; B. gold. Strong growth, show stalks.

△ **Revision** (Keppel 11) 39", E-M-L. S. white; F. white with 3/8" blue band; B. gold. Terminal and 3- 4 well-spaced branches carry 7 to 9 buds. On catalog cover.

△ **Rim of Fire** (M. Sutton 11) 34", M-L & **RE**. S. bright yellow; F. bright yellow with ½" red band at edge and slight white area below the gold beards. 6 blooms with late fall rebloom having 8 buds.

△ **Spectator** (Keppel 11) **IB**, 22", M. S. plum; F. cream white with solid plum band; B. white, light yellow, brown and purple.

△ **Spice Trader** (J. Painter 10) 36", M. S. golden bronze with brown edge; F. gold overlaid with bronze wash and violet spot at marigold beard.

△ **Splatter Matters** (J. Painter 10) 35", M. S. dark violet streaked white and aster violet; F. same but more heavily marked.

△ **Uninhibited** (Ghio 11) 38", M-L-VL. S. orange; F. orange sunburst, wide maroon band, thin orange rim, hint of a maroon serrated edge; B. bright orange. Ruffled, tall, well branched and budded.

