



# Clara B. Rees Iris Society - Fleur de Lis

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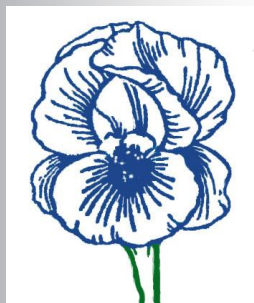
## CBRIS Club Picnic

### July Meeting Place

**Jim and Elaine Laflin's**  
**18582 Allendale Avenue**  
**Saratoga, CA 95070**

**Next Meeting**  
**Club Picnic**  
**July 15, 2012**

**Arrival Time 9:30 A.M.**  
**Auction 10:00 A.M.**  
**Lunch 12:00 P.M.**



### Club Membership Dues

**Sep 1, 2011—**  
**Aug 31, 2012**

**Adults - \$12.00**

It's summer! Let's party!! Time for our annual club picnic on Sunday, July 15th, at the Laflin's, See side column for address and check your membership book, p. 37 , for driving directions. Arrival time is 9:30 A.M. with the auction beginning at 10:00 A.M. Extra rhizomes of the door prize iris will be dispersed by auctioneer, Chad Schroter, with his usual witty charm. If you have extra iris please bring them for the raffle. Prepare raffle iris as you would for the sale: cleaned, trimmed, and named, adding color or colors and any other ID information such as year and hybridizer, if possible. Please print on the front of the leaf fan. Raffle tickets will be seven tickets for \$5.00. Everyone holding raffle tickets will surrender one ticket for the first round of the raffle. A second ticket will be surrendered for the second round. After that, remaining ticket numbers will be called until all raffle iris are taken. If you plan to purchase raffle tickets, please have your \$5.00 ready - cash or check. We will NOT have extra cash to make change.

Remember to bring money or a check book, bags for schlepping your rhizomes back home, a comfortable chair, a hat & sunscreen, and the potluck dish you signed up to share with 8-10 others. Provide your own ice or heat to keep your potluck item safely cold or hot until we eat about noon. Bring your own table service, and drinks of your choice. CBRIS refreshment chair, Georgina Clark, will furnish coffee, tea, and water.

Master Chef, Carl Boro, will treat us to the main bar-b-que course of chicken, tri-tips, and pork. You may pre order extra scrumptious bbq meats to take home by letting Carl know before July 13<sup>th</sup>. He will accept checks or cash---no IOUs!- at the picnic. The tri-tip will be \$10.00 per pound, the chicken and pork will be less. Contact Carl for those prices.

This is the time that we get to collect the door prize iris that we have won at the meetings over the past year. If you are unable to attend this event, make arrangements with another member to pick up the door prize iris that you won! DPI not claimed will be put back on the auction table and sent home with the highest bidder! Mary Collins has contacted the DPI growers with information and a schedule for digging the door prize iris and for delivering them to her house.

There will not be a silent auction this year but if you have extra plants in good health from your gardens to share or trade ----other than iris----bring them to the picnic, named and bagged. If you bring a plant, you can claim a plant from the exchange table. Questions? Call the picnic Chair, Philippa Alvis, at 408-395-2144. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th of July for another great picnic at the Laflin's!

-Philippa Alvis, Picnic Chair



June 1, 2012

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

President Mary Collins called the meeting to order at 7:46 P.M. and introduced Carolyn Craft who introduced this month's speaker, Sharon McCray. Sharon has been a Master Gardener for 20 plus years and teaches classes all over the country.

The topic was 'Bats'. Contrary to popular belief, bats are not blind, they are not rabid and vampire bats do not live in the U.S. They have thumbs at the end of their wings and fly in a breaststroke pattern. They grab their prey with their feet and are very accurate hunters. Bats can live up to 90 years on a diet consisting of pollen, nectar, insects and fruit.

Bats are good for our gardens as they are great pollinators and bat guano is highly prized. The big brown bat eats the worms that attack corn and eats its weight in insects. The average bat can eat 600 mosquitoes per night. They are the sole pollinators of agave and are critical for banana production. They are attracted to flowers with a long tapered base, such as the Angel Trumpet.

Resources to learn more: 'America's Neighborhood Bats' by Merlin Tuttle  
'Forgotten Pollinators' by Stephen Buchmann  
[www.dfg.ca.gov/viewing/bats2/html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/viewing/bats2/html)

Business meeting:

President Mary Collins thanked Lynn, Kalpana and Carolyn for the refreshments, and welcomed new member, Marilyn Fanelli.

The CBRIS picnic will be July 15. Please bring your own chairs and utensils, and a dish to share. A signup sheet was passed around.

Birthday congratulations were announced for Jane Jordan, Jane Reiter, Elaine Fischer and Sandi Danner.

The Fall Regional will be held in Roseville on 8/27-8/28, and registration is in this newsletter.

Sort night will be August 3rd, at the church. Bring your iris labeled and trimmed.

The rhizome sales will be August 4th, at Yamagami's and August 11th at Almaden Valley Nursery.

The Potting Party will be held at Carol Dahout's house on August 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.

We need four new Directors and a Vice President, and a Spring Show Co-Chair.

The meeting was adjourned after the door prize drawings were drawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dahout, sitting in for Secretary, Barbara Pesek



## Condolences

It is with great sadness that CBRIS members convey heartfelt condolences to the Craft family and to their daughter, Cosette, on the tragic loss of her husband, Joshua Austin, on Saturday morning, June 23rd.

Josh was mortally injured late Friday afternoon when a rogue "mini burst" of violent wind swept him and his motorcycle off the road and into a metal roadside rail as he was riding to meet his family for a weekend of camping. He leaves his wife, Cosette, and two sons, Jonah, 4 and Jacob 1 1/2. Memorial services have been held in Montana where he was stationed with the Air Force; burial will be in Tennessee in a family plot in his home state. The Crafts will return home after July 7<sup>th</sup>.



Lynn Stuart  
Photo by Carl Boro

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning Balance, June 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$12,723.79</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Plant Sales	20.00
New Member Dues	3.00
<b>Total Current Income</b>	<b>23.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Door Prize Iris	(\$998.50)
Fall Regional Reg. - M. Collins	( 55.00)
Speaker Fee	( 75.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$1,128.50)</b>
<b>Ending Balance June 30, 2012</b>	<b>\$11,618.29</b>

## July Meeting

CBRIS would like to thank Sharon McCray for giving a presentation on bats at the June meeting. It was very informative. To read more about the program please see the minutes in this newsletter.

## Thank You

Thank you to Philippa Alvis, Carl and Marilyn Boro, Mary Collins and Carol Dahout for helping with the newsletter. Articles, photos and editing are always welcome!

- Mikey Lango. Newsletter Editor



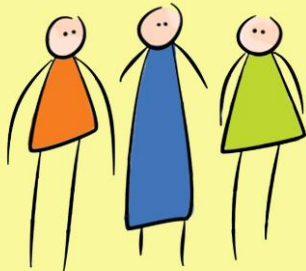
## Welcome to New Member

**Marilyn Fanelli**

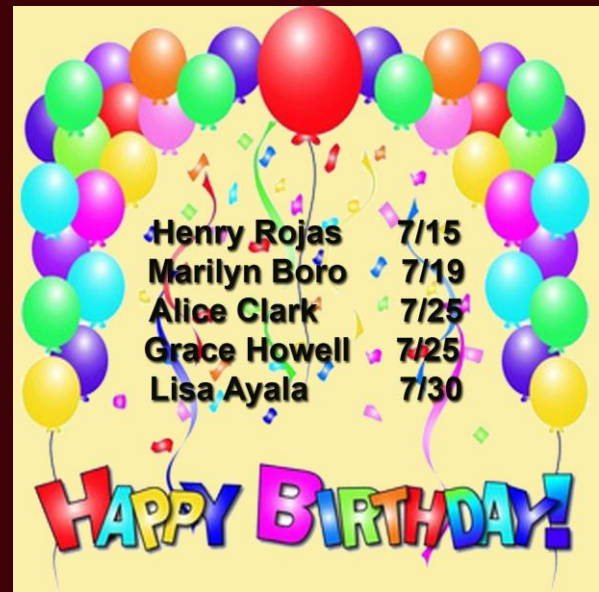
**15110 Shannon Road**

**Los Gatos, CA 95032**

**Phone 308-358-3849**



## July Birthdays



**-Jane Reiter, Sunshine**

## Rhizome Sales

**At the annual picnic, Mary Collins will be passing around a signup sheet to help at the rhizome sales.**

**The two sales are**

**August 4, 2012**

**at Yamagami's Nursery**

**10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**and**

**August 11, 2012**

**at Almaden Valley Nursery**

**10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Please check your calendar to see which date is better for you to help the club.**

## August Trek

Colleen Goff has invited the CBRIS and Westbay members to visit her and Jim's dahlia farm on Saturday, August 18, 2012. They are located in northern Monterey County near the Elkhorn Slough and Prunedale area or in the hills above Moss Landing. Directions to their farm may be found at [www.thegardensong.com](http://www.thegardensong.com).

They have a display garden of 1,500 dahlias with 550 varieties in it, as well as Colleen's own cultivars in another area. There is another 3 1/2 acres of private gardens, with about 900 species of perennials, bushes, etc. and other large collections of flowering plants such as daylilies and hydrangeas.

The garden will be open from 10:30 until 2:30 P.M. Please bring a bag lunch.

Contact phone number: 831-763-2480

Address: 14581 Tumbleweed Lane, Elkhorn Slough, CA 95076





Photos by Carl Boro



### Region 14 Bulletin

Region 14's summer bulletin is now available on line. Check it out on Region 14's web site at [http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/spring\\_summer2011\\_LVI-1.pdf](http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/spring_summer2011_LVI-1.pdf). This is the place to find out what the other clubs in Region 14 have been doing. Also, you can read about the Spring Regional that was held in Aptos this past April.

What did one flag say to the other flag?



Nothing. It just waved!

-www.grandparents.com

### Sharing Rhizomes

Yes, now through September is the time to divide your iris if they are overcrowded or if you want to share your rhizomes. At the annual picnic, we have the opportunity to bid on the newer varieties or pick the older varieties at the raffle. It is a good idea to bring some of your increases of DPls to the picnic so other members can have them growing in their gardens. If each member can bring at least two or three varieties, we would have many more to choose. Please bring the rhizomes cleaned and labeled as there is no time to get them ready at the picnic. We like to share!

Otherwise, keep watering your growing irises as needed and keep them weed free. There will be another opportunity to share your irises in August at Sort Night.



# American Iris Society Region 14

## 2012 Fall Regional—'Foothill Journey'

Hosted by the Sierra Foothills Iris Society  
Saturday October 27th & Sunday October 28th

### Regional Schedule

#### Friday, October 26th, 2012 Region meeting room opens 10 a.m.

7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Registration

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

Evening arrival on October 26th is encouraged, but optional

#### Saturday, October 27th, 2012

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Registration

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. 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



**American Iris Society – Region 14**  
**2012 Fall Regional—‘Foothill Journey’**  
**Guest Speaker—Paul Black**  
**Proprietor, Mid-America Garden**  
Hosted By Sierra Foothill Iris Society  
Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th

**Conference Hotel**

Contact the hotel directly for reservations. To receive group rate use the name ‘Iris Convention’ when placing the reservation. Group rate is available until October 13, 2012.

Orchid Suites

130 N. Sunrise Avenue

Roseville, CA 95661

Phone: (916) 784-2222 orchidreservations@heritagehotelgroup.com

Hotel room rates are \$69.00 plus tax for a double or single room with full breakfast & daily evening of beer, wine, soft drinks and light appetizers. Wireless Internet

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Society—list one only \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$55.00 per person if received at the Registrar’s desk before October 10th, 2012.

Note: After October 10, 2012, the registration will be \$65.00.

**Registration**

Includes Luncheon on Saturday; Saturday Guest Speaker, Paul Black

Sunday Morning Judges Training given by Paul Black

Please make checks payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society

Send to:

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P.O. Box 332

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Number of registrants x \_\_\_\_\_ \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed—No Credit Cards \$ \_\_\_\_\_