



# 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

Mar 7, 2014

7:30 P.M.

### Board Meeting

6:30 P.M.



## Club Membership Dues

Sep 1, 2013—  
Aug 31, 2014

Adults - \$12.00

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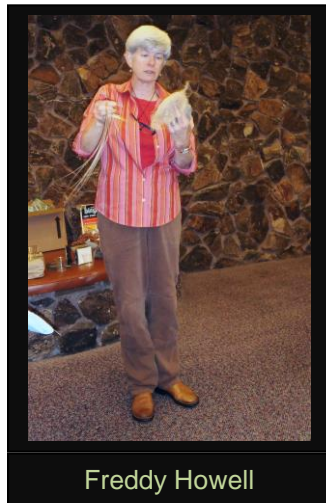
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## March Meeting

Free Plants! Words to thrill a gardener's heart. Even the most ardent iris grower has other plants in the garden and would probably like more, even if only to share with friends and family. How do we get free plants? Propagation!

Our own Master Gardener, Carolyn Craft, will share propagation techniques and tips with examples and hand-outs. We'll learn which plants are fast and easy to propagate and which ones may require more time. Feel free to bring in your own items to share or ask about. Come to the meeting and take home the secret of free plants!

—Lynn Stuart, VP & Program Chair



Freddy Howell

## February's Meeting

Club members were privileged to have Freddy Howell from the Los Gatos Birdwatcher as the speaker for last month's meeting. Freddy enlightened us on the use of the different types of feeders and which bird food to use to attract different birds.

Carol has a detailed account of Freddy's program under the minutes in this issue.

Thank you, Freddy for sharing your expertise with us.

## Board Meeting

March 7, 2014

6:30 P. M.

The Spring Show will be discussed. All are invited.

## Tidbits Found in a Leprechaun's Pot 'o Gold

It is so delightful to look out my office window and see irises that have seemingly grown taller overnight with the addition of this latest rain.

Just a reminder about the board meeting that will be held before the March meeting. The time is 6:30 p.m. and all members are welcome. We will be discussing April's Spring Show.

The registration form for the Spring Regional in Santa Rosa is in February's newsletter. Pay before April 1<sup>st</sup> and the registration fee is \$85.00, rather than \$105.00 if it is paid after that date. I encourage all to consider going, especially if you haven't been to a Regional before. The Santa Rosa Iris Society promises fun and carnival games in keeping with their carnival theme.

–Barbara Pesek, CBRIS President

### March Birthdays

<b>Logan Danner</b>	<b>March 1</b>
<b>Rosemary Chivers</b>	<b>March 6</b>
<b>Jennifer Vanden Beukel</b>	<b>March 12</b>
<b>Dave Henley</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>Jane Anne Walters</b>	<b>March 28</b>



**Happy Birthday!**

### Treasurer's Report

<b>Ending balance, January 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$12,950.58</b>
Additions	Raffle 7.00
Expenses	Postage 18.40
	Website fee 119.88
	Checks 32.94
	Booth Spring Garden Market 25.00
	Misc. expenses from 2013-
	Xmas, Regional mtg. DPI charts <u>36.95</u>
<b>Ending balance, February 28, 2014</b>	<b>\$12,724.41</b>

–Mary Collins, CBRIS Treasurer

### CBRIS Website

If you need club news, check out Clara B Rees Iris Society's website at [www.cbris.org](http://www.cbris.org). Our society is fortunate to have club member Peter Marra keeping the website updated.

**Welcome to Clara B. Rees  
Iris Society**

### March Refreshments

**Kalpana Shyam**  
**Jane Anne Walters**  
**Barbara Pesek**  
**Drinks**  
**John Pesek**

**We will need two more sign-ups for April.**



**February 7, 2014****CBRIS Meeting Minutes**

President Barbara Pesek opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., and wished happy birthday to Carl Boro (Feb. 20) and happy anniversary to the Beatles!

Mikey, Helen, Lynn, Carl and Marilyn were thanked for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

Our VP Lynn Stuart was introduced, and in turn, introduced Freddy Howell from the Los Gatos Birdwatcher as our speaker for the evening. The LG Birdwatcher is an interesting store of all things relating to, you guessed it, birds. It is located in the King's Court Center, 792 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Phone 408-358-9453. Freddy had some interesting handouts, and demonstrated various bird feeders to attract birds, such as platform feeders, hopper feeders and table feeders.

The feeders must be kept clean, and the best way to clean them is with white vinegar. Vinegar is highly recommended for hummingbird feeders. Incidentally, the staff at LB Birdwatcher will clean your feeder for you on Mondays and Thursdays, and all they ask for is a donation.

Freddy showed us various types of bird feed depending on which birds we desired in our gardens. She had a patio mix that has no shells so it won't sprout in your garden, trail mix or peanut nuggets, blocks of seeds and seed cakes.

She also showed us some bird baths and bird houses (which her staff will also repair if your backyard birds are extra rambunctious).

After refreshments, it was on to old business. Barbara thanked Mary for doing a good job as treasurer, no surprise there. Barbara reminded us to visit the CBRIS website ([cbris.org](http://cbris.org)) and check out the photos Peter has posted on past iris shows. She asked for committee members to help Kalpana with publicity for the show and Philippa and Dave Henley were appointed. Thanks guys!

New business – Carolyn Craft gave us a rundown on what to expect at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show which is held in San Mateo, March 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a great event and volunteering a couple of hours at the AIS booth is a great way to get in free.

Spring Regional – the deadline for registering is April 1<sup>st</sup> and the fee is \$85. You can still register after that but you have to cough up an extra \$20, and who wants to do that?

Master Gardener Spring Garden Market is April 12, and Mikey Lango is the chairwoman. This is another very fun event, so sign up to help!

Our Spring Show, "Irises on Parade!", is on April 26-27. This is your chance to strut your stuff, so to speak, so weed your garden and speak nicely to your iris. Carol Dahout will have sign-up sheets at the March meeting, and Lisa Ayala will announce the floral design categories. Don't miss it!

There was some discussion about moving our May meeting as it coincides with the Spring Regional; however, it was decided to keep it as is to avoid confusion.

There will be a board meeting at 6:30 P.M. before the regular meeting to discuss the show. All are welcome.

The meeting ended with the door prize drawing and raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dahout, CBRIS Secretary



## Yearbook Corrections

There are some corrections for the 2013- 2014 yearbook. Please make the following:

### Director's Terms of Office for 2013 through 2015

9/12 - 9/14	Alice Clark
9/12 - 9/14	Chris Dickinson
9/12 - 9/14	Dave Henley
9/13 - 9/15	Peter Marra
9/13 - 9/15	Philippa Alvis
9/13 - 9/15	Kalpana Shyam

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### Publicity Members:

Kalpana Shyam

Dave Henley

Philippa Alvis

—from Barbara Pesek, CBRIS President

## CBRIS Calendar

The following are dates to remember this year.

Monthly Meeting, March 7, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

SF Flower and Garden Show, March 19 - 23, 2014 - San Mateo County Event Center

Monthly Meeting, April 4, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

National Convention, April 5 - April 10, 2014 - Dallas, Texas

Master Gardener Spring Garden Market, April 12, 2014 - History Park, San Jose 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

CBRIS Spring Show, "Iris on Parade", April 26 - 27 Westgate Mall, San Jose, California

Region 14 Spring Regional, "A Carnival Carousel of Iris", May 2 - May 4, 2014 - Santa Rosa

Monthly Meeting, May 2, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

Monthly Meeting, June 6, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

Picnic & Rhizome Auction, July 20, 2014 - Laflins, Saratoga, California

Sort Night & Pot Luck, August 1, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

Rhizome Sale, August 2, 2014, at Yamagami's Nursery 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Joint Board Meeting, September 5, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

Monthly Meeting, October 3, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

October, 2014 Fall Regional in Reno, Nevada. Dates TBA

Monthly Meeting, November 7, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

—based on cbris.org

Monthly Meeting & Annual Christmas Party, December 5, 2014 - Los Gatos, California

—Thank you, Peter Marra!

## Plant Markers

Looking for quality plant markers at a reasonable price? Order them from Kincaid. CBRIS belongs to the 'Grow Your Rewards' program. When placing your order the rewards code is **IRIS-CBRIS**. You will get a discount plus the club gets a kickback.

Kincaid Gardens  
11000 County Road 366  
Savannah, MO 64485-2312  
816-324-4931  
[www.kincaidgardens.com](http://www.kincaidgardens.com)





## CBRIS Garden Tour

The CBRIS Garden Tour will be held on April 19, 2014.  
 There are two gardens on the tour so far and there is room for two or three more. Please consider sharing your garden.  
 Contact Jane Jordan at 408-472-3897 or janeirisjordan@gmail.com.  
 –Jane Jordan



### CBRIS February 2014 Meeting

Who do you see in this collage? I see the club president and the treasurer, also, the president and the treasurer from long ago. Can you find the man that grows the tallest iris? Can you find the picnic host? Do you see the picnic chef or our hostess? How about our garden tour guide? Can you find the gofer? Can you find Jane or Jane or Jane Anne? Well, certainly one of them is more easily found! Who is that smiley face? Rosemary, of course! How many of you know the newest male member? His name is Mark. How about the sage – the one that knows all about the club? Did you ever figure out Jean and Pat? Yes, “Jean” is spelled correctly but he is not in this photo. Names, names, names ...get to know all the club members.



## Spring Show Artistic Division Categories

Well, folks, it's that time again! Here are the categories for the Artistic Division. We had a GREAT turn out last year. Let's see if we can beat that number and make a new record for Artistic (we had 22 entries last year). We will have registration sign-ups at the meeting in March. If you cannot make the meeting in March, please register with me by email. There is a cutoff date for registration, so please register early. I will go over a couple things at the meeting regarding the categories. If you have any questions, please ask me during the meeting. Please remember that ONLY the greenery portion of the design can be done at home. The flower placement MUST be done at the show, and this includes the youth division.

### Section A.

**Genesis:** A freestyle design for the novices of the group. Must not have won any prior blue ribbons.

### Section B.

**Wee Willy Winky:** A freestyle design no larger than 12 inches high, wide or deep.

### Section C.

**Americana:** A freestyle design which must include only the colors of red, white and blue. Normal greenery is okay. Dried painted material is okay. Any iris that is a shade of red, white or blue is ok. Blue or white Dutch Iris are okay. Complementary materials may be included. Container may contain one of the colors.

### Section D.

**Kombanwa:** A design in the traditional or modern Japanese style.

### Section E.

**Woody Wood Chuck:** A design including any type of wood.

### Section F.

**Cave Man:** A free style design for only the guys of the club.

### Section G.

**Beach Party:** A design for the youth of the club which depicts any beach scene. If sand is used, it must be contained on a plate, in a box, etc. to avoid sand spreading everywhere.

—Lisa Ayala, Artistic Show



Lisa and Carol

## Culture

Weed, weed and weed again! Now that we had a little rain the weeds are growing fast. Make sure that they are kept away from your irises so the iris can grow tall and strong. Look out for the snails because they will be right behind this rain. Pull off any dead or diseased leaves. Take care of your iris and you may bring home a blue ribbon or a trophy in April at the Spring Show!



## March 2014 CBRIS DPI List

- △ **Alakazam** (Tasco 13) **AB (OGB)**, 36", M. S. lavender veined darker; F. light lavender heavily veined dark burgundy to edges; veined dark burgundy signal. Regelia form with one branch and three buds and medium purple based foliage.
- △ **Autumn Explosion** (Tasco 13) **RE**, 33", E-M. S. warm white with reddish purple dots; F. cold white with reddish purple dots becoming darker toward the edges. Light ruffling, sweet fragrance, average of 9 buds with two, sometimes three branches.
- △ **Autumn Ring** (M. Sutton 10) **RE**. S. primrose yellow; F. white, ½" blended red purple, yellow and brown rim
- △ **Bahia Cooler** (M. Sutton 12) **RE**, 36", M-L. S. white flushed yellow; F. multicolored- yellow shoulders, marbled purple, red violet and yellow extend down to pale blue violet edges. Pronounced sweet fragrance, nice ruffling, late fall rebloom.
- △ **Beauty Contest** (Black 13) 35", M. S. mid pink, F. purple with narrow mid pink bands; burnt coral orange beards. Two to three branches with 5-9 buds.
- △ **Bolder Boulder** (Magee 00) **RE**. S. pinkish grey; F. purple; orange beards.
- △ **Clarence** (Zurbrigg 91) **RE** 35", M. S. white tinted violet at top; F. light blue violet, white center and hafts, cream beard, sweet fragrance.
- △ **Dance Queen** (Kerr 13) S. peach; F. violet with lighter edge; burnt orange beards.
- △ **Double Down** (M. Sutton 09) **RE** S. Indian lake red purple; F. white ground, Indian lake red plicata.
- △ **Fiery Echo** (M. Sutton, 13) **RE** 35", E-M-L. S. lemon yellow; F. white near yellow beards with yellow veining from shoulders to ¾" light purple band which has a dark yellow orange edge. 7 buds on sturdy stalks. Consistent rebloom.
- △ **I'm All Shook Up** (Black 13) 30", M-L. S. purple, then lavender edged yellow; F. same with narrower yellow edge; gold beards. Two branches plus spur carry 9 to 10 buds. Back cover of Mid-America catalog!
- △ **Mary Contrary** (Kerr 13) S. gold; F. white with light purple veins and pale yellow edge.
- △ **Molten Flame** (Tasco 13) 34", M-L. S. Spanish orange; F. tangerine orange; dark red orange beards, three branches usually produce 10 buds, sometimes triple sockets. Very bright color, heavily ruffled, slight fragrance.
- △ **My Cher of Happiness** (Black 13) **BB** 27", M-L. S. medium pink; F. pale pink with yellow edge; orange beards. Show stalks with three branches and 8-9 buds.
- △ **Oil Painting** (Ghio 13) 38", E-M. S. mid orange; F. yellow orange with light tan edges; tangerine beards.
- △ **Other Side of Heaven** (Ghio 13) 38", M-L. S. light pink; F. cream pink; pink beards.
- △ **Planet Hollywood** (L. Painter 13) 34", E-L. S. purple; F. cream yellow base with purple edge changing to dots over lower 2/3rds of petals; dark purple centerline. White based beards have purple center and gold tips, 7-8 or more buds with a slightly spicy fragrance.
- △ **Tahitian Treat** (M. Sutton 13) **SA** 36", M-L. S. Spanish orange; F. pale orange that blends into a deep violet band; tangerine beards that extend into fuzzy pale lavender horns. 7-9 buds.

