



Clara B. Rees Iris Society - Fleur de Lis

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Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Meeting
Nov. 7, 2014
7:30 P. M.



Club Membership Dues

Sep 1, 2014 -
Aug 31, 2015

Adults - \$12.00

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November Program

Tall bearded iris are our familiar friends and grown in all of our gardens. But in the pioneering spirit of the West, our own Carolyn Craft is going to help us expand our horizons into the world of unusual and lesser-known-and-grown beardless iris species. Carolyn will guide our trek into new territory with photos and tips, plus provide an overview of the *Iridaceae* family. Join the expedition at the November meeting and quite possibly discover new iris you can't live without!
— Lynn Stuart, CBRISVP & Program Chair

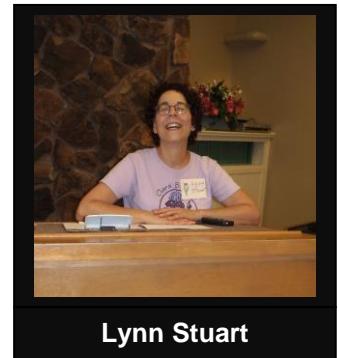
October Meeting

Well, let's see what took place at last month's CBRIS meeting...

We were missing several members including our esteemed President and her hubby, Barbara and John Pesek as they were attending the Fall Regional in Reno. No Philippa, no Carolyn, no Mary. CBRIS' VP Lynn Stuart wore two hats – that of president and introduced herself as CBRIS' Program Chair. She presented an excellent AIS slide show on beardless irises. It covered the major groups and was quite informative. (See Carol Dahout's Minutes in this newsletter.) Thanks, Lynn!

As for Carol Dahout – she wore so many different hats that she could not even keep track of who she was! She was herself - CBRIS Secretary taking down the minutes, she was CBRIS' acting treasurer - Mary Collins collecting dues and getting the budget passed and acted as raffleteer Carolyn Craft.

Carl and Marilyn Boro brought in the beardless door prize irises for this month's drawing. Additionally, they and Jane Jordan brought more beardless to share. Everyone went home with new irises to enjoy.



Lynn Stuart

Reminder November is PCI door prize iris time!

If you are interested in Pacific Coast irises, attend CBRIS' November meeting as this is the only time of the year that PCIs are featured. Members are welcome to bring in any PCI's, species or other beardless iris to share.

Tidbits from an Orange and Black Day

Can the grass be turning greener already with just this little rain? Are the irises really saying, "Thank you, thank you," for the moisture? Will teenagers with pillowcases for candy bags soon be on my doorstep? Yes is the answer to all three questions. My evansia iris leaves are looking especially bright and luxuriant with raindrops on them. The last day of my favorite month is almost over. Now the exciting, traditional, religious, star struck time of year is approaching and our irises are putting forth new leaves while encouraging our curiosity as to what our new plants will look like.

How I miss thee Clara B. (members). I've been working with additions and updates to the yearbook to give to Wayne Craft. It's been since September since I've seen everyone. I am the chairperson for the Christmas party and will ask for help when I see you at the meeting in November.

–Barbara Pesek, CBRIS President

Member Dues 2014 -2015

Dues are now considered late as they were due September 1st. Only current members are listed in the yearbook. See Mary at the coming meeting or send a check for \$12.00 per member made out to CBRIS to treasurer Mary Collins P.O. Box 610906, San Jose CA 95161

OVERDUE

Pacific Coast Iris Culture

Soil: Loose well drained soil that is slightly acidic. Add peat or humus/

Water: Keep moist the first year until established. Rain fall the following years will suffice.

Light: Full sun with partial shade in the afternoon.

Fertilizer: Very light application of an acid based general fertilizer once a year in the spring.

Mulching: Two inches of pine needles or fir bark for the first year.

Transplanting: Can only be transplanted when new white root growth is occurring late fall or early spring. Roots must be kept moist until planted.

Established plants should be left alone until a loss of vigor is noticed usually in four or five years.

–pleasantiris.com

–.pacificcoastiris.org

Some of Joe Ghio's 2014 PCI Introductions



Border Dispute



Yulapa



October 5, 2014

CBRIS Meeting Minutes

Vice-President Lynn Stuart opened our annual Beardless Iris Meeting at 7:45 P.M. She wished a happy October birthday to Manju Kumar, Barbara Pesek, John Pesek, Peter Marra, Valda Evans, Joe Ghio, Helen Bliven and Chad Schroter.



Lynn presented an AIS Beardless Iris slide program that inspired us with eye popping colors and patterns of Spurias, Louisianas, Pacific Coast, Siberians and Species. We were told that when transplanting Pacific Coast iris to root in water until strong white roots appear and you will have a better chance of getting them established. Louisianas are typically grown in bog beds and can tolerate shade but prefer 6-8 hours of sun. They are heavy feeders and like to be fed regularly (don't we all!) with acidic food. Siberians are native to Asia and Europe and prefer cooler conditions. As you are enjoying your Christmas cocktails, please remember your Siberians and throw a tray of ice cubes on them. They will thank you for it. They also like a slightly acid soil and bloom a little later than tall bearded. Once established, they are very hardy.

Business

The budget was passed by a motion made by Wayne Craft and seconded by Chris Dickinson. The audit for the 2013-2014 year was conducted by Jane Jordan and Peter Marra and no discrepancies were found.

An amount of \$100 will be donated for the Teresa Cummins fund to help with her recovery. Members may also donate separately. All donated money can be sent to Charlie Kearns, Treasurer of Monterey Bay Iris Society.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for the Christmas Party and future meeting refreshments.

We had a door prize drawing with Japanese, Louisiana and Siberian Iris. Jane Jordan brought in tons of Louisiana and a Siberian. Elaine Fischer also brought in bulbs, iris, and huge pineapple guavas to share. Carl and Marilyn Boro brought in an assortment of Louisiana Iris – Colorific, Dancing Again, Even Handed, Garnet Storm Dancer, Longue Vue, Praline Festival, Seminole Autumn, and the ever popular, Unknown #3. Elaine also brought in venetian blinds that can be cut up for plant markers (much better than plastic knives). Thanks to all!

Meeting was adjourned after the drawing and auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dahout, CBRIS Secretary

(The ever popular Unknown #3 now has been identified as 'Festive Fever!')



News from Reno's 2014 Fall Regional

Philippa Alvis, Carolyn Craft and John and Barbara Pesek attended the Fall Regional in Reno, Nevada on October 4th and 5th at the Atlantis Hotel Resort Spa. Members of the High Desert Iris Society hosted *Let's Get Lucky*. Regional Vice President John Pesek ably handled the region's business and budget adoption. The Atlantis' luncheon was excellent and dessert was even better.

Kathy Chilton was the keynote speaker and presented two hours of judges' training about aril, arilbred and tall bearded irises. She helped make clearer the difficult topic of arils and arilbreds.

The fund raising baskets were original and generated a lot of raffle ticket buying. Carolyn, the region's finance chair, gathered a pleasing sampling of silent auction items as well as some rhizomes. Guess who won the CBRIS basket? Our very own Carolyn Craft. It was a beautiful large autumn basket including a huge cornucopia. Eight hundred dollars were added to the regional coffers due to Carolyn's efforts and our generous Region 14 members. Carolyn also had a raffle ticket for everyone to take a chance on winning Fred Kerr's *Cathy Chilton* rhizome introduced in 2006, and I won one!

There are 510 members in Region 14 including 135 youth and 15 e-members. 4190 members make up AIS in the USA with an additional 268 members outside the country.

The regional bulletin will be online on December 1st under the direction of new editor Shirley Trio Probst, and the editorial team of Alleah Haley, Gesine Lohr and Mikey Lango.

Carolyn Hoover, president of the Yosemite Iris Society, gave a power point presentation about the Pines Resort on Bass Lake where the headquarters of the 2015 Spring Regional will be. The resort will be an interesting venue for a regional.

–Barbara Pesek, CBRIS President



–photos by Barbara Pesek, Riley Probst & Shirley Trio



Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, October 1, 2014	\$ 12,945.87
Income/additions:	
Dues	168.00
Raffle	11.00
Expenses:	
B. Pesek, Fall Regional registration	(70.00)
J. & I. Cummins, club & member donation	<u>(150.00)</u>
Ending balance, October 31, 2014	\$ 12,904.87

November Birthdays

Elaine Laflin **11/2**
Ken Reiter **11/12**



November Refreshments

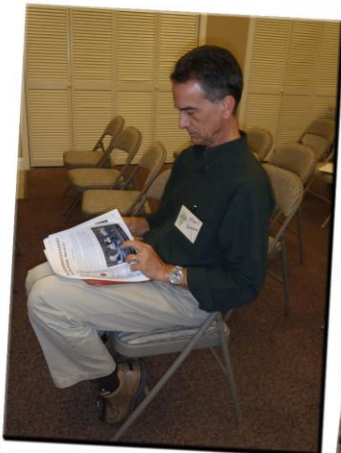
Philippa Alvis
Dave Henley
Barbara Pesek
Drinks
John Pesek



New Member

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ADDITIONAL DPI – ALL REBLOOMERS EXCEPT: Boston Cream and Holiday in Mexico

The following is **NOT** a list of DPI for November. It is an addendum to the descriptions of 2014-2015 door prize iris which will be awarded Dec. thru June.

AGAIN AND AGAIN (Innerst 99) 36", M & RE. Medium yellow self with white beards; slight fragrance.

BAHAMA BLUES (M. Sutton 09) **IB**, 21", E-M & RE; S. & F. rose with gold wire edge, S. has violet flush in center; midnight blue beards; pronounced sweet fragrance.

BOSTON CREAM (Keppel 13) 31", E. Warm white self.

CRUISE TO AUTUMN (Lauer 01) 32", E & RE. S. cinnamon brown veined Lavender; F. lavender, paler toward ¼" cinnamon brown border; beards mustard. Pronounced sweet fragrance.

ECHO LOCATION (Wilkerson 05) 34", E-M & RE. S. pale yellow, F. pale yellow, brown haft lines, faint brown line on bottom when first open; beards white tipped bright yellow; slight fragrance.

GRAPE ECHO (Pinegar 00) 32", E-M & RE. S. and style arms med. orchid; F. magenta edged med. orchid; beards yellow to orange, orchid at end; lightly ruffled, pronounced sweet fragrance.

GOLDEN IMMORTAL (G. Sutton 96) 37", E-M-L & RE. S. and style arms barium yellow; F. Naples yellow, white area near beard, ¼" bronze gold centerline; beards cadmium orange, white base; ruffled, edges serrate; pronounced musky fragrance.

HEARTBREAK POINT (G. Sutton 04) 37", E-M & RE. S. apricot, F. violet blue; beards bright red orange, blue violet horns, slight sweet fragrance.

HOLIDAY IN MEXICO (Probst 12) **MTB**, 24", E-M. S. yellow, F. white ground veined red-purple with 1/8" yellow edge; white beards, slight fragrance.

LEST WE FORGET (Sutton 08) 37", E-M-L & RE. S. red-maroon, F. red-burgundy; gold beards, slight spicy fragrance.

PEGGY SUE (Lauer 06) 34", E-M-L & RE. S. dawn pink, F. orient pink, mandarin red beards; pronounced sweet fragrance.

PINK BOOGIE (Nebeker 04) 38", M & RE. S. lavender pink tipped lavender violet, F. lilac purple wash from white center, light orange beards.

RUBY SANDS (M. Sutton 10) **IB**, 20", E-M & RE. S. burgundy with yellow ground, F. white/yellow ground with burgundy plicata; gold beards, slight sweet fragrance.

ST. PETERSBURG (Byers 89) 38", M & RE. Heavily ruffled silvery violet white changing to green white in center of F., yellow at hafts, light violet- blue beards tipped yellow; slight fragrance.

STUART LITTLE (G. Sutton 12) **SDB**, 10", VE-E-M & RE. S. amber yellow, F. same with white spot below cadmium orange beards, sweet fragrance, small ruffles.

WINNING STREAK (M. Sutton 04) **BB**, 26", M-L & RE. S. violet, F. salmon ground edged violet, orange beards, ruffled, slight sweet fragrance.

ZZ ZANZIBAR (Kasperek 05) Species, 25", E-M & RE. S. white, F. white with blue violet veining, white beards.

