



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Next Gathering – Annual Picnic

CBRIS Annual Picnic
Ortega Park, Sunnyvale
(Off Inverness Way)
10:00 A.M.

Dues

Sep 1, 2016—
Aug 31, 2017

Adults - \$15.00

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CBRIS
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Region 14 www.aisregion14.org

American Iris Society
www.irises.org

Annual CBRIS Picnic

Sunday, July 17th is the date of this year's picnic at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. Plan to come at 9:00 A.M. so we can organize the auction and lunch. The auction starts at 10:00 A.M. Lunch follows. Parking is on Harrow Way and Inverness Way.

Don't miss this event! The picnic is where members pick up their door prize rhizomes and participate in the auction for newer varieties. We will raffle older iris that you will dig and donate.

Remember to bring a dish to share (9-10 servings), a chair, a bag (for your rhizomes), utensils, plate and drink (no alcohol at the park). Please keep the food cold, if needed. Carl will be selling extra meat after the event. You must pre-order meat four days ahead of the picnic. You may contact Carl via email at coboro@gmail.com.



Please bring cleaned, trimmed and marked iris rhizomes. Time is limited at the picnic so we appreciate having the irises ready to go.

You must pick up your door prize iris at the picnic or have someone else pick them up for you. Otherwise, they will go up for auction.

Thanks to Elaine Fischer for getting our permit, Riley Probst for being our auctioneer, Mark Greene for helping, Chef Carl Boro for his excellent barbecuing skills, the door prize growers and all the members for making this a great picnic and auction. Call Linda at 408-241-9249 if you have questions.

CBRIS PICNIC JULY 17th

June 3, 2016 CBRIS Meeting Minutes

One more time! The subject is rebloomers...

Carolyn introduced Riley Probst to share his wisdom on rebloomers. Riley arrived fresh from the Nationals where Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in New Jersey was on the tour—it's everything everyone has heard—beautiful! There were about 220 people at the convention. They also had one day at Hildebrandt's Iris Garden.

Iris go dormant in high heat. To prevent your rebloomers from going dormant you need to water them every 7 to 14 days **before** it gets hot. But don't water in the middle of a hot day or you risk having them rot. Water before 9:00 a.m. or near/after dark. Rebloomers must be growing to rebloom which they won't do if they go dormant.

Rebloomers need to be fertilized more frequently than "oncercs" (one-time bloomers). Fertilize in Feb/Mar and also now. Then fertilize again in September but not later.

If you're going to be digging them up, don't fertilize them. If you've fertilized but need to dig them, then dig early to mid-July; but generally they won't rebloom the year they're dug up.

Use a fertilizer with low nitrogen and high phosphorous, like 6-24-10 (the middle number doesn't matter). It's better if all the rebloomers are together so you're not watering and fertilizing the *oncercs* when they shouldn't be (which would invite rot).

To better guarantee rebloom, get and grow tried-and-true rebloomer varieties. Rebloomers that rebloom consistently for others in different areas of the country should rebloom for you. Generally speaking beardless iris do not rebloom. It takes 5-10 years to learn if a "new" rebloomer is a true rebloomer. It has to get out in the gardens and get tested in different situations.

Riley then showed photos of rebloomers. *Again and Again* is an excellent rebloomer. *Sugar Maple SDB* is a non-stop bloomer.

Break for refreshments.

Business Meeting

Thanks to Rosemary, Alice, Marilyn and Elaine for refreshments.
Happy Birthday to Gary, Jane J, Jane R, Elaine, Sandi, and Shirley.

Our treasurer, Jane, talked about the budget. We had about a \$500 loss of revenue due to problems with the potted iris. About 70 of them didn't increase due to lack of sun. Carol had more iris than she had sun for (we need more members to help take care of them). The Region increased the amount of money we send from \$3 a member to \$4 a member. Our largest two expense areas are the DPI (door prize iris) purchases and the spring show. To offset these losses, dues were unanimously voted to be raised to \$15 per person.

We also need to find another venue to sell our rhizomes. The board is looking into cities with citywide garage sales at the right time. Otherwise, we're considering having a sale in Elaine's driveway. Members were asked if anyone had any connections at any locations or events the 2nd weekend in August where we could hold a rhizome sale (without charge). Any leads should be communicated to the board.

Our July picnic will be at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. Carl will take pre-orders for meat. Bring your own chair and contact Linda to sign up with your potluck dishes.

The door prize drawing was held and meeting closed.



Culture

The summer months of July and August are the time to dig and replant irises. Stop watering the iris two weeks before digging in order to force them into dormancy. Water the irises just the day before digging if the ground is too hard. Separate them into single fans if they have five leaves, smaller rhizomes should be left attached to the "mother". Replant immediately if the weather is "normal". Avoid planting new divisions during a "heat wave". It will not hurt the iris to be held over as long as they are stored in a cool and shady spot. If you are replanting your iris in the same location, amend your soil using compost and some bonemeal. If you are planting iris that you have received from another garden it is best to soak them in a bleach solution for 10–15 minutes. The rate is 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. When you take them out from the soak, rinse in clean water, and dry completely before replanting. After planting the irises water two to three times weekly until three new leaves have grown, then once a week.

Happy digging!

July Birthdays

- Henry Rojas July 15**
- Marilyn Boro July 19**
- Lisa Ayala July 30**



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance on June 1, 2016	\$10,738.84
Income:	
Donation	\$50.00
Total Income	\$50.00
Expenses:	
Speaker's Fee	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$50.00
Ending Balance on June 30, 2016	\$10,738.84



The Merry Days of July

July is coming. Reminder - there is not a CBRIS meeting on Friday, July 1st. However it is '*International Joke Day*'. Nonetheless, this is not a joke as there really is no meeting on the 1st because we have the annual picnic on July 17th. This year that will be held at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale.



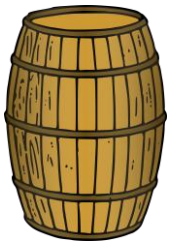
July 2nd is '*I Forget Day*'. What is there to forget? No meeting and the picnic coming. Bring iris rhizomes for the auction and for the raffle. Yes, they are two different procedures held at the picnic. Sometimes we have a raffle and sometimes not depending on how many rhizomes are brought. So don't forget.

July 4th is Independence Day - Our country's 240th birthday. It has been an official paid holiday for government officials since 1938. Yes, another picnic day. What fun we have this month.

On July 7th we celebrate '*Chocolate Day*'. As we all know chocolate must be a vegetable as it comes from the Cacao tree found in tropical rain forests. Eat your veggies, I say.



July 10th comes along and it is '*Teddy Bear Picnic Day*'. Another day in the sun with your favorite teddy.



July 17th is the CBRIS picnic - the best picnic day of the entire year. Why? Because we get to pick up our door prize irises that have been won throughout the year, we get to buy more irises at the auction, we get to pick up some of the older irises at the raffle and we get to eat Carl Boro's smoked meats. Yum! We also share a dish so we never go home hungry. It is definitely the best picnic day and the best iris day of the entire year.

After all those picnics we will be ready to celebrate the 22nd - '*National Hammock Day*' - move on over as I intend to be in one. Maybe I can supervise you planting the newly acquired rhizomes.

The 24th brings International Cousins Day. Why don't you share a rhizome or two with one of your cousins?



The 30th brings International Day of Friendship' Yep, that is another one for me. You are all my friends and friends help friends plant their rhizomes. I will be looking for you.





Carolyn and Mary Lou



Carol, Mary and Lynn



Wayne



Elaine, Grace and Carol



Jane and Lynn

My apologies for so few photos in this month's issue. I have misplaced my small camera that I used for most of the meeting last month. I will update this newsletter online when and if I locate it. -Mikey



Fall Regional

Region 14 Fall Regional '**Something's Always Blooming**' will be held on October 14-15, 2016 in Livermore at Alden Lane Nursery in their Four Seasons room. The registration fee is \$70.00 if you register by September 1st.

There will be quite a few activities going on at this regional. On Friday, there will be a Rebloomer Show. Occasionally, there is a shortage of entries to qualify a judged show so you can help by bringing in your rebloomers at 3:30 P.M. At 4:00 P.M. there will be two meetings held. One is for Show Chairs and one for Program Chairs. Of course, anyone interested in these topics may attend. It will be a time to share ideas that work for your club and for questions and answers. At 5:00 P.M. there is the *Meet and Greet*. It includes non alcoholic drinks and finger foods. The program will be '**The Wild Iris - a Specie Overview**' given by the guest speaker, Dr. Carol Wilson.

Saturday morning will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 A.M. Following will be the Region 14 business meeting. The raffles, auctions and sales will be finished by 1:30 P.M. so Anna Cadd can give a judges training on Division V Artistic training. Heads up, judges and fellow floral artistics, this is a great opportunity to learn from the expertise of Anna Cadd and it is right in our own backyard.

If you are interested in getting a room for the night, hotel rooms have been saved at 'Extended Stay America in Livermore. Rooms must be booked by August 15, 2016 for discounts. The phone number is 1-877-701-3383

Calendar

There will be sign-up sheets at the picnic for our rhizome sale at Yamagami's Garden Center on August 6th and a possible second sale August 13th (location TBD).

Also, our annual 'Pot Party' at Carol Dahout's (date TBD). Please bring your calendars/daily planners!
—Mary Collins, CBRIS President



DPI Rhizomes

DPI Growers--Chris, Elaine F, Jane J, Pesek's, Chad and Kalpana!!! Please deliver your trimmed and labeled iris to Mary Wednesday, July 13th or Thursday, July 14th. Call if you have any questions!! Thanks very much. Without you growers there would not be any dpis.

—Mary Collins, CBRIS President



Region 14 AIS—Executive Board Officers

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Iris Rebloomer Rhizomes

Carol Walker is involved with a garden project at
Westhope Presbyterian Church on Saratoga Avenue.
They could use some extra rebloomer rhizomes if you
have any extra to share. Please call Carol at 408-374-
6763 if you can help.

Rhizome Sales

If you cannot find the iris that you were looking
for at our CBRIS picnic and sale, try one of the
other societies.

July 22, 2016

- Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society
Beared Iris Rhizome Auction and Sale
7:30 - 9:30PM
Oakland Garden Center
666 Bellevue Ave (near Lake Merritt)
Oakland, CA

August 6, 2016

- Monterey Bay Iris Society
Iris Rhizome Sale
9:00 AM–noon, or until sold out
Deer Park Shopping Center—by the
Red Apple Cafe
Aptos, CA

August 20, 2016

- Monterey Bay Iris Society
Iris Rhizome Sale
8:00 AM–noon
Aptos Saturday Farmers Market
Cabrillo College
Aptos, CA

September 6–8, 2016

- Santa Rosa Iris Society
Rhizome Sale
11:00 AM–8:00 PM, all 3days
at 6th Annual Heirloom Expo
Sonoma County Fairgrounds
1350 Bennett Valley Rd,
Santa Rosa, CA

September 10–17, 2016

- Santa Rosa Iris Society
Potted Iris Sale
8:30 PM–1:00 PM, both days
Santa Rosa Community Farmer's
Market - Veterans' Building
1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA
(across from the Fairgrounds)



Something's Always Blooming Somewhere

American Iris Society Region 14

2016 Fall Regional – October 14-15, 2016

Alden Lane Nursery 981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550

We have reserved guest rooms at: Extended Stay America - Airway/Livermore

2380 Nissen Dr. Livermore, CA 94550

Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 1-877-701-3383

To receive the group rate, use the name AIS when making your reservation by AUGUST 15, 2016

\$99.00, single or double occupancy, one bed; \$109 two beds, double occupancy; \$114 triple occupancy, \$119 for four

There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25 Registrant

1: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____ Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee paid BY September 1, 2016 \$ 70.00 X person(s) _____ Total \$ _____

Registration fee AFTER September 1, 2016 \$ 75.00 X person(s) _____ Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to MDIS or Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Send registration to: Kent Lincoln

752 Laurel Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94596

For more information: Email: Fallregion14@gmail.com Phone: (925) 828-2192

Refunds before September 15, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee. No Refunds after September 15, 2016

FRIDAY We will have a Rebloomers Iris Show. Will you be bringing bloom stalks? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3:30-5 PM Iris preparation MDIS will provide containers and entry tags. Please bring your own grooming equipment.

We would like to encourage participation this year by offering several new events on Friday:

4 - 5 PM We invite past and present SHOW CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many _____

4 – 5 PM We invite past and present PROGRAM CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many? _____

5 - 8 PM Mocktails and small plates. Will you be joining us for the Meet and Greet? How many? _____

5:30 PM Stan Morgan will present, "The Incredible Wild Iris – A Specie Overview" 7:00 PM Dr. Carol Wilson, research botanist, will be our very special Guest Speaker. She is currently at UC Berkeley while continuing her affiliation with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. She has traveled extensively researching and collecting wild iris. Her presentation will include pictures of her travels and stories about her collecting experiences. Don't miss this!

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Continental breakfast

8:30 AM Region 14 business meeting

10 AM Coffee break followed by the conclusion of the business meeting

NOON Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 Judges' Training - Division V Artistic with Dr. Anna Cadd Will you attend? How many? _____

We would appreciate you sharing with us any food issues so we may plan a menu for all to enjoy.

Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Diabetic _____ Gluten-Free _____ Dairy _____ Nuts _____ Seafood allergy _____ Other _____