



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

Friday August 5, 2016
6:00 P.M.

Dues

Sep 1, 2016—
Aug 31, 2017

Adults - \$15.00

Contact Information

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CBRIS
www.cbris.org

Region 14 www.aisregion14.org

American Iris Society
www.irises.org

Reminder

Sort night is coming. CBRIS has sort night in August instead of the regular monthly meeting. Same day and same place but we meet earlier. We like to get started at 6:00 P.M. as we have irises to sort and some to be labeled. Please bring a soft rag, a black sharpie and some scissors.

Also, we have a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils. If you are too busy digging rhizomes from your garden, bring something easy. We are not picky. We would like to get a good variety of irises for our coming sales. We can accomplish this easily if everyone brings in a few rhizomes. Please share.

Sort night goes more quickly if the irises come to us trimmed and labeled but if you do not have the time, members will be glad to trim them Friday evening. Just do what you can so our sales are successful.

CBRIS Rhizome Sales

CBRIS will be having two rhizome sales in the next couple of weeks. The first one is on August 6th at our favorite nursery – Yamagami's Garden Center, 1361 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. We will sale rhizomes from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

The second sale will be held at Elaine Fischer's on August 13th. This sale will have the same hours 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. We do need some volunteers for both sales. Please contact Mary Collins if you can sign up to help.

August Birthdays



Kalpan Shyam Aug 2

Colton Danner Aug 8

Carolyn Craft Aug 18

Cara Vainish Aug 19

Alice Gary Aug 28

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance on July 1, 2016	\$10,738.84
Income:	
Dues	\$330.00
Picnic Auction	\$550.00
Picnic Food Sales	\$231.16
Total Income	\$1,111.16
Expenses:	
Picnic Meat	\$408.24
Membership Forms	\$19.03
Region 14 Dues	\$232.00
Cash for Rhizome Sale	\$60.00
Total Expenses	\$719.27
Ending Balance on July 31 2016	\$11,130.73

Annual Pot(ing) Party!!

All hands on deck for the annual potting party at Carol Dahout's house, Sunday, August 14th, from 9:30 a.m. until done. This is where we roll up our sleeves and get down and dirty. We will have a truckload of dirt, fertilizer, and 250 pots to fill for our iris sales next year. If you can help, please let Carol know by email: caroldahout@yahoo.com. Carol's address is 738 Oak Grove Dr., San Jose, CA 95129. Your work will be rewarded by a brunch to follow.

Also, we need people to grow the pots. If you have a sunny spot in your yard or driveway, please let Carol or Mary know. We will supply the pallets to grow them on. You supply the love (and water).



The Bulletin

Region 14 AIS bulletin is now online. You may view it at http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/summer2016-R14_bulletin.pdf. Take a peek and see what activities the other societies in our region are up to.

Fall Regional

Don't forget to register for the Fall Regional being held at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore on October 14-15th. There is a registration form on the last page of this newsletter.



CBRIS Picnic

The CBRIS annual Picnic was held on Sunday July 17th. At Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. There was good food and lots of iris rhizomes. Many rhizomes found new homes. Thanks to all that participated including Chef Carl Boro and auctioneer Riley Probst. Photos and a complete article will be in the next newsletter. Thanks to Lynn Stuart for these two preview photos.



Digging

There are some gardens that need some help digging rhizomes. One is Jane Jordan. Please call her if you can help. Also, Jane Anne and the Laflins need help. Call Mary to schedule a time to help in these two gardens. Thank you.



Standard Iris Rhizome Marking Codes

STYLE

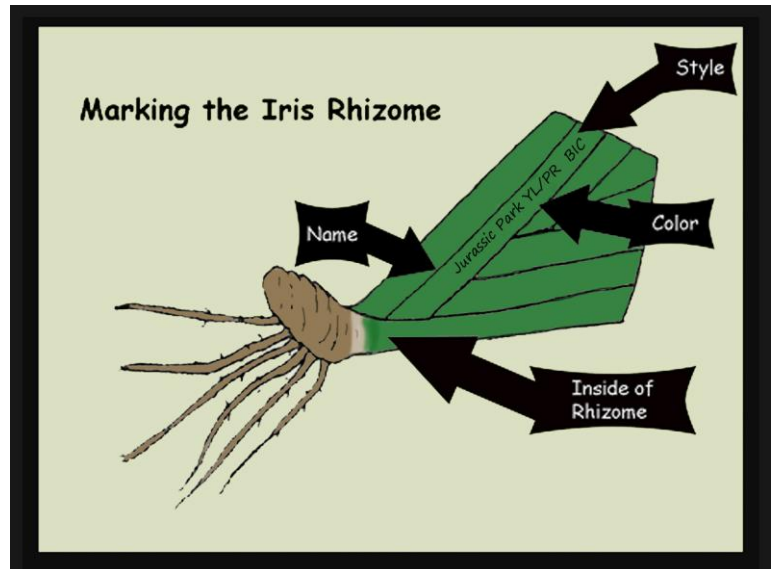
RE Rebloomer
 BIC Bicolor
 BIT Bitone
 NOV Novelty
 PLIC Plicata
 SA Space Age

COLOR

Apricot – AP
 Black – BK
 Blue – BL
 Brown – BN
 Buff – BF
 Cream – CR
 Green – GR
 Lavender – LV
 Maroon – MR
 Orange – OG
 Peach – PC
 Pink – PK
 Plum – PL
 Purple – PR
 Red – RD
 Rose – RS
 Rust – RT
 Tan – TN
 White – WT
 Wine – WN
 Yellow - YL

Labeling the Iris for Rhizome Sales

Wash and trim the iris and the roots. Using a black Sharpie, write on the inside leaf in the center. The inside is the part that is adjacent to the rhizome. The center leaf is best because the outside ones will shrivel, dry and fall off. Labeling iris for sales is simple once you get the hang of it.



Digging and Dividing Irises

Now is the best time to divide irises in our area. Stop watering a week or two before digging. Lift the clumps out of the ground with a spade or a fork. Try to lift the entire clump if possible. Remove as much dirt from the rhizomes as possible. Break the rhizomes apart. Keep the ones that look healthy and have a good set of fans. Trim the leaves back to about 7 inches in length. Trim the roots.

Replant the rhizomes that you want to keep. Share the others with friends or other club members. Remember to bring some to CBRIS sort night on August 6th. We would like to have a good variety to sale at the rhizome sales. Thank you.



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 _____