



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

October 2016
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Meeting Place

**First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030**

Next Meeting

**Friday October 7, 2016
7:30 P.M.
Doors Open 7:00 P.M.**

Dues

**Sep 1, 2016—
Aug 31, 2017**

Adults - \$15.00

**Contact Information
Mary Collins, President
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**CBRIS
www.cbris.org**

Region 14 www.aisregion14.org

**American Iris Society
www.irises.org**

October Program

This is the month we discuss beardless iris and how to plant them and grow them. Our own expert Carl Boro will do the honors. Most of you know Carl and Marilyn have grown lots of beardless iris over the years and we consider them experts in the field. They also manage to go to most of the Louisiana Iris conventions where they mingle with the best LA growers and hybridizers.

We are suggesting that any of you who have iris in this category that you would like to share, please bring named rhizomes to the meeting. Remember these are not like TB, they need to be kept wet. It is best if they are wrapped in wet paper towels inside of plastic bags with the name and type of iris they are. We are looking for Japanese, Louisianas, Siberians, Spurias and Species. If you don't have time to wrap them, just have the name on them and bring them in a bucket of water.

See you in October.

—Philippa Alvis and Carolyn Craft, CBRIS VPs

Region 14 Fall Regional

The Fall Regional 'Something's Always Blooming Somewhere' is being held on October 14 and 15, 2016 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. It is being hosted by the Mt. Diablo Iris Society. The activities start on Friday at 3:30 P.M. There will be a rebloomer show and two meetings; one for show chairs and one for program chairs. Find out how other clubs organize their shows and design their club programs. There is also a Meet and Greet, finger foods, and a presentation on 'The Wild Iris' by Dr. Carol Wilson. It will be a fun and busy evening for all.

Saturday morning brings a Continental breakfast, Region 14 business meeting and lunch. There will be raffles, auctions and a judges training given by Dr. Anna Cadd.

For more information go to http://www.aisregion14.org/fall_regional.php.

A registration form may be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Hope to see you there!

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance on September 1, 2016	\$12,251.68
Income:	
Adjustment to Church Hall Rental	\$ 25.00
Dues	\$345.00
Total Income	\$370.00
Expenses:	
Sunshine Postage	\$28.52
PCI DPI	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$78.52
Ending Balance on September 30, 2016	\$12,543.16



CBRIS membership dues for 2016 – 2017 are now late. Please see Jane Jordan if you need to pay for the current year. Exact cash or a check for \$15.00, please.

DUES

October Birthdays



Barbara Pesek	Oct 9
John Pesek	Oct 19
Peter Marra	Oct 23
Joe Ghio	Oct 26
Bryce Williamson	Oct 27
Chad Schroter	Oct 28
Helen Bliven	Oct 28

October Refreshments

Lisa Ayala
Carolyn Craft
Mikey Lango

Drinks: Mark Greene



September 2, 2016 CBRIS Meeting Minutes

A meeting in the dark...

Tossed out of our normal comfortable digs into the great outdoors, in the darkening dusk, we gathered at the picnic tables at the back of the church. Apparently, the church overlooked informing us about a scheduled special event.

Mary started the meeting with a debrief of the board meeting. The budget was reviewed and approved by the board to be posted in the newsletter and discussed at the next meeting.

We welcomed new incoming directors as of 9/1, and they are:

Peter Marra
Cara Vainish
Chris Dickinson

All of the CBRIS event dates were decided and Peter will post them on the club website.

Carol talked about placing an order for CBRIS T-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, aprons, etc. Sign up! White, ash grey, lavender and pale green T-shirts, in Ladies' style, v-neck, long-sleeved, or unisex. Also, hoodies are available. Most are 100% cotton, except the grey one which is about 98% cotton.

The Fall Regional is coming up in October; registration deadline has been extended slightly.

Carolyn reported that we will be allowed to sell iris at the Fall Regional, so if you have any one gallon potted iris available, contact Carolyn. They must have photos if possible and be named varieties. Contact Carolyn with questions.

CBRIS will be creating a garden plants-and-implements gift for the Fall Regional so bring items to the next meeting.

The door prize drawing was held in the near dark. Mark came to the rescue, illuminating the numbers on the drawing balls with his keychain light for Mary to read.

Mary turned the meeting over to Carolyn who provided a handout on how to divide iris and demonstrated how to plant seed pods from Spurias. If you learned how to do it in the dark, you should have no trouble planting them during daylight.

Lights out until next time!
–Lynn Stuart, CBRIS Secretary



Fall Regional Raffle Basket



It is time to fill a basket for the Fall Regional raffle. Please bring something for our basket. We could use cutesy garden signs, seed packets, stepping stones, garden journal, garden books, etc. Any garden related items will help fill the basket. Please bring your donated item to the October meeting. See Mary Collins. Let's make the CBRIS basket a special one.

CBRIS Calendar 2016-2017

October 14 -15, 2016 AIS Region 14 Fall Regional, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, CA

Find a registration form on the last page of this newsletter.

November 4, 2016 Monthly Meeting

December 2, 2016 Monthly Meeting & Annual Christmas Party

January 6, 2017 Monthly Meeting

February 3, 2017 Monthly Meeting

March 3, 2017 Monthly Meeting,

April 1 – 2, 2017 CBRIS Spring Show, Noon to 5:00 PM, Westgate Center, San Jose

April 7, 2017 Monthly Meeting

April 8, 2017 Master Gardener Spring Garden Market

April 21 – 23, 2017 Region 14 Spring Regional, "Iris Express", Sacramento, CA

May 5, 2017 Monthly Meeting

May 23 – 27, 2017 National Convention, Des Moines, Iowa

June 2, 2017 Monthly Meeting

July 16, 2017 CBRIS Picnic & Rhizome Auction - Members Only

August 4, 2017 Sort Night & Pot Luck

August 5, 2017 Rhizome Sale, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Yamagami's Nursery,

1361 S De Anza Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014

August, Rhizome Sales, Dates/Locations TBA

September 1, 2017 Monthly Meeting & Joint Board Meeting,

October 6, 2017 Monthly Meeting

2017 AIS Region 14 Fall Regional, TBA

November 3, 2017 Monthly Meeting,

December 1, 2017 Monthly Meeting & Annual Christmas Party

–www.cbris.org, Peter Marra



Clara B Rees Iris Society Budget for 2016-2017



EXPENSES

1. Chairperson Expenses

	Budget 2015/2016	Actual 2015/2016	Budget 2016/2017
A. Christmas Party	\$30.00	\$17.39	\$30.00
B. Hospitality	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
C. Advertising (bookmarks)	\$100.00	\$91.76	\$100.00
D. July Picnic	\$375.00	\$508.24	\$500.00
E. Librarian			
F. Membership			
G. Spring Show/ Exhibition	\$1,000.00	\$1,172.00	\$1,200.00
H. Sunshine	\$30.00	\$24.50	\$30.00
I. Yearbook			

2. Club Officer's Expenses

A. President	\$150.00		\$150.00
B. Vice-President (Speakers/Programs)	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
C. Secretary/Treasurer	\$50.00	\$35.14	\$25.00

3. Fund Raising Expenses

A. Harvest Festival			
B. Master Gardener Spring Market	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
C. Sales tax (State Board of Equalization)	\$180.00	\$175.00	\$225.00

4. Club Purchased Iris

A. Bearded Iris	\$1,000.00	\$986.00	\$1,000.00
B. Beardless iris	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$250.00

5. Copies/Literature/Educational Materials

	\$100.00	\$59.28	\$100.00
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6. Donations (Reg. 14)

<u>7. Hall use</u>	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
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<u>8. Iris Pots (and potting mix)</u>	\$200.00	\$320.96	\$200.00
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<u>9. Web Site</u>	\$125.00	\$89.88	\$100.00
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<u>10. Shirts, Sweatshirts</u>			
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<u>11. Memorial Gifts</u>	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
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<u>12. Miscellaneous</u>	\$25.00	\$44.76	\$25.00
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<u>13. Newsletter</u>			
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<u>14. Outgoing President's Gift</u>			\$75.00
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<u>15. AIS Contribution & Membership Donations</u>	\$200.00	\$270.00	\$300.00
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Totals	\$4,455.00	\$4,449.91	\$5,080.00
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CBRIS Budget continued

INCOME:	Budget	Actual	Budget
2. CBRIS Logo Shirt Sales	\$45.00	\$23.00	\$20.00
3. Fund Raising Subject to Sales Tax			
A. New Rhizome Sale Location	\$500.00	\$656.10	\$650.00
B. Master Gardener Sale	\$535.00	\$225.56	\$550.00
C. Yamagami's	\$625.00	\$813.00	\$810.00
D. Other Rhizome Sales	\$200.00		\$200.00
E. Spring Show or Exhibition	\$900.00	\$839.46	\$900.00
F. Potted Sales, Misc. Locations	\$50.00		\$50.00
4. July Auction and Raffle at Picnic	\$700.00	\$781.16	\$800.00
5. Donations to CBRIS	\$75.00	\$53.00	\$100.00
6. Membership Dues	\$650.00	\$954.00	\$850.00
7. Miscellaneous	\$125.00	\$13.00	\$100.00
8. Other Fundraising			
Totals	\$4,455.00	\$4,358.28	\$5,080.00
	\$0.00	-\$91.63	\$0.00

**November Costumes**

Start your planning now for the Nov 4th CBRIS meeting. It is when members come dressed in a costume depicting the name of an iris. We will try to guess one another's iris names. Feel free to bring a guest. See you on the 4th and if you don't want to dress up like an iris, come anyway. The following may be a bit extreme!



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/357051076677875309/>



Merry Days

Here we are in October already. Time to figure out what this month will bring.

October 1st is a good one as it is 'National Homemade Cookie Day'. I am sure that the hubby and grandkids will be checking out the kitchen. Maybe some can be saved for the CBRIS meeting on the 7th.

The 2nd is a good one, too - 'Name Your Car Day'! How many of you name your car? I know that mine has a name. Anyone happen to name their vehicle 'Iris'?

Oct 6 is 'Come and Take It Day' - Oh, yes! Please someone come and take all my weeds. I keep thinking that I am almost finished and then have to start all over in the yard.

Oct 7 is 'Bald and Free Day' - They say that it is a day to honor those with a shiny top. Well, we do have a club member that fits that category. However, we appreciate him all year long as we would not be on the web without him.

Oct 7 'World Smile Day' - Just come to one of our CBRIS meetings and you will leave smiling. There is always a good program, refreshments and camaraderie.

Oct 12 'Old Farmer's Day' or 'Moment of Frustration Day' - Well, I think that the CBRIS members can do a bit of a stretch and call themselves farmers – old-never; farmers- yes. We are iris farmers! As for the moment of frustration that never happens as that darn weed pulling lasts more than a moment.

Oct 21 'Count Your Buttons Day' - Count my buttons? No way. I have way too many – actually I have more buttons than irises and I am not counting those either! I have run out of room with the fingers and toes long ago.

Oct 22 'National Nut Day' - A lot could be said about this day. Are we to appreciate our nutty friends, the healthy snack, the little thingy that goes with a bolt or one of the "nut" irises such as 'Nut and Honey' by Terry Aitken??? Take your pick of the nutty things. I will choose to honor my CBRIS friends as they are all nutty over iris plants.

Oct 31 'Halloween' - Yes, good old dress up day! But not for us as we will be dressing as an iris at the Nov 4th meeting. Try to guess what iris your fellow club member will be wearing.



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

10:00 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 _____