



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

**January 2024**  
**Vol. 66 Issue 5**

**Next Meeting**  
**Jan. 5, 2024**

**West Valley Library**  
**1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd**  
**San Jose, CA 95117**

**Doors open 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting 7:30 PM**

### **Dues**

**Sep 1, 2023-**  
**Aug 31, 2024**

**Adults - \$15.00**

**Carol Dahout**  
**CBRIS President**  
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**caroldahout@yahoo.com**

**CBRIS**  
**[www.cbris.org](http://www.cbris.org)**

**Region 14**  
**[aisregion14.org](http://aisregion14.org)**

**American Iris Society**  
**[www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)**

## **CBRIS Program**

We are delighted to welcome Sharon McCray as CBRIS's guest speaker for January. It's time to usher in a new year, but that doesn't mean "out with the old, in with the new" applies to everything. Sharon is a Master Gardener of Santa Clara County, and this Friday, she will demonstrate one of the most impactful ways to recharge your garden for the next growing season - simply by turning the old into the new: Composting is the sustainable practice of converting food and green waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Composting reduces food waste in landfills, a leading contributor to greenhouse gasses in our environment, and can be done by anyone, virtually anywhere.

Sharon is a California native and has lived in Santa Clara County since 1959. She became certified as a University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener in 1992, and a UCCE Master Naturalist in 2015. In 1994, Sharon established the UCCE Master Composter program in Santa Clara County. She previously hosted the popular radio show Time Farm and Garden on KKUP which airs every Thursday.

Sharon is the current Board President of the Emma Prusch Farm Foundation in San Jose. She also writes on the topic of gardening for three local papers. You can find her columns sharing insights, seasonal advice, and tips for the home gardener in the Campbell Press, Gilroy Times, and Morgan Hill Life.



## Dahout Digs

Philippa Alvis

December 22, 1928 – December 21, 2023



Last month, the December birthdays were posted in the newsletter and Philippa's was one of them. She would have been 95 years old on December 22. Sadly, she passed away on December 21, a young 94. She had been enjoying her stay in New York with her daughter, Joanne, making wreaths and swag decorations for Christmas, planting succulents for her daughter to give as gifts, and going to West Point for their Christmas musical performance. As always, Philippa was enjoying life to the fullest until a massive stroke swiftly took her out.

Philippa wore many hats in her long life. She was a teacher, wife, mother, Santa Clara Master Gardener, AIS judge, past CBRIS president (1993-1995), member of Clara B. Rees and Monterey Bay Iris Societies, Western Horticulture Society, the Camellia Society, the Rose Society and probably others. Perhaps most significant of all, she was a student – always curious, always learning, always excited about the next growing season, the next holiday and the next shopping adventure! A true gardener, she always looked forward to tomorrow and fully expected to be here.



Her contribution to Clara B. cannot be overestimated. She was always willing to take on any task and was an excellent recruiter, as it was impossible to say no to her! She kept us on our toes and let us know when we violated the bylaws or forgot to mention an important point.

Philippa was the heart of CBRIS and will be greatly missed. RIP Philippa.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



## January Birthdays



Tracy Bunger	1
Monique Kelson	7
Nola Prevost	15
Mikey Lango	17
Wayne Craft	18
Mary Collins	20
Grace Keng	23



## Treasurer's Report

<b>Ending balance, November 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$19,378.39</b>
Revenue: Cash/checks from Christmas party	645.00
Expense: Christmas party dinner	1,010.75
<b>Ending balance, December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$19,012.64</b>

## 2023 Spuria Iris Popularity Contest

The [Spuria Iris Society](#) is holding their 2023 Spuria Popularity Contest. **We welcome ANY irisarian that fancies spurias to participate in our popularity contest.** Each participant may select up to 10 spurias. Your TOP favorite should appear in the first position with the remaining votes listed in descending order of preference. Awarded points by choice are:

- 10 points for the first spuria listed
- 9 points for the second spuria
- 8 points for the third spuria
- And on down the list so that 1 point for the tenth spuria

The top 10 spurias will be determined based on the total number of points earned by each of the cultivars selected.

Please consider indicating the location of your garden and/or your USDA zones. Varietal comments are always welcome. Your input could assist others in deciding which ones they may want to grow.

There are three methods available to vote, online, e-mail or by US mail.

**Please vote NO LATER THAN January 31, 2024** using ONE of the following methods:

- Online: <https://forms.gle/QziYh8uWXeYiE6X58>
- E-mail: [djurn@prodigy.net](mailto:djurn@prodigy.net)
- US mail:  
Darol Jurn  
100 Sedona Vista Dr.  
Sedona, AZ 86338-6017

– The American Iris Society, News & Notes December 22, 2023







# Holiday Party 2023



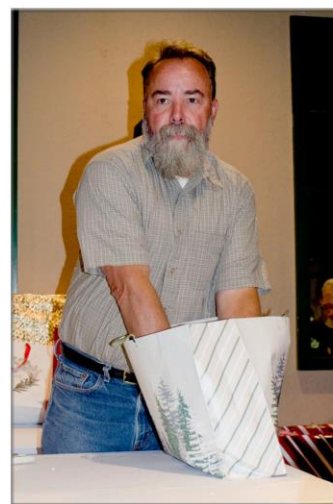




# CBRIS 2023











## January Culture

We do get a bit of a break from working in our iris gardens this month. When the weather is dry, pull off the dead leaves from the bearded iris. Keep those beds weed-free. This helps the rhizomes get the air and sun that they need. You do not want any hiding spots for bugs and snails.

Remember to check on your beardless iris, too. Remove all dead leaves.

Winter is a good time to update your iris paperwork whether you use a computer or a notebook. Now is the time to start your wish lists as hybridizers are beginning to open their selling sites.



A great response to Nancy's request for refreshments this month. Thank you!



Alice  
Elaine  
Grace  
Jeff  
Peter  
Richard



## Save the Date

2024 Spring Regional, 'Golden Gathering', April 19 – 20; Holiday Inn, Grass Valley, Auburn, California – Hosted by Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris Societies; Registration form page 11

2024 Louisiana and Spuria Iris Joint Mini-Convention, April 26 – 28; Dallas, Texas; Registration form page 12

2024 CBRIS Spring Show, Sunday, April 28; Joan Pisani Community Center, 19855 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, California

2024 AIS National Convention, June 26 – 29; Portland, Oregon Convention Hotel: Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront Hosted by the Greater Portland Iris Society;; Registration form Page 13.

2025 AIS National Convention, June 2 – 7; Billings, Montana



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**'Autumn Thunder' TB**



**'I I Stutter' TB**



**'Autumn Circus' TB**



**'Violet Storm' AB**

## Rebloomers in CBRIS Members' Gardens



**'Autumn Thunder', 'Bountiful Harvest'  
'Rosalie Figge'**



**'Thrice Blessed' SDB**



**'Sun and Snow' AB**



**'Forever Orange' SDB**



**'Bolder Boulder' TB**



**'Royalty Remembered' TB**



**'Lovely Fran' TB**

Thank you, Jane Jordan, Mikey Lango, Riley Probst, and Jane Reiter

# CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions January 2024

**All Stitched Up** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 37"; EM; S. Yellow; F. Cream, medium violet stitched haft and band; B. Orange; Sweet fragrance.

**Bad to the Bone** Stout 2023 IB SA; 25"; EM; S. Light yellow; F. White w/ dark citrine yellow shoulders; B. Yellow orange, tropical indigo horns.

**Bitty Beauty** Schreiner 2020 MDB; 7.5"; E; S. White; F. Deep purple, white rim; B. yellow; Slight fragrance;

**Briar Berries** David Toth 2023 IB; 17"; E; S. Coral pink, streaked white; F. purple-pink, light pink rim, streaked white; B. tangerine- pink.

**Desert Dynamo** Paul Black 2023 AB OGB-; 32"; L; S. Pale violet white, light buff filigree; F. Blended mid-greyed rosy violet, grape signal; B. Dark chocolate; Slight sweet fragrance.

**Electrolier** Stout 2023 IB; 25"; ML; S. White, blue-violet undertones; F. White w/ indigo violet wash, fine cream rim; B. white w/ light yellow tips.

**Endless Chain** M. Bersillion 2020 SDM; 9"; EM; S. Peach, light yellow edge; F. Peach, yellow edge; B. blue-violet.

**Feared Weird** Burseen 2022 TB SA; 35"; VE; S. Grey, washed amethyst violet; F. Grey, imperial purple wash, lavender-violet washed edge; B. orange-champagne; Slight musky fragrance.

**Gentle True Spirit** Skaggs 2022 BB; 24"; ML; S. Light pink; F. Light pink; B. Light pink; Pronounced sweet fragrance.

**Golden Illusion** Rick Tasco 2022 AB; 33"; ML; S. White; F. Gold, overlaid red, diffuse black signal; B. Brown.

**Il Etait Une Fois** M. Bersillion 2021 TB; 37.5"; ML; S. Pale pink; F. White w/ pink edge; B. orange-red; Slight sweet fragrance.

**Love Me Forever** Rick Tasco 2022 TB; 38"; ML; S. Pink; F. Cream, magenta band; B. orange.

**Mythical** Joe Ghio 2021 TB; 35"; ML; S. Mid-pink. F. Mid-blue, mid-pink edge; B. light tangerine.

**Pay the Piper** Paul Black 2023 BB; 26"; ML; S. Buff pink; F. Buff pink, washed rose, darker rose edge; B. dark orange; Slight spicy fragrance.

**Rhizome Cowboy** Schreiner 2023 TB; 35"; M RE; S. White; F White w/ purple wash; B. White w/ yellow tips; Fragrant.

**Searing Beauty** Skaggs 2022 TB; 38"; M; S. Sandstone, brick red midrib and edge; F. Brick red, orange blaze; B. orange.

**Sparks to a Flame** S. Kelly 2022 TB; 32"; E; S. Yellow-gold, rusty red edge; F. Yellow-gold, rusty red throat and edge, light purple midline; B. orange; Slight fragrance.

**Such a Sweetheart** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; M; S. Light pink, lavender plicata dots; F. Cream, deep violet hafts, faint light violet dotted edge; B. tangerine-lavender, tips orange and violet; Sweet fragrance.

**This is Crazy** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; M; S. Lemon-yellow; F. Rust to burgundy, white rays; B. Yellow.

**Words of Wisdom** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 37"; ML; S. Old gold, light yellow rim; F. Deep mauve, gold band; B. orange-yellow-lavender; Sweet fragrance.





CBRIS Door Prize Iris for January 2024



All Stitched Up



Bad to the Bone  
IB SA



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AB OGB-



Electrolie IB



Endless Chain SDB



Feared Weird TB SA



Gentle True Spirit BB



Golden Illusion AB



Il Etait Une Fois



Love Me Forever



Mythical



Pay the Piper BB



Rhizome Cowboy



Searing Beauty



Sparks to a Flame



Such a Sweetheart



This is Crazy



Words of Wisdom

**Golden Gathering**  
**April 19-20, 2024**  
**AIS Region 14 Spring Meeting**  
**Hosted by Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris Societies**  
**Guest Speaker Andi Rivarola, AIS President**  
**Holiday Inn, 120 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn CA**  
**530-887-8787 (Code Block: ISR)**

**Registration Form:**

**Registrant 1 First name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrant 2 First name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST** \_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**email to receive confirmation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Iris Society** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee if paid by March 25, 2024—\$115**      **number of person/s** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

if paid after March 25 —\$125      **number of person/s** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**No Credit cards accepted. Please make check payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society.**

**Registration fee includes Lunch in the garden and Saturday evening banquet buffet.**

**Lunch choices: Ham**\_\_\_\_\_ **Turkey**\_\_\_\_\_ **Veggie**\_\_\_\_\_ **Beef**\_\_\_\_\_

**Buffet Dinner features a BBQ Theme, including Chicken, Beef and Pasta Primavera.**

**Registrations received after April 5, 2024 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.**

**Total Amount (Please enter this amount on the check)**      **TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be bringing iris for the show?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**Please send this registration with a check to Phyllis Wilburn, Registrar**

**P.O. Box 9, Rescue, CA 95672**

**530-334-3521 or email: abirder@aol.com**

Hotel information: The Holiday Inn in Auburn will be the location of all events except the garden visits and lunch in the garden. The special room rate for April 19 and 20 is \$189.99 per night for a King or Two Queen beds. Hotel reservations must be made by March 8, 2024 to receive the group rate. The special rate is available also on Thursday, April 18 and Sunday April 21. Breakfast is not included, but a full buffet breakfast is available for \$8.99 for hotel guests only if purchased at the hotel desk the day before. The breakfast is \$11.99 if purchased the same day. Hours for breakfast are 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visiting the gardens will be via car-pooling.





# The Iris Society of Dallas

## SLI-Spuria Convention



**APRIL 26 - 28, 2024**

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - 351 Market Center Drive Terrell, Texas

Hotel room reservations: (972) 551-3200 ask for Iris Society of Dallas rate of \$115 per night

Registration deadline is March 25, 2024. Registrations will be acknowledged by email only.  
You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and tickets at check-in.

**PLEASE PRINT - Fill out one form per person attending.**

Name to appear on name badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you plan on attending the Judges Training?** (you do not need to be or be interested in becoming a judge). YES ☐ NO ☐

Registration includes Friday lunch/dinner and Saturday lunch/dinner	PRICE		TOTAL
Adult Registration	\$229	=	
Youth Registration (younger than 19 on 3/25/2024)	\$129	=	
<b>LATE CHARGE if postmarked/emailed after 03/25/2024</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>=</b>	

**GRAND TOTAL** (Registration + Late Charge, if applicable)

**FRIDAY Lunch:** ☐ Sandwiches ☐ Vegetarian

**FRIDAY Dinner:** ☐ Taco Bar ☐ Vegetarian

**SATURDAY Lunch:** ☐ Baked Potato & Salad

**SATURDAY Dinner:** ☐ Lasagna ☐ Vegetarian

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:** ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Lactose Intolerant ☐ Diabetic

☐ Other - please describe here: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:** ☐ Wheelchair/scooter/cart ☐ Cane/walker

Payment: ☐ CHECK - Make Payable to "Iris Society of Dallas" Check # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CREDIT CARD ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

For Credit Card payment, please supply this required information:

Card holder's name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_ Billing zip code \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

**No Refunds after March 25, 2024**

**Refunds for cancellations requested on or after March 25, 2024 will be made at the discretion of the host society.**

Send Reservation and Payment to: Dell Perry, 800 Purcell Dr. Plano, TX 75025  
(972-816-3418) or seandelirises@yahoo.com



## NEW HORIZONS - 2024

### AIS National/Society for Japanese Iris Convention

#### Sponsored by the Greater Portland Iris Society

Portland, Oregon – June 26-29, 2024

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront, 909 North Hayden Dr. 97217, Reservations may be made by telephone at 844-209-0741. Mention "AIS National Convention." Room rates: Standard Room (2 Queens) \$149.99; Premium Room (2 Queens or 1 King) \$159.00 plus tax. (Room rates are offered 3 days before and after convention dates.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Name tags will be made as printed above. If this is your first AIS Convention (check) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Each registrant should fill out a separate registration form

Fall Registration: Includes Welcome Banquet, Awards Banquet, and Garden Tour

	By April 16, 2024	By May 16, 2024	Amount _____
	\$350.00	\$400.00	
Meal choice:	Welcome Banquet	Awards Banquet	
	____ Brined Bone-in Pork Chop	____ Hickory Roasted Chicken	
(Optional tour not included)	____ Grilled Salmon	____ Crab Stuff Salmon	

Youth 18 & under: Postmarked	By April 16, 2024	By May 16, 2024	Amount _____
(Includes same as full registration)	\$200.00	\$250.00	

Ala Cart Items: (For anyone not doing full registration.)

**Garden Tours Only** \$120.00 \$170.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Includes convention booklet, convention bag, 2 days bus tours & 2 days lunches, Friday & Saturday.  
(Optional Tour not included)

#### Banquet Only

Welcome Banquet (by April 16 <sup>th</sup> )	\$65.00	(by May 16 <sup>th</sup> )	\$80.00	Amount _____
Awards Banquet (by April 16 <sup>th</sup> )	\$70.00	(by May 16 <sup>th</sup> )	\$85.00	Amount _____

#### Optional Tour

Japanese Garden, Portland, Oregon on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Limit to 28 people per trip and is on a first come first serve basis. Cost \$45.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Group 1: Depart 9:00 a.m. Return 12:30 p.m. (Please mark desired time slot) Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Group 2: Depart 1:30 p.m. Return 5:00 p.m.

Check Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Payment \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
Visa or Master Card ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Registration acknowledgment will be made via email (when available) to save postage.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Those requiring special accommodations for persons with disabilities must be received in writing by the Convention Registrar no later than May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have special diet requirements, please note on a separate sheet.

**Make checks payable to:** AIS Convention 2024 and send to: Dale Grams – registrar, P.O. Box 346, Washougal, WA 98671-0346; Phone: 360-835-1016; Email: [dalegrams@prodigy.net](mailto:dalegrams@prodigy.net)

**Geek Dinner:** Cost \$50.00 Friday, June 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Separate registration form is located on the convention websites. Cost of Geek Dinner is not included in the convention registration and should not be sent with the convention registration