



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

February 2020
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Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Next Meeting

Friday, Feb. 7, 2020
7:30 P.M.

Doors open at 6:45 P.M.

Dues

Sep 1, 2019-
Aug 31, 2020

Adults - \$15.00

Carol Dahout & Mark Greene
Co-Presidents

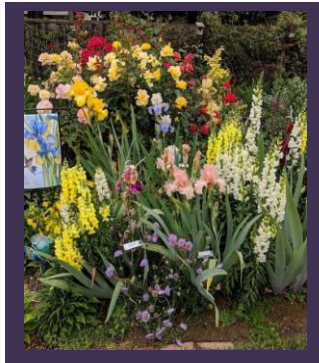
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February Program.



Join us this Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 for our next Clara B Rees Iris Society meeting in Los Gatos. This month, Trang Bui and Jane Jordan will explore the century-old tradition of planting different species close together for their mutual benefit. Some companion plants help control pests while others attract pollinators. Many add to the aesthetic appeal of your garden by complementing the iris blooms plus extending the bloom season. There will be a slide show of the most popular companion plants.

Trang and her husband are currently restoring a former working apple orchard in Sebastopol using permaculture methods to create a self-sufficient ecosystem. Jane is a longstanding member, the former President and current VP of CBRIS, who grows over 400 iris cultivars at her San Jose home. She has a special interest in attracting birds and butterflies to her garden with companion plants to her iris.

Our meetings are held on the first Friday of every month, at the First Baptist Community Church in Los Gatos, Ca. Doors open at 7 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. There will be refreshments and a raffle of door prizes to follow the program.

Photo courtesy of Jane Jordan. Here, lovely snapdragons, peonies, roses and irises adorn a space in Jane's garden, creating textural interest and perspective.

—Trang Bui, CBRIS Co Vice-President

More information may be found about Companion Planting with Irises by Renee Fraser on World of Irises – The Blog of The American Iris Society at <https://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/2013/03/companion-planting-with-irises-thornbird.html>

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, January 1, 2020		\$ 15,500.71
Expenses:		
Sales Tax for 2019	236.00	
Church, Hall rent Jan/July	175.00	
Door Prize Iris	345.50	
Stamps, Sunshine	27.50	
Memorial donation	50.00	
Ending balance, January 31, 2020		\$ 14,666.71

Spring Regional

2020 Region 14 Spring Regional, will be held May 2 - 3 at the Dry Creek Garden in Union City, California. Jeff Bennett will be looking for volunteers to help weed so the garden can be seen in all its glory. It is a must see garden as this is the site of the master planting for the 2019 AIS convention. A registration form may be found at the end of this newsletter.

February Refreshments

Grace Keng
Jane Jordan
Shirley Trio Probst

Drinks: Chris Dickinson

REFRESHMENTS



February Birthdays

Andrea Clague	1
Craig Tarr	2
Karin Tarr	8
Janice Carey	11
Riley Probst	11
Carl Boro	20
Corliss Greene	21
Susan Nelson	23

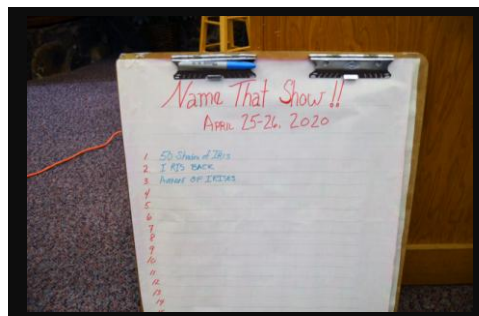


Dahout's Digs

February 2020

Be ready to play the game we all love so well – Name that Show! We have several really good possibilities already. Most of the iris societies in Region 14 have announced the dates of their shows, and this is what I have so far:

- Fresno Iris Society – April 11
- Sacramento Iris Society – April 18-19
- Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society – April 18-19
- Clara B. Rees Iris Society (that's us!) – April 25-26
- Leo T. Clark Iris Society – April 25-26
- Monterey Bay Iris Society – April 25-26
- Mount Diablo Iris Society – April 25-26
- Yosemite Iris Society – April 25
- Sierra Foothills Iris Society – April 25-26
- Santa Rosa Iris Society – May 19



The spring regional at Dry Creek will be coming up on May 2-3, 2020. I received an email from Jeff Bennett inviting CBRIS members to help weed and clean up the beds along with members from Mt. Diablo and Sydney B. Mitchell on Saturday, February 15th, Saturday, March 14 and/or Saturday, April 4th. This is a great opportunity to view these beautiful gardens before the regional and help make them pristine.

Happy Weeding! Hope to see all of you on Friday!

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

Blooming now at Dry Creek Garden



Apricot Ice



Centennial Celebration



Rocket Fuel



Ring Pop

–Photos by Jeff Bennett



January 3, 2020 CBRIS Board Meeting Minutes



Officers and Directors present:

Carol Dahout and Mark Greene – co-presidents

Jane Jordan and Trang Bui – co-vice presidents

Treasurer – Mary Collins

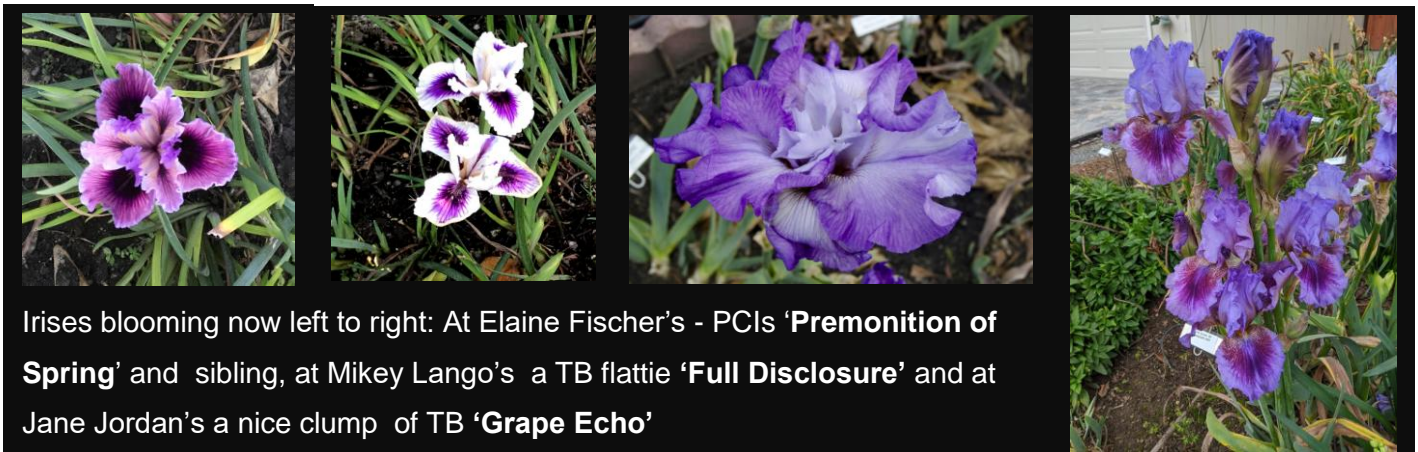
Directors: Jane Kwant, Grace Keng, Elaine Fischer, Philippa Alvis, Lynn Stuart

Various club members

Meeting commenced 6:08 pm by Carol Dahout

1. Treasurer position – Current treasurer, Lelai Xu resigned position due to illness. Acting Treasurer, Mary Collins, elected for a one-year term, to be extended further at the will of the members and acceptance by Mary.
2. AIS donation in memory of Elaine Laflin (\$50) and donation in memory of Barbara Pesek (\$50) to Region 14 discussed and approved.
3. Spring show at Westgate – discussed need for publicity (Trang), placement person (Mary), judge hospitality (Philippa), and sales and public greeters. To be discussed in greater detail as date (4/25-4/26) approaches.
4. Fall Regional – discussed possibility of hosting. Possible venues and speakers discussed. President Carol will contact Jean Richter to see if another society has already volunteered.
5. New Member packets discussed. To contain voucher for Snow Flurry, Bookmark, AIS info, Roster, Basic Iris Culture book, info on who Clara B. was, latest newsletter, and choice of a new potted iris to be given at second meeting attended by new member.
6. Judges Training by Carolyn Craft on PCI's to be held at Jane Jordan's home on March 28th.
7. 420 soil offered by Philippa Alvis for \$8.85 per bag.

Submitted by: Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President



Iris blooming now left to right: At Elaine Fischer's - PCIs 'Premonition of Spring' and sibling, at Mikey Lango's a TB flattie 'Full Disclosure' and at Jane Jordan's a nice clump of TB 'Grape Echo'



Culture

REMINDER...WEED – FERTILIZE– WATER!

Your winter rest is soon coming to an end! Are your irises showing new growth? Are they crowded with weeds? Are they dry? It is time to show your irises some TLC. First of all weed if you have not already started. After weeding, fertilize them with a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10. Sprinkle a generous handful around each clump. It will not harm the iris if some gets in the middle. Lightly scratch in the fertilizer. Usually wet soil and rain will take the fertilizer down to the roots. If it does not rain, water that fertilizer in or it will not help your plants in time for bloom. We are probably looking at about six weeks until bloom time.

Judges Training–Color Patterns

Every year Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society hosts a Judges' Training at their annual January potluck. Many of the CBRIS members were able to attend. Some of us that arrived early had time to walk through the Oakland Garden Center. Some trees and flowers were in bloom. Their bonsai collection was quite impressive and a docent was there to give pointers.



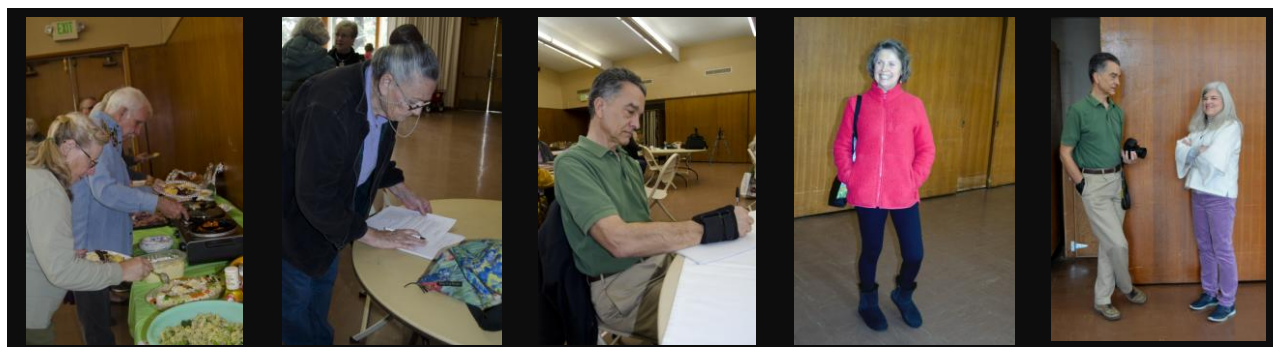
We had a very nice potluck with members from other regional clubs. It is always well worth attending these judges' training sessions for the great information even if you never plan on becoming a judge. This year the topic was "Color Patterns" in irises and was presented by Bryce Williamson. You definitely learn something new every time you attend a class



although this training left us wanting more color pattern definitions as new patterns are ever emerging. Bryce is quite an authority on irises as he introduced his first iris in 1970. His irises have competed and won at the top international competition in Florence, Italy and his introduction, 'Jesse's Song', won the Dykes Medal in 1990. Bryce has been president of the Clara B. Iris Society, past editor of the Region 14 Bulletin, served as Region 14 RVP, and is currently in charge of the World of Irises – The Blog of the American Iris, webmaster for The American Iris Society, and one of the administrators of Iris Lovers on Facebook. Region 14 bestowed the Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award to him back in 2014. Thanks, Bryce. We are looking forward to seeing more irises introduced by you.



A big thank you to Bonny and all of the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society members for giving us this opportunity to get together and to learn more about our favorite flower!

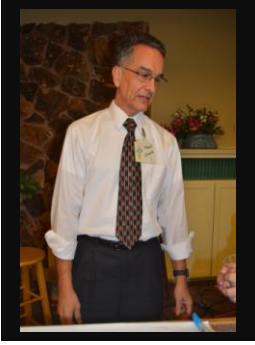


CBRIS Meeting January 2020



CBRIS January Meeting Minutes

Co-presidents, Carol Dahout and Mark Greene called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. wishing everyone a happy new year. New member, Karla, was welcomed. January birthdays were announced. Co-vice-president, Jane Jordan, introduced our speaker, Riley Probst who gave us an inspiring program on reblooming iris. His informative presentation included how to cultivate and encourage their growth. He pointed out that because there are fewer of them at this time of year, we can spend more time admiring them. The rebloomers tend to last longer in the garden because of cooler temperatures.



After the break, it was announced that Lelai Xu had to resign as treasurer due to illness and Mary Collins has taken over the position, once again. Holiday party chairs, Andrea Claque and Linda Stremel, were thanked for doing a great job. We mourned the loss of two of our long time members, Elaine Laffin and Barbara Pesek.



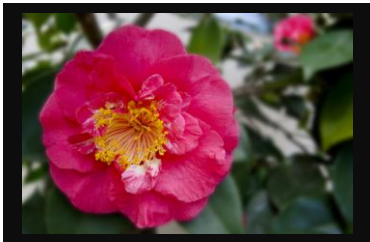
Our spring show will be held at Westgate Mall on April 25-26, 2020. We discussed names for the show and this will be taken up again at the February meeting. We discussed the possibility of hosting the Fall Regional 2020. We concluded the meeting with the door prize drawing.



–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

Camellia Show

HERE IT COMES! Don't miss the annual Camellia Show on Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, 2020. There will be hundreds of beautiful blooms of many types, shapes, sizes and colors on display at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd, Santa Clara, CA. Saturday viewing hours: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Sunday hours 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is a spectacular show and the only such exhibit near the South Bay, sponsored by the Santa Clara County Camellia Society. If you have never attended this event before, now is the time to put it on your calendar. You will NOT be disappointed! (Saturday afternoon is the best viewing time as blossoms are freshest then.)



As is customary, I will be taking signups for CBRIS members to help out on Saturday morning, Feb 22, as clerks and runners for this show. A brief training will be provided on site for all who help. Work hours on Saturday morning will be from 9:45 AM to noon approximately with a sandwich lunch provided afterward. So get ready to sign up and to learn more about these gorgeous flowers that are produced on shrubs that grow very well in our valley. (Plants will be sold both days, at prices lower than you would pay in the nursery; so bring your checkbook if you think that you might be tempted to add a camellia to your landscape!) Thanks, Philippa Alvis.

CBRIS Door Prize Iris February 2020

- △ **Big Break** P. Black 2017 TB; 35"; ML; S. White-tan-Violet Broken Color; F. White-apricot-violet Broken Color; B. White-orange.
- △ **Cajun Flare** M. Sutton 2019 TB; 37"; E-M RE; S. Yellow; F. Orange-Red; B. Yellow.
- △ **Dark Storm** R. Tasco 2017 TB; 36"; M; White, peppered Purple self; B. Lavender.
- △ **Easy on the Eyes** T. Johnson 2019 TB; 36"; EM; S. Violet-Peach; F. Lavender; B. orange.
- △ **Empire Strikes Back** W. Moores 2017 TB SA; 36"; M; White self; golden orange beard.
- △ **For Your Pleasure** P. Black 2017 TB; S. Mid-Violet; F. Dark Purple, ref-violet rim; B. Red-orange.
- △ **Get Back** L. Lauer 2015 TB; 35"; M; S. White; F. Violet; B. Orange.
- △ **Glow of Love** R. Tasco 2019 AB OGB; 35"; M; S. Violet Purple; F. Burgundy Brick; B. Maize tipped brown; Dark Burgundy black signal.
- △ **Lavender Cream** M. Sutton 2019 SDB; 14"; E; S. Pale Lavender; F. White, veined Blue; B. Orange.
- △ **Looking Cute** J. Ghio 2019 TB; 33"; ML; S. Coral Salmon Pink; F. White, Salmon Edge; B. orange.
- △ **Lorelei** Goos & Koenemann 1909 TB/IB; 18"; S. Yellow; F. Deep Purple with veining; B. Yellow.
- △ **Me and my Shadow** P. Black 2019 TB; 40"; L-VL; S. Red-Black; F. White ground washed yellow, red black plicata band; B. Orange tipped red purple.
- △ **Orange Crinkle** G. Sutton 2019 TB; 35"; L; Yellow-orange Self; Orange beards.
- △ **Power House** J. Ghio 2019 TB; 31"; ML; Metallic Rosy Orchid Self; B. Tangerine tipped violet.
- △ **Reckless Child** K. Keppel 2019 TB; 34"; M; S. Blue white, tan gilt; F. Blackish purple; B. Yellow.
- △ **Redneck Girl** Schreiner 2014 TB; 36"; LM; Red-purple Self; B. Purple.
- △ **Shaman's Magic** R. Tasco 2014 AB OGB; 33"; M-L; S. Cream veined gold; F. Yellow veined red, oval burgundy-black signal; B. Golden Brown.
- △ **Sunny Seas** L. Miller 2019 TB SA; 39"; M; S. Yellow; F. Buff, edged lavender; B. Orange/lavender.
- △ **Thread the Needle** J. Ghio 2019 TB; 31"; EM RE; S. Light Blue; F. White, blue lines; B. Pale Blue.
- △ **Trending** T. Johnson 2019 TB; 37"; M; S. Eggshell white flushed pink; F. Lavender, eggshell rim; B. Blue violet.



February 2020 Door Prize Iris



BIG BREAK



CAJUN FLARE



DARK STORM



EASY ON THE EYES



EMPIRE STRIKES BACK



FOR YOUR PLEASURE



GET BACK



GLOW OF LOVE AB



LAVENDER DREAM SDB



LOOKING CUTE



LORELEY IB



ME AND MY SHADOW



ORANGE CRINKLE



POWER HOUSE



RECKLESS CHILD



REDNECK GIRL



SHAMAN'S MAGIC AB



SUNNY SEAS



THREAD THE NEEDLE



TRENDING

Spring Back To Dry Creek!

AIS Region 14 Spring Regional



Did you like Dry Creek Garden at the 2019 AIS Convention?

**With over 8,000 Bloom Stalks in 2019,
We are expecting 12,000 to 15,000 Bloom Stalks
From over 2,100 varieties in 2020!**

May 2-3, 2020

Please attend the AIS Region 14 Spring Regional at:

Dry Creek Garden in Union City California

550 May Road

400 May Road (for best gps address)

Union City, CA 94587

Speaker, Judge's Training, Iris Show, Auction, Banquet
Hosted by Mt. Diablo and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Societies

Information: Jeff13bennett@gmail.com 510-677-0803

AIS REGION 14 SPRING MEETING

May 2-3, 2020

Dry Creek Garden

550 May Road, Union City, CA 94587

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel 510-489-2200

32083 Alvarado – Niles Road

Union City, CA 94587

Room Rate: \$99.00/ night without breakfast/ single or double occupancy

\$119.00/ night with breakfast/ single or double occupancy

- Free Parking
- Free Wi-Fi
- Reserve your room by April 1st at this rate. Ask for Region 14 Spring Regional Rate

Registration includes lunch, access to all meetings, judge's training, iris show, and evening banquet.

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email for Confirmation _____

Iris Club Member? Y _____ N _____ if yes, Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee if paid by April 1st, 2020 \$100 x _____ person(s) = Total \$ _____

Registration fee if paid after April 1st, 2020 \$110 x _____ person(s) = Total \$ _____

Special dietary needs _____

Make checks payable to Mt. Diablo Iris Society. No refunds after April 17, 2020

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