



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

March 2020
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Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Next Meeting

Friday, March 6, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Dues

Sep 1, 2019-
Aug 31, 2020

Adults - \$15.00

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Co-Presidents

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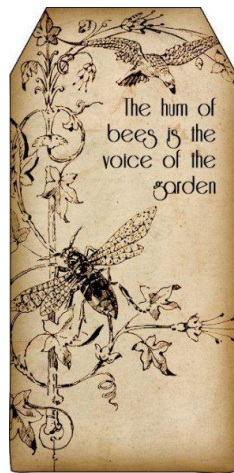
CBRIS
www.cbris.org

Region 14
www.aisregion14.org

American Iris Society
www.irises.org

March Program

We hope you'll join us next Friday, March 6, for an important and timely program on Pollinators with Master Gardener, Rebecca Schoenenberger. More than three-quarters of the world's food production rely on pollination by insects and animals. There are more than 20,000 species of wild bees alone, plus



many species of butterflies, wasps, beetles, birds, and bats. Thousands of these species are now at risk due to habitat loss, changes in land use, intensive agricultural practices and pesticide use, invasive species and pests, disease, and climate change. Many of these species are facing extinction. In addition to threatening food security, pollinator decline will have serious implications for the global economy and the ecosystem at large. You can help by providing habitat for them in your garden.

Rebecca Schoenenberger, the owner and designer of California Nativescapes, will present a program on attracting pollinators to your garden. Rebecca has a diverse background in sustainability and natural systems. With an Associate of Science in Park Management and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, she has an extensive knowledge of native plants, including selecting plants that will thrive in specific locations. Since 2011, Rebecca has also been a volunteer Santa Clara County Master Gardener.

We are excited to have Rebecca as our guest speaker for our March meeting and welcome you to join us. We expect Rebecca's talk to help sow the seeds of pollinator conservation!

Our meeting will be at the First Baptist Community Church, at 17765 Daves Ave, in Los Gatos.

The meeting starts at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00 pm.

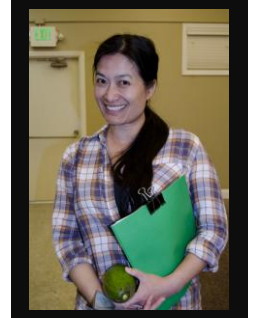


'Ode to a Toad'
2012
B. Kasperek

CBRIS February Minutes

Welcome to Tracy Bunger new member to CBRIS!

Program: Companion Plants for Iris presented by Jane Jordan and Trang Bui
Covered topics including choosing companion plants for Pest Control, Attracting Pollinators, Asthetic Appeal and Extending the Bloom Season with Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall Bloomers.



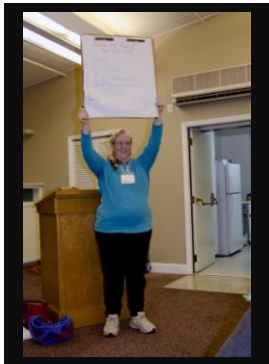
Helpful websites: <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/bulbs/iris/iris-companion-plants.htm>

[https:// www.gardenia.net/plant-combinations/plant-family/iris-germanica](https://www.gardenia.net/plant-combinations/plant-family/iris-germanica) - [bearded irises.](#)

February Birthdays:

Andrea Clague, Craig Tarr, Karin Tarr, Janice Carey, Riley Probst, Carl Boro, Corliss Green, Susan Nelson

Refreshments provided by Grace, Jane, Shirley and Chris



New Business:

Vote to host Fall Regional 2020 October 3 2020, location is Elizabeth Gamble Garden in Palo Alto. Budget with \$60 registration fee would break even at fifty attendees. Will need volunteers to bake breakfast items, table decorations, etc. Need to select and book speaker. Chairs: Jane, Carol, Mary and Karla

Spring Show is scheduled April 25-26 at Westgate Mall. After lively vote and discussion the show name is Iris Centennial



Camellia Show February 22-23 at Santa Clara Community Center. Philippa looking for volunteers.

April 18th is the Master Gardener Spring Garden Market: Nancy will be seeking volunteers to sign up at March meeting for set up, sales and take down. Event runs from 10-2.

Spring Regional is scheduled for May 2-3

Jeff seeking volunteers to weed the Gardens at Dry Creek Park on the following three Saturdays: February 15, March 14, April 10

Jean Richter will be visiting our March meeting. She thanked CBRIS for the donation made in memory of Barbara Pesek.

Raffle held to raise money with nice plants and bulbs related to the Companion Planting program.

Door Prize Drawing

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Mirabella



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.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, February 1, 2020	\$ 14,666.71
Expenses: Web page fee	203.88
Bookmarks	55.51
AIS affiliation fee	30.00
Feb. meeting program	87.09
Door Prize Iris	658.95
July picnic park reservation	100.00
Gamble garden rent for fall regional	675.00
Revenue: Raffle for companion plants	65.00
Ending balance, February 29, 2020	\$ 12,921.28

March Birthdays

Logan Danner	1
Rosemary Chivers	6
Lelai Xu	6
Jennifer Vanden Beukel	12
Jane Anne Walters	28
Jeff Bennett	30



March Refreshments

Lynn Stuart

Marilyn Lang

Alice Gary

Drinks

Peter Marra



What does the letter "A" have in common with a flower?
They both have bees coming after them.



Dahout's Digs

March 2020

There's No Business like Show Business!

Who started this flower show nonsense?! Well, the earliest recorded official flower shows appeared during the 1830's. The Victorian era ushered in a great upsurge of shows of every kind and these events were wonderful entertainment.

Plant nurseries and market gardens were generally found just on the perimeters of towns and villages. Traditional market towns were usually spaced approximately 8-15 miles apart, making it easy enough for a nurseryman to transport his plants or vegetables to market by horse and cart. However, like retailers everywhere, they were always looking for ways to attract new customers, and the idea of a plant show for trade nurseries was born.

Naturally, these shows had a competitive element which encouraged the exhibitors to put up elaborate displays, especially if there was prize money to be won. The "Golden Age" of flower shows was from the 1950's to mid-1980's. There were hundreds of professional show exhibitors traveling around the country from April to November. As they would often see one another at the many different shows, there was a great feeling of camaraderie amongst exhibitors, similar to our experience at our shows in Region 14.

What does a flower show have to offer? Flower shows, and iris shows in particular, show the most beautiful varieties that cannot be found in any garden center. At our shows, the public (and members!) can find and be inspired by the unusual and rarer species and varieties to make our gardens unique.

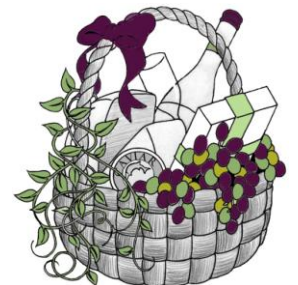
Our show is April 25-26th at Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. Be there and participate.

—Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

Spring Regional Basket

As you well know, Region 14 iris societies donate a gift basket for the raffle held at the Spring Regional. We are looking for ideas for the CBRIS basket or one very nice item. Any ideas? Also, being collected are garden or iris related items for the silent auction.

Thank-you!



Spotlight on CBRIS Member Jean Hawkins

Longtime CBRIS member, Jean Hawkins, generously donated 29 potted iris to CBRIS. His wife, Pat Hawkins, also a longtime member, has been hospitalized and he no longer has the time or energy to devote to gardening. Thank you, Jean!



Jean and Pat have six daughters, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jean was a machinist for many years before retiring and still enjoys making model trains and propellers. His first job at age 19 was filling Chinese takeout food cartons with dog food for the magnanimous pay of 70 cents per hour! Fearing that war with Korea was imminent and he would be drafted, he joined the Navy and never looked back.

Here is a list of the iris Jean donated. There are a few NOIDS. If anyone would like to purchase any, we will sell them for \$5 per pot. The rest will be available for future sales or to new members. This will be first come, first served, so if you see a named iris you want, please let me know and I will bring it to the meeting.

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

Apricot Smoothie
Bullet Point
Coin Flip
Coralina
Dare Me
Daughter of Stars
Desert Sonata

Eye of the Storm
Forever Orange – SDB
Front of the Line
Future Bride
In the Moment
Indian Chief
Joy Returns

New Beginnings
Painted Word
Parisian Dawn
Passionate Kisses
Runaway
Secret Delight
Tickle Me Pink

–photo by Carol Dahout

The Fallen

Please remember our ill members by mailing a card or stopping by for a visit.

Marilyn Boro (will soon be back home)
Pat Hawkins
Jane Anne Walters
Leilei Xu



Artistic for CBRIS Spring Show 2020 – ‘Iris Centennial’

Section A: ‘Beginning of Time’

Any type of arrangement featuring the iris

- ▶ Designer’s choice
- ▶ Natural material only
- ▶ Limited to Novice and Beginner – 3 or fewer blue ribbons previously awarded



Section B: ‘Many a Moon’

A traditional mass arrangement showing an abundance of iris. A limited amount of other flowers may be used.

- ▶ Natural materials only
- ▶ Open to all

Section C: ‘Countdown’

A miniature design featuring iris. Use of other natural flowers and greenery is allowed. The arrangement should be no more than 12 inches in any direction including the container.

- ▶ Natural materials only
- ▶ Open to all

Section D: ‘Eternity’

Any oriental design using line, shape and form representing time.

- ▶ Natural materials only
- ▶ Open to all

Section E: ‘Time After Time’

Guys, let’s see those iris flowers again and again; other flowers and greenery may be used.

- ▶ Natural materials only
- ▶ Open to men only

Section F: ‘Jubilee’

Youth only featuring the iris – other flowers may be used. Any type of material and accessories are allowed.

- ▶ Designer’s choice
- ▶ Open to youth – under 19 years of age

Please check the program for complete rules.

2020 Fall Regional

CBRIS will be hosting Region 14’s Fall Regional on October 3, 2020 at the Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverly St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

We will need many volunteers to have a successful event.



Iris Culture

With all this sunny weather, the irises have certainly begun to grow. If you have not already done so, apply a balanced fertilizer as soon as possible. It will give you a bigger bloom. It takes about six weeks for the fertilizer to reach the rhizome.

PCIs and dwarf bearded will soon be in bloom if not already showing their color. Some of the early tall bearded have started to bloom in our area.

Keep the weeds away from your iris plants. Weeds compete with your irises for water and nutrients. Protect new growth from snails and slugs. If you are having a problem with leaf spot, trim those diseased leaves so it does not spread.

No rain? Water the irises about once a week – water deeply. The iris plant needs water when sending up their stalks so they will be strong and produce great blooms for the Spring Show.

Region 14 Spring

2020 Bulletin

The Spring Bulletin is finished. Thank you, Stephanie Jennings! It is not on Region 14's website yet as the webmaster for the Region had major computer problems and is just catching up with all the updates. It will soon be available on the aisregion14.org site. I will attach it to the email that you received this newsletter if you would like to view it beforehand

Judges' Training

Sunday, March 8, 2020, Yosemite Iris Society

In conjunction with monthly potluck meeting

Doors open at 12:30 p.m., lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome to bring a dish to share

Training at 2:00 p.m.

2-hour classroom credit—Awards & Ballots

Given by Riley Probst

Oakhurst Library—Community Room, behind Library

49044 Civic Circle, Oakhurst, CA

RSVP Sandra Saelens, 559 760-4172

2020 AIS National Convention

The American Iris Society is having 'A Centennial Celebration' May 19-23, 2020. Featured gardens will include Presby Memorial Gardens, New York Botanical Garden, and Wavehill Public Gardens. For more information, go to <https://2020irisconvention.org/>.



CBRIS

FEBRUARY 2020







Perry Dyer



Conte de Fees



Top Down



Libra Star



Constant Companion



Sunglasses Needed



Boundless



Buttered Burgundy



Mammoth Orange



Golden Violet



Tahitian Treat



Texas Two Step

Irises blooming at Dry Creek Garden

-photos by Jeff Bennett



CBRIS Door Prize Iris March 2020

- △ **Above All Lights** R. Duncan 2019 TB; 40"; L; White self, Space age flounces; B. Yellow.
- △ **Blushing Moment** T. Johnson 2019 TB; 40"; L; S. Lavender-pink; F. Pink-white; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Dark Universe** K. Keppel 2019 TB; 35"; E; S. Purple; F. Dark grape purple, blue-white; B. Yellow.
- △ **Easter Charm** K. Keppel 2019 TB; 30"; EM; S. Light blue; F. White, yellow band; B. White.
- △ **Edge of Happiness** B. Blyth 2016 TB; 36"; M; S. Cream; F. Magenta; B. White-mustard.
- △ **Epic Romance** B. Blyth 2019 TB; 34"; VVE; S. Lemon peach; F. Creamy white, Lavender overlay; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Grapette** M. Sutton 2019 SDB; 14"; S. Violet purple; F. White ground purple lines and edge. B. Violet.
- △ **Lemon Supreme** M. Sutton 2019 TB; 36"; ML; S. Cream flush yellow; F. White, thin yellow edge; B. Yellow.
- △ **Lucky Dragon** R. Tasco 2019 AB OGB-; 23"; ML; S. Very light blue; F. Maize; B. Violet; Brick red signal.
- △ **Merry Mulberry** P. Black 2019 BB; 26"; ML; Rose mulberry bitone, Buff area around tangerine beards.
- △ **Noble Lord** R. Tasco 2019 TB; 40"; ML; S. Reddish beetroot purple with metallic sheen; F. Violet center blending to reddish beetroot purple; B. Brown with purple tip; Purple based foliage.
- △ **Poetic Mist** T. Johnson 2019 TB; 35"; E; S. Pink; F. Pink washed mauve; B. Violet-orange.
- △ **Paisley Print** P. Black 2019 TB; 33"; EML; S. Snow white; F. White, purple edge. B. Orange.
- △ **Quiet Beauty** M. Sutton 2017 TB; 37"; ML-VL; S. Pale red purple; F. White blending to rose purple; B. Yellow.
- △ **Rainbow Road** K. Keppel 2019 TB; 38"; S. Pale blue; F. Medium violet blue; B. Reddish orange.
- △ **Restart my Heart** B. Blyth 2019 TB; 36"; EM; S. White; F. Lavender wash over white, white rim; B. Yellow.
- △ **Shadow Bands** T. Johnson 2019 TB; 36"; EM; S. White infused yellow; S. Burgundy, yellow sunburst in center; B. Yellow orange.
- △ **Spring Elegance** R. Tasco 2018 TB; 38"; EML; Textured violet self; B. Brown-plum to blue-violet.
- △ **Ten of Hearts** B. Blyth 2019 TB; 35"; L; S. White flushed coral; F. Soft peach, apricot hafts; B. tangerine orange.
- △ **Through the Looking Glass** P. Black 2019 TB; 32"; EM; Yellow Self, white spot on Falls; B. White tipped yellow.

March 2020 Door Prize Iris



ABOVE ALL LIGHTS



BLUSHING MOMENT



DARK UNIVERSE



EASTER CHARM



EDGE OF HAPPINESS



EPIC ROMANCE



GRAPETTE SDB



LEMON SUPREME



LUCKY DRAGON AB



MERRY MULBERRY BB



NOBLE LORD



POETIC MIST



PAISLEY PRINT



QUIET BEAUTY



RAINBOW ROAD



RESTART MY HEART



SHADOW BANDS



SPRING ELEGANCE



TEN OF HEARTS



**THRU THE
LOOKING GLASS**

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 \$100.00 x _____ person(s) = Total \$ _____

Registration fee if paid after April 1st, 2020 \$110.00 x _____ person(s) = Total \$ _____

Lunch and Judge's Training only by April 17 35.00x _____ person(s) = Total \$ _____

Special dietary needs _____

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

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