



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

No Meeting
Friday, Apr 3, 2020

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

Dahout's Digs

April 2020



Carl Dahout – CBRIS
Co-President

There's No Business like NO Show!

I'm very sorry, fellow CBRISarians, but it is the consensus of your Board of Directors, myself and Mark, that our spring show, Iris Centennial, must be cancelled due to the virus. COVID-19 hasn't even peaked yet in our area so the health and well-being of our members has to be our paramount concern.

Our April and May regular meetings are also cancelled, as well as the Spring Regional at Dry Creek Gardens. The following message was received from our RVP, Jean Richter:

"After much consideration, we have come to the difficult decision to cancel the Region 14 spring regional meeting. With the rapid spread of COVID-19 throughout the bay area and other parts of California, it is too risky to bring together a group of folks from a wide geographical area to an in-person event. The health of our Region 14 members is our primary concern.

Those of you who have already registered for the regional need not worry about your registration fees - none of the registration checks have been cashed, and those checks will be destroyed, so no refunds are necessary.

As we are required to hold a Region 14 business meeting, we will be doing an online meeting via Zoom (similar to how the AIS conducts its monthly meetings). I will be contacting a few board members soon to set up a test

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meeting, to make sure that this is feasible for our general meeting.

We are also hoping to post a video walk-through of the Dry Creek Garden as its bloom peaks, so that you can experience this spectacular garden from home. We may have other online activities as well, and will let you know once these are set up.

Another thing to keep in mind is that regionals are a significant fundraising event for the region. Please consider making a donation to the region in lieu of your registration fee, or the money you would have spent at our auction.

Thank you all very much for your support. Please be safe, wash your hands, keep social distancing, enjoy your iris as they bloom (take pictures!), and remember that this too shall pass.

We very much hope we can see each other again at the Fall regional this October.”

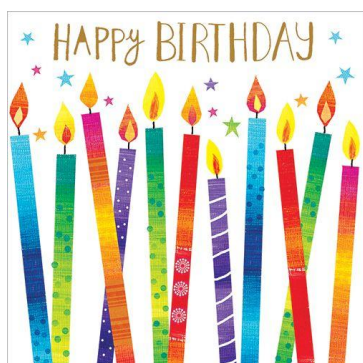
The AIS National Convention in May has also been cancelled.

Shelter in place, get some fresh air and enjoy your iris gardens and take lots of pictures!

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

April Birthdays

- Jean Hawkins 15**
- Pat Hawkins 15**
- Linda Stremel 23**



Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, March 1, 2020	\$12,921.28
Expenses: DPI	250.99
FOMGSCC, market booth	45.00
FOMGSCC, Feb. speaker donation	50.00
Ending balance, March 31, 2020	\$12,575.29



CBRIS March Minutes

March 6, 2020

Welcome to guests: Diane and George Oeh

Special welcome to Regional VP Jean Richter

March Birthday Wishes:

Logan Danner 3/1

Rosemary Chivers 3/6

Lelai Xu 3/6

Jennifer Vanden Beukel 3/12

Jane Anne Walters 3/28

Jeff Bennett 3/30

Presentation on behalf of Master Gardener Program
by Rebecca Schoenenberger



Presentation on habitat needed to attract pollinators, how to create a habitat and flower shape that attracts specific pollinators.

Websites for helpful tips and resources:

Bringing Nature Home, Doug Tallamy <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net>

UC-Davis - Arboretum Allstars <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum-all-stars>

California Native Plant Society (CNPS) <http://www.qngt.org>

Going Native Garden Tour (GNGT) <http://www.qngt.org/>

Calflora <http://www.calflora.org>

Calscape <http://www.calscape.org>

Master Gardener Help Desk: <mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu>

Also Rebecca is the proprietor of California Native Scapes which provide landscape design, build and maintenance services.

Break

Thanks to Marilyn Lang, Alice Gary and Peter for refreshments.

Jean Hawkins has donated a number of potted Iris plants available for sale. Contact Carol Dahout for remaining iris.

Thank you to Philippa for update on members facing health issues and wishing them perfect health and a quick recovery.

Andrea Clague is waiting for an additional six orders to complete needed quantity for CBRIS t-shirts and sweatshirts. If you've been thinking of replacing that old t-shirt or buying your first now is the time!

Judges Training scheduled for March 8 by Riley Probst was held at Oakhurst Library Community Room.

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With sadness due to the Coronavirus the CBRIS April and May meetings and the following events have been cancelled:

- March 28 - Judges Training and Garden Party at Jane Jordan's home
- April 18 - Master Gardeners Spring Garden Market Event and CBRIS sale
- April 25-26 - Spring Show at Westgate
- May 2-3 - Spring Regional at Dry Creek in Union City
- May 19-23 - National Convention in New Jersey

We will make up for these cancellations during the Fall Regional!

Door prize drawing held

Nancy Mirabella, CBRIS Secretary

Coronavirus Times

If a club member needs assistance during these difficult times please contact Nancy Mirabella or Mikey Lango. Either of us can run errands for you. A good source of information including how to make masks may be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Iris Culture

We are into the bloom season. Since the weather has been wet, watch for leaf diseases such as leaf spot. Leaf spot is caused by a fungus. The fungus thrives in mild, moist weather and is active during rainy springs. If you see an iris with leaf spot, trim that portion of the leaf and toss it into the garbage. You may choose to stop there or to thoroughly spray the plant with a fungicide. Read the label of whatever you choose to use. Prevention is the best way to handle this problem. Make sure the irises are in full sun or receiving morning sunlight, so the dew dries from the leaves. Don't crowd the plants; they need good air circulation. Remove old flower stalks and old leaves. For more information see <https://homeguides.sfgate.com/cure-iris-leaf-spots-98090.html>

Watch out for snails and slugs. There are home remedies to get rid of these two pests. One is a beer trap. All that you need is a plastic cup and a bottle of beer. Bury the cup in the soil near your plant and fill it up halfway with beer. Slugs love the smell of beer. They will find it and fall into the cup. Replace the beer daily. Snails can be handpicked. Check out <https://www.rentokil.co.uk/blog/10-home-remedies-for-slugs/>

Check your irises as they bloom to make certain that they are labeled correctly. We have the time since we are spending so much time at home. Label, label, label and make a map! Work carefully as growing bloom stalks are fragile and break easily. Please take photos of some of your favorite irises and share on the yahoo group. Club members would love to see what is blooming in your garden as we will not be having a show this year.

Here are a couple of seedlings hybridized by Marilyn Boro and Cara Vainish.



Marilyn Boro
Arilmed Seedling strKR 9-95



Cara Vainish
Tall Bearded Seedling



