



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
May 2020

Dues

Sep 1, 2019-
Aug 31, 2020

Adults - \$15.00

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Co-Presidents

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Region 14
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American Iris Society
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Dahout's Digs

May 2020

Gardening in Place – Covid-19

We gardeners are so lucky to have our beautiful gardens during this stressful time. I had an outstanding bloom this year and I'm sure you did too. I hope you are taking the time to not only work in your gardens, but also to reset your brain, when needed. Gardening can feel therapeutic and can provide you with a way to disconnect from the daily news updates about the virus. Spending time in our gardens also provides the chance to increase vitamin D levels and that can aid in reducing fatigue and depression.

This is a good time to check your iris labels to make sure they are in the right spot. When the stalk is done blooming, you can cut it and the accompanying leaves off at the base. I like to deadhead my iris for neatness and to enable the bloom next to it the space it needs to fully blossom. You can lightly fertilize after they are done blooming, particularly the rebloomers.

I have scheduled a Zoom meeting for this Friday, May 8th at 7:30 pm for all of you who would like to connect. Here are the details:

Carol DAHOUT is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Carol DAHOUT's CBRIS meeting

Time: May 8, 2020 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78493411722>

Meeting ID: 784 9341 1722

I will send out an invite by email on Friday on our google groups. To join, all you have to do is click on the Meeting ID link (above).

You may call in using a regular phone at 1-669-900-6833.

Stay safe and be well.

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

Culture

What a wonderful time of year for us iris lovers! Members are reporting that they are having great blooms this year. It is a shame that all the shows and garden tours have been canceled. We can enjoy our own gardens and help the iris along for good bloom again this coming year.

Hopefully you are checking the names of the iris as they bloom to make certain that they are labeled correctly. Labels and a map are important. After blooming, cut or snap spent bloomstalks off close to the ground. Pull all aged and yellow leaves off at the base of the plants so the garden looks tidy. Be careful with that hose (and your elbows and your behind!) if you are dragging it through the iris beds for watering as the stalks can snap off easily. Keep watering deeply once a week through June as this will help increase the size of the new rhizomes when dug in July or August. If you fertilize and water the rebloomers they will put on another show for you later this year. Also, keep those weeds out of your iris beds. You do not want your irises to have to compete with weeds for growth and nutrients.

**CBRIS Zoom Meeting Friday, May 8 at 7:30 pm.
For details read Dahout Digs on the first page.**

May Birthdays

Mark Greene	4
Carol Dahout	30



Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, April 1, 2020	\$12,575.29
Revenue: Refund, Spring Market fee	45.00
Potted Iris sales	621.00
Ending balance, April 30, 2020	\$ 13,241.29



CBRIS members and their gardens...



Kalpana



Lynn



Jennifer

'Freedom Song' growing at Alice's



Elaine's garden



Mikey's front garden



'Queen of Sour' at Carl's



Jane & Ken 's garden



Carol's Ibsen judging

Nancy's garden



Jane J's front garden



iris Douglasiana growing at Mary's



Arlbred at Peter's



Cara's garden



The Spring Regional That Wasn't...

As we all know so many activities have been cancelled due to the Covid-19. Region 14's Spring Regional was one gathering that we missed dearly. An online meeting was held and thankfully Jane Jordan took notes. The following has the highlights:

Fall Regional 2020 is scheduled for October 3, 2020 at The Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto. Guest speaker and Judges' Trainer is Andi Rivarola. Hopefully this will happen.

Spring 2021 is scheduled for May 8th, 2021 at Bluebird Haven. Bruce Filardi is the guest speaker.

Fall 2021 needs a host.

Spring 2022 will be at the Dry Creek Garden, hosted by SMBIS and MDIS.

The guest iris at the Dry Creek garden will be dug this summer and distributed to the region affiliates.

Carol Cullen will be the new Judges Training Chair.

Bonnie Pletheram will take over as Region 14 Treasurer at the Fall 2020 Regional.

Jane Jordan, Region 14 Secretary

CBRIS and the entire Region 14 thanks Jeff Bennett for his excellent work for planning and caring for the Dry Creek Garden. It is not too late to schedule a visit there but you must contact Jeff ahead. A time must be scheduled as the garden does have to maintain social distancing. It is slightly past peak bloom right now but is so worth the time to stop by and view.



**Dry
Creek
Garden
May
2020**



photos by Elaine Fischer and Mikey Lango



GOOD PROSPECTS



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FRENCH LESSONS



FRUITED PLAIN



MONTMARTRE



CHIRARDELLI SQUARE



RICH DELIGHT



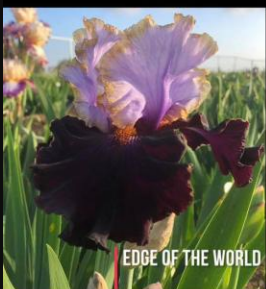
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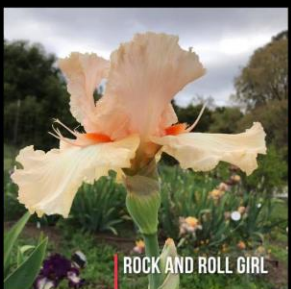
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EDGE OF THE WORLD



ROCK AND ROLL GIRL



GLOBAL CROSSING



FAN LETTER



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Blooming at Dry Creek Garden

photos by Jeff Bennett

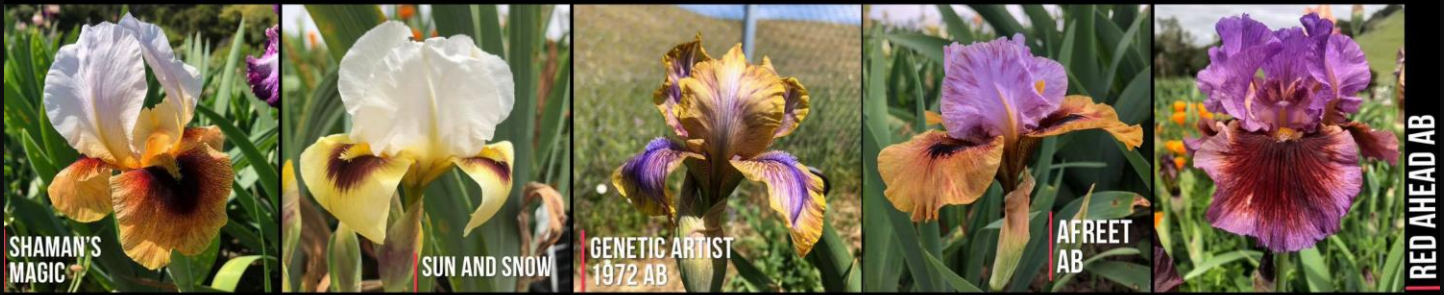


HISTORICS

Blooming at Dry Creek Garden

photos by Jeff Bennett





ARILBREDS



Blooming at Dry Creek Garden



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SDB



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MTB



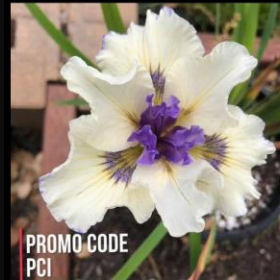
HOLIDAY IN MEXICO
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LITTLE PEACHES
MTB



DAPPLE DAWN
BB



PROMO CODE
PCI



IRIS LAEVAEGATA
WHISPERING CLOUDS



ANGELS IN THE ARCHITECTURE
SPX

**From Medians
to Beardless
and Species-X
photos by
Jeff Bennett**



MURIAL BAUCUM BEGLEY-LA



CHANGING SHADOWS-LA



QUEEN OF SOUL-LA



HEARTBREAK WARFARE-LA

**Spuria photos
by Mikey Lango**



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Blooming at Dry Creek Garden