



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Meeting Place

For the present:
Zoom meetings only

Next Zoom Meeting

May 7, 2021

Zoom Meeting

7:30 PM

Meeting ID: 810 0125 6688

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Dues

Sep 1, 2020-
Aug 31, 2021

Adults - \$15.00

Carol Dahout & Mark Greene
Co-Presidents

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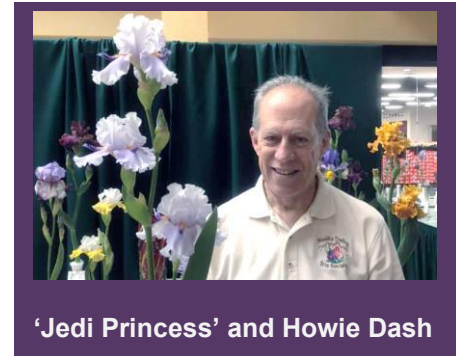
CBRIS
www.cbris.org

Region 14
www.aisregion14.org

American Iris Society
www.irises.org

May Program Blurb

We are pleased to welcome Howie Dash as our speaker for May. He is president of the Aril Society International and a member of the board of directors of the American Iris Society. He started growing irises 30 years ago in the Hudson Valley of New York. He moved to New Mexico 12 years ago after retiring from a 36-year career with Metro-North Railroad in New York City. After moving to New Mexico, he started hybridizing iris with a particular emphasis on Tall Bearded and Arilbred. In 2016 he opened Picacho Mountain Iris and has had introductions every year since.



'Jedi Princess' and Howie Dash

– Facebook photo

CBRIS May Zoom Meeting

Time: May 7, 2021 7:30 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Minutes

CBRIS Meeting, April 2, 2021

Co-President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:25. There were 25 members on the call. Carol introduced new members Jennifer Morris and Steve and Lisa Chen.

Announcements

AIS has waived requirements for judges' garden training for 2021.

Program

Our guest speaker was Bob Van Liere of Iris4you Iris Garden in Denver, Colorado.

Bob began selling irises in 1994 and began hybridizing in 1998. In his three-acre garden, he now has 10,000 seedlings under evaluation at any given time. He described his cultural practices, which include planting and plowing under a cover crop then solarizing for six weeks, as well as fertilizing with 14-14-14 fertilizer both before and after bloom.

Bob's daughter also sells his iris in Hamburg, Germany.

Bob showed pictures of his 2021 introductions: Anchor in the Waves, Darkside of the Moon, Heaven's Sweet Embrace, King and His Court, Maui Wowie, Motion of the Ocean, Noble Pursuit, Potentiality, and Sonic Bloom.

He also showed pictures of his earlier introductions and of the seedlings he is currently working on. He is particularly working on blooms with lines, using Haunted Heart as a parent.

His culling process is first to choose the colors he likes, thus reducing the seedlings from about 4,000 to about 300. The second year he chooses the plants with the best branching, going from about 300 seedlings to about 20.

Old Business

Virtual show rules are in the April newsletter. Pictures will not be posted until all photos are in.

Nancy Mirabella and other CBRIS members worked at cleaning up the Three Creeks Trail iris garden and handed out CBRIS flyers. There will be opportunities to dig and divide rhizomes there this summer.

Jeff Bennett said the Dry Creek garden is still closed and will not open until the county is in the yellow tier - perhaps mid-May?

New Business

Pop-up gardening event at Stanford Shopping Center on April 24-25.

Should CBRIS donate to AIS scholarship fund? Jane will get more information and then we'll decide whether to donate this year or next.

Nancy Mirabella is making a film and would like to film CBRIS members in their gardens, discussing what interested them in irises.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were selected using Mark's Wheel of Fortune.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary

Dahout's Digs

May 2021

We had a successful potted iris sale at the Gardeneur Plant Market at Stanford Mall on April 24-25th. Mark Greene, Mary Collins and I set up the space on Friday night. Mary and I were there both days and we were joined at various times by Lynn Stuart, Elaine Fischer, Mikey Lango, Nancy Mirabella, Alice Gary, Trang Bui, Jane Kwant, and Peter Marra. Thank you to all who volunteered!

The venue was mostly house plants, succulents and some pottery. They allowed a maximum of 190 people inside and the line was down the street and around the corner. People were waiting 45 minutes just to get in.

We sold our 2-gallon pots for \$9 with a discount for volume purchases. The 1-gallon medians were \$6. I think we sold all but six pots and those were sold quickly from my driveway after the event. Our total potted sales for the year is around \$867.

We will have a picnic this year! Elaine was able to secure our reservation at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale for July 18th. Door prize iris will be distributed and we will have an auction. It will not be potluck, so you will need to bring your own lunch. CBRIS will provide drinks. Alcohol is not allowed. Pets are not allowed. If you have not been vaccinated, please do not attend.

I need a volunteer to chair the event which will involve finding an auctioneer, arrange for the CBRIS table delivery from Wayne Craft, setting up the tables, sweeping the site, and making sure it is clean when we leave. Set up can begin at 8:00 a.m. Please let me know if you can help. Thanks.

– Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President



–Photos by Carol Dahout and Mikey Lango





Mark Greene 4
Carol Dahout 30



Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, March 1, 2021	\$15,429.44
Revenue: Dues	15.00
Potted iris sales	741.00
Sales tax collected	68.44
Expenses: April program speaker	50.00
State Board of Equalization, for 2020 sales tax due	246.00
Square fees	11.83
Ending balance, April 30, 2021	\$ 15,946.05

Minutes of CBRIS Board Meeting, April 2, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:51. Present: Carol, Elaine, Riley, Peter, Mary, Mikey, Mark, Jane J., Jane K., Chris, Trang, Alice, Craig, Andrea, Jennifer Morris

First agenda of board meeting was to organize the CBRIS pot sale at the Stanford Shopping Center pop-up gardening event on April 24-25.

Jane Jordan brought up CBRIS contributing to an AIS scholarship fund to support students studying horticulture. Region 14 contributes \$1,000; the Monterey and Sacramento iris societies each contribute \$500. Should CBRIS contribute \$500? How many scholarships should we give? We need to find out from Jean Richter how many good candidates there are. Mary pointed out that there being no item in the budget for such a donation, perhaps it would be better to put a discretionary fund for scholarships and memorials in the budget next year and make the donations then.

Mark said there are also programs in middle and grade schools for students interested in horticulture. Carolyn Hoover is the Region 14 youth coordinator.

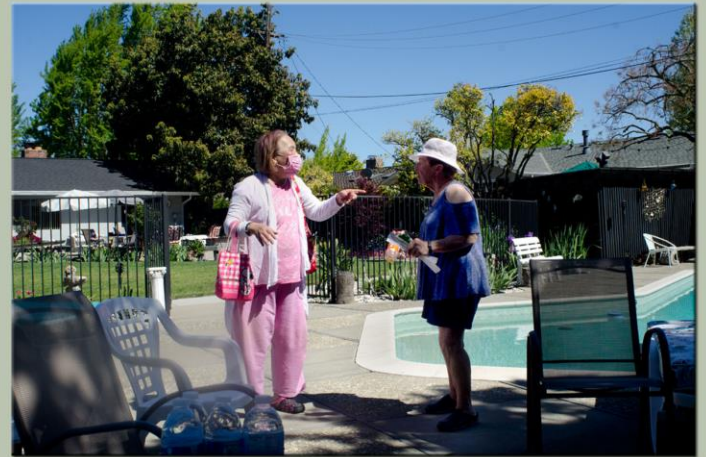
Board meeting adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully written and submitted, Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary





Elaine Fischer's Open Garden April 28, 2021



Clara B. Rees Iris Society Virtual Show "Positive for Iris"

The entries to the virtual show are now closed.

The show was very successful. There are 13 Exhibitors with a total of 176 entries.

There were 165 entries in the Horticulture Division and 11 entries in the artistic division.

The photos will be posted on the CBRIS Facebook page within the next week.

<https://www.facebook.com/cbris>



Bluebird Haven Iris Garden



Mary Hess



Riley and Shirley



Riley, Jane, and Jean



'Witchy Woman'



'Opposites'



Jane, Elaine, and Carol



Sdlg-QBDX40PQ MTB



'Silver Silk'



'Flamingo Fever'



'Moonlight'



'Centennial Celebration'



Sdlg 10-16-2



'Jedi Princess'



'Bam A Lam'



Sdlg -'Honey Way'



Culture Tips

What a wonderful bloom year this has been. Here in the Santa Clara Valley we are probably just at peak or slightly passing peak bloom in the iris garden. Soon, the late bloomers will be putting on a show.

I am watering the irises about every ten days as there has been so little rain this year. Be careful not to break those stalks though. The rebloomers need the extra water.

After the last iris flower on the stalk fades, remove the spent bloom by snapping or cutting the stem off at the bottom. This will keep unwanted seeds pods from developing as well as making your garden tidier. It is important to keep the weeds away from the irises. The iris plants need air flow and do not want to compete with the weeds for nutrients. You want good increased rhizome growth for your irises.

Hopefully, you have had time to check your blooming iris with the nametag to make certain that it is correct. Correct naming is important if you want to enter shows or share your rhizomes.

Please send in a photo of your blooming iris garden to Mikey to share in the next newsletter. We love to see each other's gardens!

Bluebird Haven Iris Garden

There is still time to see Bluebird Haven Iris Garden. The Regional guest iris are located at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden, 6940 Fairplay Road, Somerset, California, near Placerville. It should be reaching peak bloom soon. "During the bloom season over 100,000 iris will be displaying their vibrant colors."

"To sign up for a garden visit time slot, please email jean-richter@berkeley.edu or call (510) 864-7962. You will have a two-hour time slot to view the regional planting, and you can enjoy the iris in the rest of the garden before and/or after your time slot. Time slots are available from 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM, 12:00 – 2:00 PM., and 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Bluebird Haven is open from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM The next visit days for the regional will be, May 5 – 9, and May 12 – 16 (Wednesdays – Sundays)".

Meetings will be held via Zoom on May 8. In addition to the general meeting, we will have hybridizer Bruce Filardi as our guest speaker, and we hope to arrange for him to give an online judges' garden training!

– <http://www.bluebirdhavenirisgarden.com/siteV2/Welcome.html>



CBRIS Door Prize Iris May 2021

- △ **Beautiful Edging** R. Tasco 2020 TB; 36"; ML; S. Cool white; F. Cool white, violet rim; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Black Friday** Schreiner's 2020 TB; 36"; ML; Black self; B. Black.
- △ **Bright and Shining Star** P. Black 2020 TB; 32"; E-M; S. White; F. White, purple rim; B. Yellow.
- △ **Cascadia** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 38"; EM; S. White; F. White, violet-blue rim; B. Yellow.
- △ **Citrus Burst** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 40"; L; S. Yellow; F. Red purple, orange starburst; B. Orange.
- △ **Copper Angel** H. Dash 2018 TB; 39"; EM; S. White; F. Light brown; B. Orange.
- △ **Cubs Win It** Schreiner's 2017 TB; 37"; M; S. Light blue; F. Medium blue. B. Orange.
- △ **Familiar Face** P. Black 2020 SDB; 12"; EM RE; White-purple plicata; B. Orange-white.
- △ **Fault Lines** B. Tyson 2020 TB; Burgundy broken color; B. Burnt orange.
- △ **Half Sister** L. Miller 2020 IB; 17"; M; S. Dark orange; F. Orange, red wash; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Moment in the Sun** R. Tasco 2020 AM OGB-; 25"; M; S. Yellow, burgundy signal; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Monarch Falls** H. Dash 2020 TB; 35"l M; S. Yellow; F. Red-brown; B. Gold.
- △ **Moonglint** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 35"; EM; Blue-cream luminata; B. Yellow.
- △ **Painted Sky** T. Johnson 2020 TB; 36"; M; S. Cream; F. Deep purple-violet, lavender edge; B. gold.
- △ **Panic Attack** T. Johnson 2020 AB; 17"; E; S. Lavender-blue; F. Lighter lavender-blue; Red-violet signal; B. Yellow-white.
- △ **Pearl of Nitra** A. Mego 2020 TB; 34"; S. Ice-white; F. Blue-violet; B. Dark red.
- △ **Playacting** J. Ghio 2020 TB; 36"; ML; S. Orchid; F. White-orchid; B. Tangerine-blue.
- △ **Roseberry Ridge** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 25"; M; S. Yellow; F. Cream, red-purple rim; B. Yellow.
- △ **True Colors** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 34"; EM; S. Pinard yellow; F. Violet; B. Burnt orange.
- △ **You're so Veined** R. Tasco TB; 35"; EM; S. Aster violet; F. White-violet, heavily veined; B. Orange.



CBRIS Door Prize Iris May 2021



BEAUTIFUL EDGING



BLACK FRIDAY



BRIGHT SHINING STAR



CASCADIA



CITRUS BURST



COPPER ANGEL



CUBS WIN IT



FAMILIAR FACE



FAULT LINES



HALF SISTER IB



MOMENT IN THE SUN



MONARCH FALLS



MOONLIGHT



PAINTED SKY



PANIC ATTACK AB



PEARL OF NITRA



PLAYACTING



ROSEBERRY RIDGE



TRUE COLORS



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