



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

July 2021
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Meeting Place

For the present:
Zoom meetings only

CBRIS Annual Picnic

July 18, 2021

10:00 A.M.

636 Harrow Way
Sunnyvale, CA

Dues

Sep 1, 2020-
Aug 31, 2021

Adults - \$15.00

Carol Dahout & Mark Greene
Co-Presidents

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July Picnic

Please join us for our Annual Rhizome Auction and Picnic at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. It will be so wonderful to see everyone together again, but as in so many other things in our lives this past 16 months, our picnic will be slightly modified.

When - Sunday, July 18, 2021. Plan to be there by 9:00 AM. so that we can set up and organize the tables for the auction and raffle. The auction will start promptly at 10:00 AM, with a picnic lunch to follow.

Where - Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. We will be in the gazebo area. Parking is on Harrow Way or Inverness Way. The earlier you arrive, the better your chance is of finding a good parking spot. Please let us know if you will need assistance getting from the parking lot to the gazebo so we can have people ready to help you.

Why - At this event members can pick up their Door Prize rhizomes and participate in an auction for newer varieties of irises. There will also be a raffle of older irises that members dig and donate.

What to bring - A lunch for yourself (no pot-luck this year), utensils, plates, a chair, a bag for your rhizome purchases, and don't forget your checkbook. Since we are all bringing our own personal picnic lunches this year, please find a way to keep your food cold if needed. Chris Dickinson and Carol Dahout will be providing drinks, cups and ice.

Also, please bring cleaned, trimmed and marked iris rhizomes for our raffle, and auction. You must pick up your door prize irises at the picnic, or arrange to have someone pick them up for you. If someone else is going to pick up your door prizes please contact Mary Collins at mc.rescuesgreys@gmail.com to let her know. If we haven't heard from you by the start of the auction your door prize wins will end up on the auction table.

Bring Your Mask! At this date because of the Covid Delta variant we do not know what any Ortega Park Covid restrictions may be, so come prepared. **Also, if you have not yet met the vaccination guidelines, we ask that you not attend the picnic this year.** As in previous years we remind you to leave your pets at home.

The Clara B. Rees Iris Society wants to thank Elaine Fischer for getting our park permit, Riley Probst for being our auctioneer, Mary Collins for sorting and bagging up the door prize irises and all the door prize iris growers for helping us to continue to make this a favorite club event.

If you have any questions regarding the picnic, contact Christine Dickinson at cdickins@aol.com, (408) 257-3904, or (408) 569-4300.

Minutes CBRIS Meeting, June 4, 2021

Co-President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were 24 members on the call.

New Business

Board voted unanimously for CBRIS to host the October Fall Regional at Elizabeth Gamble Garden in Palo Alto.

The meeting will be from 9 to 5. Volunteers are needed to set up at 8 am and also to serve coffee and pastries in the morning. We can get boxed lunches from Panera.

Riley will be in charge of a show featuring rebloomers. Shirley will arrange for a speaker to lead the judges' training. The judges' training could be by Zoom and possibly will be about spurias. We can also have a silent auction for baskets.

There is a maximum of 50 attendees in the Gamble Garden carriage house, including CBRIS members who are working. Would it be possible to keep the CBRIS people outside, so more non-CBRIS people can attend? Mary will be the Registrar. Proof of vaccination will be required with attendees' applications.

There can be a lesser charge for people who only want to attend by Zoom, although we cannot charge for the business meeting. A Zoom link can be sent only to those who send in money.

Applications to attend will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the 50-attendee limit is reached.

Members are asked to think up a theme for the meeting, possibly using "gamble", and how they can help at the meeting.

Old Business

Auction/picnic will be on July 18. Chris and Peter will chair. Riley will be auctioneer. Bring your own chair and food. CBRIS will provide drinks and ice. Door prizes will be distributed. CBRIS members only

Rhizome sales on July 24 at St Leo's and August 7 at Yamagami's. Bring trimmed and labelled rhizomes to Mary or Carol. Tell Mary which varieties you are bringing, as she has pictures of many and may have one you can put on your bag

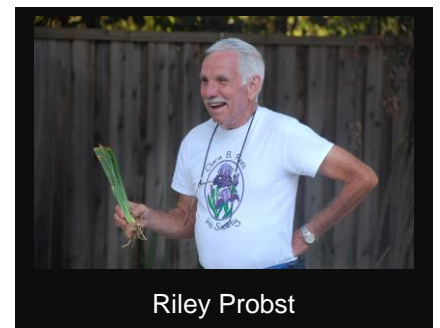
Mark needs door prize growers. Let him know if you can grow door prizes and how many you can grow.

Door Prizes

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary



Dahout's Digs

July 2021

Summertime and the livin' is easy
 ...unless you are an irisarian, then it's not so much.

Time to dig, divide, wash and label, and then amend soil for new rhizomes! Please bring your rhizomes to the picnic or to my house or to Mary's house, either before the Gardeneur sale on July 24th or Yamagami's on August 7th.

We need volunteers to help sell for a 2-hour shift at both events. Please let me know if you can help.

We are partnering with Gardeneur for the St. Leo Festival on July 24th. The flyer for the event is in the newsletter. Please share the event on your social sites, Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, etc. It should be a fun event. The mum society is also participating, as well as the succulent society and many exotic houseplant people. There will be food and drinks available for sale. The flyer states the hours as 10 am – 7 pm. We will not be there that long. Our hours will be 10 am – 3 pm.

On August 7th, we will be at Yamagami's Nursery from 10 am – 3 pm. We will have an additional rhizome/garage sale at Elaine Fischer's on August 14th.

Our annual Pot(ting) Party will be at my house on August 15th (Sunday). We will meet at 9:30 am until done. Please bring a hat, gardening gloves, and a happy spirit! I will serve a sumptuous breakfast when we are done.

I am hoping we will have a meeting place in time for the September 3rd meeting. Stay tuned!

– Carol Dahout, Co-prez

July Birthdays



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| Henry Rojas | 15 |
| Marilyn Boro | 19 |
| Jennifer Morris | 24 |
| Lisa Ayala | 30 |



Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning balance, June 1, 2021 | \$ 15,957.81 |
| Expenses: Gamble Garden rental for Fall Regional | 675.00 |
| Ending balance, June 30, 2021 | \$ 15,282.81 |



Minutes of CBRIS Board Meeting, June 4, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:30

New Business:

Board voted unanimously for CBRIS to host the October Fall Regional at Elizabeth Gamble Garden in Palo Alto.

Plans for the meeting were then discussed. There will be a show, a judges' training session, and a business meeting. There is a maximum of 50 attendees at the Gamble Garden

Riley will be in charge of a show featuring rebloomers. Shirley will arrange for a speaker to lead the judges' training.

Volunteers will be needed to set up and provide refreshments and lunch.

We need to think of a theme for the meeting, using "gamble" if possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully written and submitted,
– Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary

AIS 2021 Photo Contest

As a reminder, the [AIS 2021 Photo Contest](#) is currently accepting applications and photos through August 1 at midnight Pacific time. Please consider sending photos of your beautiful gardens, and encourage fellow irisarians to enter also.

You could win a 2021 introduction and a 1 year membership (or membership extension) in AIS! With the pandemic, growing irises is one of the few "normal " activities many of us have been able to enjoy. Let's show off our efforts and make this year's contest the best ever!

Complete details can be found in this [entry form](#). Questions and entries contact Susan Driver

susandriver801@gmail.com

– irises.org

AIS Webinars

Check out The American Iris Society's youTube channel for interesting programs that you may have missed!

They may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh6jHgw5FIFqwHwAuahh0Wg>

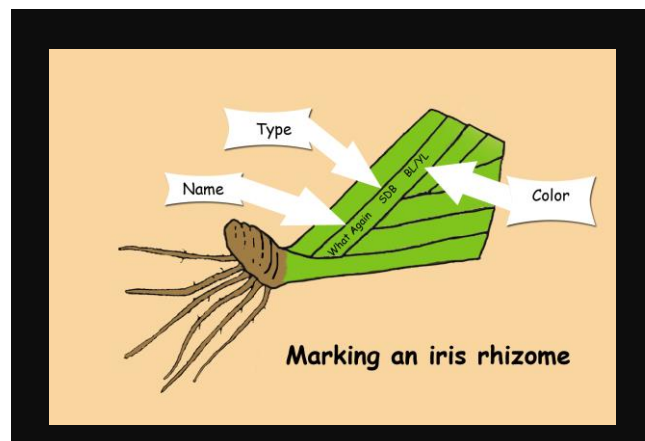


Dividing Bearded Irises

It is time for the CBRIS annual picnic, which means time for iris dividing! CBRIS club members like to share their irises with other club members donating to the picnic auction or trading with one another.

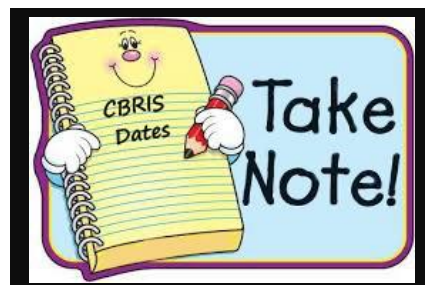
Dividing is rather simple but a bit time consuming.

1. Stop watering the iris bed about 10-14 days before digging. This will put the irises into a dormant stage if they have not yet reached this point. You may water the day ahead in order to make digging easier.
2. Lift the entire clump with a fork or shovel., being careful not to injure the rhizomes. Yes, I did say shovel as not all of us insist on using the digging spade.
3. Remove the loose soil from the clumps by shaking. You may have to use a garden hose to rinse away any remaining dirt.
4. Separate the individual rhizomes by pulling them apart by hand or using a clean knife.
5. Throw away the old rhizomes and keep the new ones. Remove any damaged leaves. Trim the remaining leaves 8-10 inches. (CBRIS likes them on the longer side in case we need to trim again before a sale.)
6. Trim the roots to about 4 inches with scissors.
7. To help prevent infection, rhizomes should be soaked for 20 minutes in 90% water and 10% bleach bath. Rinse the rhizomes in water after their bath. (Yes, it is a pain to do this step but it does prevent infections into someone's garden!)
8. Air dry the rhizomes in shade.
9. Using a black sharpie, label each rhizome on the **center** leaf with its name. You might have to rub the leaf with a dry rag before writing so the sharpie will leave its mark. {Labelling example is at the bottom of this page.}
10. Do one clump of rhizomes at a time so names do not get switched.
11. Store in paper bags, flats, or open cardboard boxes. Never leave in the sun.



Standard Marking Color Codes for Iris Rhizomes

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| Apricot – AP | Black – BK | Blue – BL |
| Brown – BN | Buff – BF | Cream – CR |
| Gold – GD | Green – GR | Lavender – LV |
| Maroon – MR | Orange – OG | Peach – PC |
| Pink – PK | Plum – PL | Purple – PR |
| Red – RD | Rose – RS | Rust – RT |
| Tan – TN | Violet – VT | White – WT |
| Wine – WN | Yellow - YL | |



Dates to Remember

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| July 18, 2021 | CBRIS annual picnic at Ortega Park, Sunnyvale |
| July 24, 2021 | Rhizome sale with Gardeneur 'SummerFest '21' at St Leo's, 88 Race St., San Jose 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. |
| August 7, 2021 | Rhizome sale at Yamagami Nursery, Cupertino 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. |
| August 14, 2021 | CBRIS Rhizome/Garage sale, 1193 Kelsey Dr, Sunnyvale, CA |
| August 15, 2021 | CBRIS annual potting party at Carol's 9:30 A.M. Breakfast will be served |
| Oct 2, 2021 Fall Regional | Hosted by CBRIS at the Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto |
| 2022 Spring Regional | Hosted by SBMIS and MDIS at the Dry Creek Garden, Union City. |
| AIS National 2022 Convention | April 11 - 16 in Las Cruces, New Mexico |
| AIS National 2023 Convention | April 10 - 15 in Dallas, Texas |
| AIS National 2024 Convention | June 17 - 22 in Portland, Oregon |
| – in part, Santa Rosa July newsletter | |



BLOOMING NOW IN CBRIS GARDENS



'Disguise' TB



'Rainbow Darter' JI



'Royston Rubies' TB



'French Buttercream' SPX



'Power Surge' TB



'Love Continues' TB



'Daughter of Stars' TB



'Immortality' TB

Thanks for sharing
your photos
Carl, Elaine,
Jane R, Sandi,
and Mikey!



Gardeneur Marketplace Presents

PLANT SUMMER FEST'21

SATURDAY JULY 24 | 10 AM TO 7 PM
88 RACE ST, SAN JOSE



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